



Greenmount Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Learning Side By Side



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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 374.

Classes for 2019

We also welcome back our teaching and support staff. The only staffing change for Term 1 is Miss Natalie Marotta will be taking on the Associate Principal role (Mon—Wed) while Mrs Amy McEwen is working as Associate Principal at Eddystone Primary.

As mentioned in 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 2019 is -

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

Physical Education Specialist Mr Jesse Hodgson

Ms Evie Matzkov as our Art Specialist and

Ms Kate Lowe as our Music Specialist.

Mrs Ruth Smith will be our Japanese Teacher for Years 3—6

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

SMS 0438 944 516

Please mark these days on your calendar



Please note: Term Calendar is on the website.

Wed 13th Feb
Fri 1st March
Mon 4th March
Tues 5th Mar to Fri 15th March

Kindy Parent Meetings
Room 7 Assembly
LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Swimming lessons

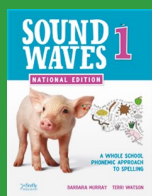
Term Dates for 2019

Term 1	Monday 4th February to Friday 12th April
Term 2	Tuesday 30th April to Friday 5th July
Term 3	Tuesday 23rd July to Friday 27th Sept
Term 4	Tuesday 15th Oct to Thursday 19th December

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 1—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

Canteen

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

Thank you
Toni



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.

SWIMMING IN TERM 1 FOR 2019 Tuesday 5th March to Friday 15th March.



It is that time of the year again and swimming has been timetabled for Week 5 and Week 6, of this term, being Tuesday 5th to Friday 15th March.

Swimming is low impact and undoubtedly a worthwhile exercise as no other sport or activity allows you to utilise as many muscles. Research indicates swimming is extremely good for your lungs, resulting in an improvement in your stamina and fitness.

Students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will be receiving a swimming enrolment form shortly and a separate form is required for each student's enrolment. Swimming replaces Greenmount's Physical Education classes.

Our attendance numbers at Greenmount Primary have been outstanding. We appreciate your continued support in sending your child to swimming as it is such an important life skill for our children to have living in a country where swimming is a popular recreational activity.

For your child to attend swimming please ensure you fill in your child's details and return to the class teacher with payment. Lessons may be paid by cash, cheque, Eftpos facilities at the front office or via direct bank transfer BSB 016-359, account number 340879947 ensuring the reference reads NAME OF CHILD/ROOM NUMBER.

- **Cost per child is \$40.00.**
- All forms and money to be in before swimming lessons - Week 5, Tuesday 5 March.
- Lessons Tues 5th—Fri 15th March for two weeks every day at Swan Park Leisure Centre on the corner of Gray Drive and Morrison Road in Midvale.
- Slip on shoes/thongs can be worn to and from swimming. Only the first two groups may wear boardies to school as these groups are leaving early for lessons.
- Shoulder length hair should be tied back.
- No thongs are to be worn at school before and after lessons as the students can cause damage to their feet.
- Don't forget to label bathers, hats, uniforms, all pieces of clothing, etc
- Students should have a change of clothes ready to put on at the pool after their lesson.
- Students should wear bathers under their uniforms ready to disrobe at the pool for their lesson.
- Parents are more than welcome to attend and watch their child/children swim, but you will be charged entry.

Thank you for your support.
Natalie Astle and Natalie Marotta (Associate Principals)

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

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First of all I would like to say a huge thank you our Greenmount PS community for the support and all around love I have had from all of you over my past 4 years as President. I have loved every bit of it, but it is time to pass the reigns to someone else. And on that note, you are all invited to our AGM on the **26th of February** at 6.30pm in the Staff Room.

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

The P&C is a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to make a difference to their children's school environment and it is also a great way to meet others that care about the school community. We have achieved many fantastic projects over the years and is a vital link between the school and families.

Your participation can shape the place where your child will spend so much of their childhood. 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.
- ◆ 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 2018, the P&C have done some amazing things.

We have:

- ◆ Raised approx \$16 000 to use for the benefit of our children, some of which we used to purchase some sports uniforms (\$3480) for the seniors, purchasing some Maths Resources (\$1000), contributing \$1500 to putting together the Presentation Night at the end of the year.
- ◆ We also purchased an outdoor movie screen for future community events, and we also contributed approx \$1600 towards subsidising the Edu-Dance fees. We have kept some money aside to go towards some projects this year (details to follow soon).
- ◆ Scholastics Book Club sales garnered approx. \$2214 in credit for the school to use for classroom literacy resources.
- ◆ The Safety House Program has been maintained to help make kids aware of stranger danger and how to spot a safety house when they walk/ride between home and school by themselves.
- ◆ The Fathering Project (Guardians of Greenmount) held a number of great events over the year, which culminated in what will hopefully become the first many annual Camp Outs at school. Close to 50 Dads/Father figures attended with their kids.

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 muck in and 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 a whopping 20c per year!

The P&C AGM will be held on **Tuesday 26th February 2019** at 6.30pm in the Staff Room. Please use the Service Entry and park on the basketball courts.

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/>

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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).

