



Greenmount Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Learning Side By Side



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Lucy Webb
Principal

Dear Greenmount families...

Welcome

Welcome back to the start of another school year – and a special welcome to all new families to Greenmount Primary. It is delightful to see all the students back after a restful break and amazing to see how much so many of them have grown! A big thank you to all parents for the effort put into making sure that students are ready for the start of school by being organised with uniforms and equipment. It is much appreciated by staff as it helps your child feel secure and happy about their first days in their new classes. With some new enrolments over the last few days our total enrolment is currently 375.

Staff Updates

After 33 years of teaching at Greenmount Primary School, Mrs Rosa Stevens has announced her retirement. Many parents fondly remember Mrs Stevens as their teacher, and have had their children follow their footsteps into Room 8. Rosa's love of travel and experiencing the cultures and lifestyle of other countries has been reflected in some of the class activities in which she has engaged students over several years. We hope that Rosa continues to enjoy further travel during her 'time off'. The staff, students and parents extend a sincere thankyou to Rosa for all her work with students in her care, and for being a dedicated member of the Greenmount Primary School community for so many years.

We welcome back Mrs Rebecca Bennett – who has worked with Pre Primary, and years 3 and 4 previously - to take Mrs Stevens place for 2020.

Mrs Amy Digney will be on Long Service Leave for the duration of Term 1. In her absence, we welcome Miss Marissa Totterdell, who will be working with the students in Room 7.

Time Changes

We have made some changes to our daily timetable in order to accommodate the teaching and learning programs throughout the school. Where in the past we worked around 50 minute blocks, we will now work in 60 minute blocks.

This also means that our break times have changed, with recess being from 10.50am to 11.10 am and lunch being 1.10pm – 1.50pm.

Please note: it is critical that students arrive at school prior to the start bell at 8.40am. We know that the likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to strong participation in school programs which is linked to arriving on time. It is very important for children to develop habits of arriving on time at an early age, beginning from the time they start school. Please support your child's engagement and participation in learning, and ensure they arrive at school promptly, ready to start the school day.

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Please SMS if your child is absent:
name, class and reason.

SMS 0438 944 516

Classes for 2020

We also welcome back our teaching and support staff.

As mentioned in the newsletters late last year, classes are structured to ensure that as much as is possible-

- places are available for new enrolments without the necessity to restructure
- there is a balance of gender, abilities, and skills within each classroom
- students' needs are met

After much consideration and consultation, the class structure for 2020 is -

Room 4	Kindergarten	Ms Hewton / Mrs Bishop (Wednesday)
Room 3	Kindy/Pre P	Mrs King/ Mrs Echeverria (Wednesday)
Room 1	Pre P/Yr 1	Mrs Perrin (Mon, Wed & Fri) / Mrs Carr (Tues, Thurs)
Room 2	Pre P/Yr 1	Mrs Khan
Room 5	Year 1	Mrs Evans
Room 6	Year 1/2	Mrs Williams
Room 7	Year 2	Miss Totterdell / Mrs Digney
Room 8	Year 2/3	Mrs Bennett
Room 9	Year 3	Mrs Opie (Mon – Thurs) / Mrs Voakes (Fri)
Room 10	Year 4	Mrs Voakes (Mon-Wed) Mrs Giles (Thu—Fri)
Room 12	Year 4	Mrs McGlew
Room 14	Year 5/6	Mrs Sims
Room 15	Year 5/6	Mr Giles
Room 16	Year 5/6	Ms Marotta

Physical Education Specialist	Mr Jesse Hodgson
Art Specialist	Ms Evie Matzkov
Music Specialist	Mrs Samantha Jones
Japanese Teacher—Yrs 3—6	Mrs Ruth Smith

School commences with a warning bell at 8.40am and the siren is sounded at 8.43am. Students should be seated in class and ready to start at 8.45am. At the end of the day chimes are rung at 3.00pm except for early finish on Tuesday at 2.30pm.

If you arrive at school after 9.00am, a late note should be obtained from the front office and given to the class teacher. Please inform the class teacher or front office if your child is absent from school.

Please mark these days on your calendar

Please note: Term 1 Calendar is on the website.

Wed 12th Feb
Thurs 27th Feb
Fri 28th Feb
Mon 2nd March

Kindy Parent Meetings
T20 Cricket
STUDENT FREE DAY
LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Term Dates for 2020

Term 1	Monday 3rd February to Thursday 9th April
Term 2	Wednesday 29th April to Friday 3rd July
Term 3	Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September
Term 4	Tuesday 13th October to Thursday 17th December

We confirm that the following days have been approved as student free days. Student free days allow teachers to attend Professional Development as part of their ongoing training and curriculum planning for all students.

Term 1	Friday 28th February (Week 4).
Term 2	Tuesday 28th April (Week 1)
Term 4	Monday 12th October (Week 1)



Expectations of Positive Behaviours

Greenmount Primary School has a supportive environment which provides students with clear guidelines about expected behaviours, opportunities to learn expected behaviours and appropriate consequences for positive or negative behaviour choices.

At Greenmount Primary School students are expected to:

- * *be kind with their words and actions*
- * *include everyone in their games and activities*
- * *keep our school environment safe and orderly*

Throughout the year students will be supported to make positive choices with their behaviours, developing an understanding of, and the skills to, interact responsibly in classrooms and at school.

Reminders

Some timely reminders as we begin the new school year:

- ♦ All Pre Primary to Year 6 students arriving at school before 8.30am must go to undercover area to be supervised by Admin.
- ♦ School gate leading to 'Kiss and Drive' is closed at 3.30pm
- ♦ Students on school grounds after close of school must be supervised by parent/carer
- ♦ Only school slouch hats or bucket hats are to be worn
- ♦ Parking in the Staff Car Park and Service Entry is for Staff only
- ♦ Kindy and Pre-primary students (and their parents/carers) use access gates to Junior area. Students and adults moving to Rooms 5-17 are asked to use the verandah or undercover area pathways

Canteen

The canteen is open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

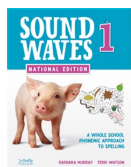
Thank you
Toni



Voluntary Contributions and Fees

It would be appreciated if arrangements could be made for payment of the voluntary contributions as soon as possible (\$60—1 child, \$100—2 children, \$120—3 or more children). These can be paid at the front office either by cash or eftpos. These contributions provide valuable income for the school and support the excellent programs which enhance our students' learning.

Mathletics payment (\$10 per child) is required for each child PP to Yr 6. All students are registered and are encouraged to use the program at home as well as at school. Thank you for your support.



Soundwave Books

For Yr 3—6 parents who did not pay for a Soundwave book through Campion, please pass payment to the Class Teacher or at the front office using Eftpos at a cost of \$18.00. Thank you

Allergy Aware

Greenmount Primary School has a small number of students who suffer from severe food allergies which may lead to anaphylactic (life threatening) episodes. In order to provide a safe environment for these children the School is promoting allergy awareness amongst our students and school community.

With this in mind, we would ask that you be conscious of this when packing your children's recess and lunch each day.



Canteen News

The Canteen is open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays.

Orders can be left in baskets from rooms 1 to 5 which will have menu and lunch bags provided. For the other classes Menu and bags are available at the office and orders can be left in the box outside the office or Canteen or direct at the canteen.

Change will be taped onto your child's lunch bag labelled change

An updated menu will be available soon

All students Room 6 upwards that pre-order icypoles / icecreams / frozen yoghurts will need to present their lunch order bags to canteen to redeem.

I follow ASCA guidelines which is canteen approved or the heart tick foundation. At my canteen "if my children won't eat it then I won't serve it to yours."

Thank you
Toni Saunders

Community News



Parenting Program

FREE

Bringing Up Great Kids

'Bringing Up Great Kids' is a six week reflective parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation. The program will help you identify and communicate the important messages you want to give your child and better understand the meaning of your child's behavior.

Where: **Centrecare Midland**, 45 Yelverton Drive, Midland, WA 6050

Dates: Every Thursday afternoon for six weeks
February 27 / March 5, 12, 19, 26 / April 2 (2020)

Time: 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Cost: Free

For further information or to register please contact
Centrecare Midland on (08) 9436 0600

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Healthy Self-Esteem

Healthy self-esteem is the key to good health, both physical and emotional. It helps strengthen relationships and promotes a consistently good emotional state in which people feel good about themselves.

We will discuss in this session:

- what constitutes positive self-esteem
- factors that can increase and decrease self-esteem
- links between self-esteem and the success of relationships and our work environment
- strategies to increase and maintain healthy self-esteem.

Where: **MIDLAND** – 27 The Crescent

When: Tuesday 18 February

Time: 6.30pm – 9pm

Cost: \$30 per person

Bookings are required. Please phone 6164 0200 to enrol.

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The P&C AGM will be held on **Tuesday 25th February 2020** at 6.30pm in the Staff Room. Please use the service entry and park on the basketball courts.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop is open on a **Wednesday morning from 8.30—9.15am and a Thursday afternoon from 2.30 to 3.15pm** (next to Room 5).



Who and What is the Greenmount PS P&C

Who are and what is the Greenmount Primary School P&C?

The P&C is made up of a diverse group of parents, grandparents and carers who lend their time, energy and skills to ensure Greenmount Primary School continues to provide a fantastic learning environment for our children.

The main role of the P&C is

- To give families an opportunity to learn about school policies and programs.
- Involve parents to shape the school community and continue to build on our great community spirit.
- Provide a voice for parents and students by maintaining a positive relationship between the families and the school administration.
- The P&C brings parents together to share information and views.
- Organise social events to build a strong sense of community.
- Raise funds to purchase additional resources for the benefit of our children (eg classroom materials, playground equipment).
- The P&C also run the Uniform Shop, Scholastic Book Club, Safety House Program & The Guardians of Greenmount (The Fathering Project) etc.

During 2019 the P&C have done some amazing things. We have:

- We managed to raise just over \$14000.
- We were able to provide the school with \$5000 to go towards new Math resources for every classroom.
- We were also able to subsidize a new end of year dance program “**Tash Dance**” for the students.
- A free sausage sizzle and a free outdoor movie night were also held to say a big thank you!
- Funded a graduation dinner/movie night for the year 6 students which will be an ongoing event every year.
- We have also been able to refurbish the uniform shop cupboards, which was well and truly over due.
- Guardians of Greenmount hosted a free campout with dinner, breakfast and ice-creams included for all our dads, granddads, uncles, father figures and children.
- And also be supplied funds for the sound equipment for Presentation Night.

Members of the P&C are ordinary, everyday parents, grandparents and carers that enjoy being part of a team. If you would like to come and join in the fun we would love to see you. There are no expectations or skill set required, just a willingness to help out when you can.

The P&C meetings are held the 4th and 8th week of each term, on a Tuesday evening in the staff room. The first meeting of the year is the Annual General Meeting where nominations are collected for new office bearers, so if you want to come along and have a go at a position or just want to see what the P&C is all about please feel free to join us. Membership is 20c per year!

Please also check out the P&C Facebook page if you are a Facebook user. Here you will be kept up to date with P&C events and other school information. <https://www.facebook.com/GreenmountPrimarySchoolPnC/>

Thank You

The Uniform Shop Committee and the P&C would like to say a very big **Thank You** to Garry Bullock from Ed's Carpet Cleaning for the fantastic job he did providing the Uniform Shop with new carpet tiles including the supply and installation as an amazing donation!

We are extremely lucky to have such generous people in our community. Thank you Garry!

A massive thank you as well to **Denyse Kleynhans**, our Uniform Shop coordinator for the efforts she has put into the refurbishment of the uniform shop over the last year, such an amazing transformation. Thank you Denyse

