# Newsletter

# GREENMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL

27th May,2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

# Some updates



Thank you to the parents who have supported our endeavours to keep students safe when crossing through the Kiss and Drive area or crossing on the Innamincka Street side of the

school. Everyone remembering to follow some simple rules about parking, keeping driveways clear, and not parking in the Kiss and Drive area is important for keeping our students safe. Please note that Kindy and Pre Primary parents must personally collect their child from the K/P gate.

Congratulations also to the many students who very responsibly walk their bikes onto and off school grounds!

We now have 95% or more of our students attending over the last week. Students continue to arrive and leave the site independently and in an orderly manner and deserve congratulations for adapting so well to the changes in routines.

Mrs Astle has recently conducted an Attendance Audit with some pleasing results noted. Greenmount Primary has maintained better than state attendance rates over many years, with families understanding the positive impact that regular attendance has on student progress.

Arriving at school on time is also essential. As classes are organised and ready to start at 8.45am, our important programs begin so that we can maximise learning time. Arriving 10 or 15 minutes later, means that students have missed the start to key lessons and learning. We encourage you to have your child ready for learning and on site by 8.30am.

The following information highlights the impact of attendance on student learning.

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### Attendance at Greenmount PS

Congratulations to the following students who have had 100% attendance so far this year:

Raistlin Allen, Ivy Anderson, Hudson Biggin, Spencer Bowen, Alfred Brown, Keiran Longden, Holly Macbeth, Wyatt Macbeth, Sylas Martorana, Louis Murray, Simi Omowo, Hunter Osgood, Jaxon Osgood, Rylee Paterson, Amelia Rabuse, Riley Tomas, Devan Veitch and Rhys White.

A good attendance rate is considered to be 95%. This allows for children to miss 9.5 days across the school year. Thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who keep us informed of your child's absences and the reason for absence through notes, emails and phone calls, this helps us track the attendance data correctly.

Below are the Department of Education's guidelines for attendance and a table showing how frequent absences can impact on your child's education over time.

'Regular' attendance: more than 90 per cent attendance. This is understood to pose minimal educational risk. It equates to missing up to half a day a week



#### 'Indicated'

educational risk: 80-89 per cent attendance (missing up to one full day per week)



### 'Moderate'

educational risk: 60-79 per cent attendance (missing one to two days per week)



**Severe'** educational risk: Less than 60 per cent attendance (missing more than two days per week)



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Some interesting statistics about missing school.

#### 1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

#### How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years o schooling that's
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

#### **EVERY DAY COUNTS**

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!

If you would like a print out to your child's attendance data, please let the office know and we can print it off or email to you.

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#### **Letters and Sounds**

Our students from Pre-Primary to Year 3 have been participating in a Literacy Program called Letters and Sounds for a week now. The program aims at explicitly teaching spelling and reading. Students have been streamed so that they are learning at their level. The streamed lessons run from 9.00am to 9.30am. If you have any questions regarding the Letters and Sounds program, please contact Administration at the school.

#### Reporting to Parents

This semester student reports will look different to their usual appearance. Students will receive a comment in each learning area reporting on the progress that they have made. Student effort will also be reported on. Grades will not be allocated to students. If you have any questions regarding reporting, please contact Administration at the school.

#### **Assembly**

Well done to Greenmount Primary School students who participated so energetically in our first ever PA Assembly. Congratulations too to Room 2 students for their great dancing and enthusiasm in joining in with the community song 'Happy'.

### Amy McEwen (Associate Principal)



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# Kindy Enrolments for 2021

Kindergarten and Pre-Primary New Applications for 2021 close on Friday 24th July.

Children born between 1st July 2016 and 30th June 2017 are eligible for Kindy in 2021.

Applications are available either at the Office, on our Website.

We also require the following supporting documents:

- your child's birth certificate
- your child's Immunisation History Statement (AIR Statement Required) which must be dated within the last two months
- proof of your current address (e.g drivers licence, recent accounts for electricity, water or telephone,)
- copies of Family Court orders for confirmation of custody arrangements (if applicable)

Please pass this information to any friends with a child due to start Kindy next year.

### School Photo's

Midland Photographers will be at Greenmount Primary School to take School Photos on **Tuesday 23rd June.** (Thursday 25th June for Kindy B Class and any abseentees from Tuesday.)



If you have not completed an order form previously, and would like to order some photos, please contact the office.

Please ensure money and forms are returned to the office by Thursday 18th June.

### Website Stars

Please take the time to look at these new items on our website:



#### Class Items

Room 1 A snapshot of work

Room 2 Nick Bland—Bear books

Room 8 Parachutes

<u>Specialist class</u> Art

# Sports Program Trial at Darling Range Sports College



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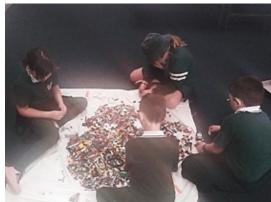
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Dear parents and friends,

How lovely it is to see our school full of happy faces again. It amazes me how well the children have adjusted to all the changes over the past 2 months – this resilience is a credit to your calm and confident parenting.





One good change that has happened as a result of COVID-19 is that many community supports are now available online. Helping Minds runs a number of free webinars to support family mental health, current offerings include:

- Relaxing The Mind Webinar For Everyone
- Coping Strategies Webinar For Everyone
- Understanding Anxiety Webinar For Everyone
- Mental Health Basics Webinar For Everyone
- Carer Gateway Information Forum For Carers & Community twice weekly online forums for carers and the community to provide information regarding the Carer Gateway program, the services available for carers and allow an opportunity for participants to join in and ask questions
- Raising Resilient Children Webinar For Parents
- Social Media & Mental Health Webinar For Parents Learn and understand the
  positives of social media, the potential
  negatives of being online and what healthy
  and safe social media use looks like.
- Mums' Support Group For mums/parents of a 10-28 year old who have a mental health concern

See <a href="https://helpingminds.org.au/online/">https://helpingminds.org.au/online/</a> for more information.

#### **Penny Bays**

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# Student Councillors for Term 2

NAME: Savannah Thorburn

**AGE:** 9 **ROOM:** 10

**TEACHER:** 

Mrs Voakes

WHAT I HAVE TO

OFFER AS A STUDENT COUNCILLOR

I am kind

WHAT I ENJOY ABOUT SCHOOL

Friends and Art

**HOBBIES/INTERESTS** 

Art and Sport

**FAMILY AND PETS** 

Mum, Dad, Sisters, Brothers, Dog, Rabbit and Fish

NAME: Emma Webb

**AGE:** 12 **ROOM:** 14

TEACHER:

Mrs Sims

WHAT I HAVE TO

OFFER AS A STUDENT COUNCILLOR

Help to make some positive changes and help with any challenges.

WHAT I ENJOY ABOUT SCHOOL

Having nice teachers, making new friends and to go somewhere other than home

**HOBBIES/INTERESTS** 

Football, wildlife, netball, soccer, dance and maths

**FAMILY AND PETS** 

Mum, Dad, Me Ivy, Abby and Basil the Cat.

**NAME: Hudson Rogers** 

**AGE:** 10 **ROOM:** 15

TEACHER:

Mr Giles

WHAT I HAVE TO

OFFER AS A STUDENT COUNCILLOR

I am kind and funny

WHAT I ENJOY ABOUT SCHOOL

My friends

**HOBBIES/INTERESTS** 

Playing in the bush and friends

**FAMILY AND PETS** 

Mum, Dad, Sister Grace, Diesel and Jack

**NAME: Ethan Lucas** 

**AGE:** 9 **ROOM:** 12

**TEACHER:** 

Mrs McGlew

**WHAT I HAVE TO** 

OFFER AS A STUDENT COUNCILLOR

I am kind

WHAT I ENJOY ABOUT SCHOOL

Learning new things

**HOBBIES/INTERESTS** 

Collecting lego

**FAMILY AND PETS** 

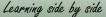
Mum, Dad, Sister and Brother

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# Student Councillors and Prefects for Term 2



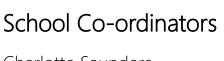
Term 2 Prefects



Mitchell Loam Room 16



Calais Wilson Room 14



Charlotte Saunders Riley Spring Seth Eade Matisse Matthee Maddie Smith Alyssa Donovan

McKenzie Lineham Room 15

# **Tech Co-ordinators**

Lois Murray Cameron McClennan



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# Community News





#### **FOOTIES BACK!**



#### **ALL WELCOME**

COME ON DOWN AND JOIN YOUR SCHOOL FRIENDS AT BROWN PARK FOR FUN NON-CONTACT FOOTIE PRACTICE

YEAR 3/4 - THURSDAY 5-6PM

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR AUSKICK ALSO RETURNING SOON

For more information go to www.swanviewfc.com.au Or email svfcjuniorregistrar@gmail.com.au

## **P&C** Information

#### WINTER UNIFORMS:

With the cold weather upon us don't forget you can order your winter uniforms online at anytime.

Track Pants, Girls Tights, Zip Jackets and don't forget we now have Long Sleeve Polos. (Sizes 4 - Small Adults).

There are also limited discontinued items at reduced prices, Girls Bootleg Pants & Windcheaters.

Our stock is here and ready to

Go to www.flexischools.com.au and place your order.



All orders will be delivered to classrooms to come home with your child.

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