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Dear Greenmount families...

Retirement

On March 20th, Mrs Jo King will be retiring from her position of Associate Principal at Greenmount Primary. Jo has been with us since she came to Greenmount in July 2013 and has worked with the Department of Education over 43 years.

We send our thanks to Mrs King for her work at the school and wish her all the very best in her retirement. We know that she will be taking the opportunity to enjoy her travel and leisure activities!



Reporting to Parents



As part of our commitment to informing parents of their child's progress, staff at Greenmount Primary have always made time during Term 1 to meet with parents to conduct interviews.

For this purpose, the School Board have approved the half day school closure on **Tuesday 2nd April 2019**. The school will be **closed from 12pm**, with interview times being available from 12.30pm – 6pm.

On this day students will need to be collected at 12pm, thus allowing teachers and parents to meet and discuss individual progress, issues and goals. We are mindful of the fact that some students attend after school care, and therefore may not be able to be collected at 12pm. Supervision will be provided for these students until they are handed over to After School Care staff at 3pm.

Class teachers will shortly be providing parents with available interview timeslots – be sure to nominate your preferred time promptly.

Naplan Online

As you would be aware, from 2019 NAPLAN testing will be done online – no more pen and paper tests. We have been preparing for this over the last few years by ensuring that we have the hardware needed and that students have developed the skills needed to work online. We began this process by firstly setting up 30+ computers in the Library, adding wireless access points throughout the school, additional cabling and – with the assistance of the P&C-purchasing a bank of iPads and some laptops for student use.

Mrs McEwen, Miss Marotta and I have attended information sessions on NAPLAN online for administrators. We are feeling confident that we have everything in place ready to go! As part of preparing for the change next, we were part of the Department of Education's readiness trial in August last year.

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

Naplan Online Continued

This trial went smoothly and provided us with information about whether our infrastructure and hardware was good to go (or where there were any gaps we needed to address). Only a sample group of students participated in the trial and there were no results of individual performance as it was the computers being tested!

For anyone interested there is a public demonstration site available for information about the 2019 testing where you can have a go at the tests.

https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

Important Notes

Parents are reminded that if they have any issues or concerns related to a student at the school that they should address these to the Principal or Associate Principals. It is not appropriate for parents to approach or confront students on school grounds, and under no circumstance should anyone address a student when they are not with their parents, carer or staff member.

Dogs are not permitted on school site. We have students at Greenmount who have a severe allergy to dog hairs which could result in an anaphylactic episode. For this reason, we ask that all dogs are left outside the school gates and not carried or walked onto the school grounds.

Families at Greenmount have always taken great pride in the wearing of correct uniform to school and parents and carers are to be congratulated on their great efforts in this regard.

- School polo shirts are for everyday wear, and parents are encouraged to purchase shirts with the school logo from the Uniform shop.
- Faction shirts are available for *Pre Primary to Year 6* students and are generally worn on designated sports/PE days. To encourage the wearing of team colours and team spirit, Mr Hodgson issues green tokens to students who arrive to PE sessions ready to go- with faction shirt, hat and water bottle.
- All students require a school hat which is worn during break times and outside activities.
- ♦ *Green school* windcheaters and tracksuit tops are worn during cooler weather.
- School shorts, pants, skirts are *green* (not black) and it is advisable for students to wear closed in shoes ready for all school activities. Alternately, in hot weather, students may opt to wear sandals appropriate for school (flat, supportive style)

Change of Date and Time for Room 5 Assembly

There has been a change of date and time for the next Assembly. We will be running the Assembly on Wednesday 27th March at 9.30am. The Assembly will include a Welcome to Country Dance and Smoking Ceremony to welcome our Japanese visiting students.

Please mark these days on your calendar



Please note: Term Calendar is on the website.

Wed 27th March at 9.30am
Tues 2nd April

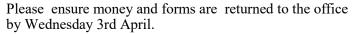
Wed 3rd April Fri 5th April Tues 9th April Room 5 and Welcome Assembly School closes at 12pm for Parent/Teacher interviews

Faction Athletics—Jumps/Throws
Faction Athletics—Sprints/Team Games

School Photo's

School Photos

Midland Photographers will be at Greenmount Primary School to take School Photos on Tuesday 9th April. (Kindy B Class to have their photo's taken on Thursday 11th April.)





Swan View SHS Visit



SWAN VIEW SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Promotional Visit to Greenmount Primary School

Swan View Senior High School Staff and students will be visiting our school on Monday 25 March at 11:00am to address our year 5-6 students.

This invitation is extended to our parents and caregivers.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet some of the staff and students from the High School and hear about the exciting programs they have to offer.

There will be time to ask questions and you will be presented with a promotional folder with important information regarding your child's transition to high school.

Website Stars

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

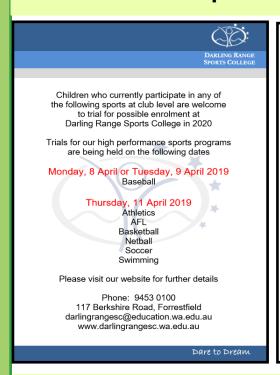
Class Items

Room 12 Start of Term Room 9 Special Days Room 2 Counting Goals

Specialist class Art, Music, Japanese and Library



Trials for Specialist Senior Schools





Lesmurdie Extension and Acceleration Program (LEAP), an Approved Specialist Program in Science and Mathematics for students in Years 7 to 9 gives your child the opportunity to explore their talents and extend their learning at a specialist level.

If your child is entering Year 7 in 2020 you can apply for selection. Testing will take place at Lesmurdie Senior High School on Friday 5 April 2019

Information and application forms are available on the LEAP page at lesmurdie.wa.edu.au or telephone Stuart Rutter, Teaching and Learning Coordinator on 9291 1247.

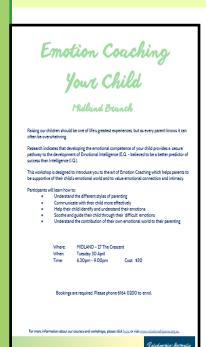


APPROVED SPECIALIST PROGRAM IN

LEAP Testing will be held at Lesmurdie Senior High School on

Friday 5 April 2019

Community News







Swan United Soccer Club Swan United FC is a grassroots soccer club for players of all ages, gender, ability and ethnicity

Registration is now open for the fast approaching start to the season. All players from 4 year old and up are now invited to register for the 2019 season Please contact us for more infor-

Please contact us for more information email <u>swanunit</u>

edfc@hotmail.com or message Jenny Hill 0412 948 292.



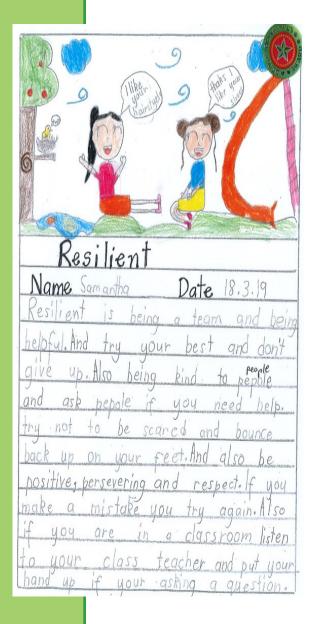


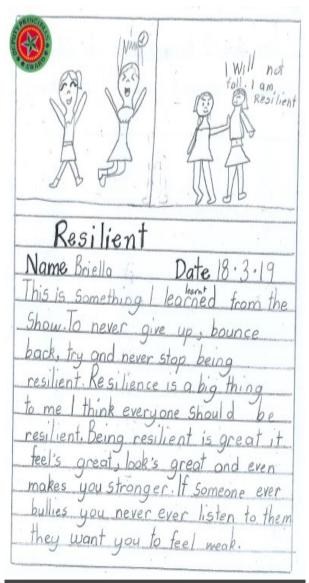


Resilience Incursion

Our students from Years 1 to 6 enjoyed our "Brilliant at being Resilient" Incursion on Monday. The interactive puppet show was a hit. We all learnt lots of ways to be resilient and lots of strategies to help us.

Below is some information from our students on what they learnt at the incursion and what being resilient is all about.

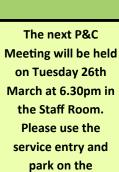




You should know what to do when Someone annoy's you tell the teacher







basketball courts.

Everyone welcome.

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).

Sports Day

The P&C will be holding a Cake Stall on **Friday 5th April** at the Faction Sports Day.

If you are able to assist we would greatly appreciate donations of muffins, cakes, cookies, slices etc to sell on the day. Tea, Coffee. Water & Icy Poles will also be available to purchase.

Please make a full ingredients list and label your container with your name and classroom. Please bring your items on the morning of Sports Day to the P&C marquee on the bottom oval.

Throughout the day we will also need volunteers to assist with selling the donated goodies.

If you can spare some time on the day please complete the form that was sent home with your child and return by Tuesday 2nd April to the P&C Mailbox in the Office, Alternatively you can sign up online: https://goo.gl/forms/eoEeNoE0aMJ0Et8D3

Volunteers have the chance to **WIN** a parking space in the staff car park for 1 month!

Easter Raffle and Colouring In Competition

Easter is coming and we are holding our annual Easter Raffle. We would greatly appreciate any Easter related donations including craft, novelties, chocolate eggs and rabbits or gift bags and decorations. These can be dropped to the office until Tuesday 9th April. Raffle tickets will come home next week. All prizes will be drawn at the Assembly on Friday 12th April 2019.



Easter Colouring Competition - If you would like to take part in the Easter Colouring Competition the pictures are available at the front office, please return your completed pictures to the office by Tuesday 9th April. Prizes will be awarded to one winner from each age group: Kindy to Year 1, Year 2 to Year 4 and Year 5 to Year 6.

Uniform Shop Information

We are looking for a Volunteer for Wednesday Mornings in the Uniform Shop



- •You will be fully supported and trained while learning the ropes.
- •Opening hours 8.30am to 9.15am
- •Grandparents or extended family members welcome.
- •Great experience to be able to add to a resume.
- •Meet new people within the school community.
- If you would like some more information or think this would be a great opportunity for you please email uniform-shop@gpspnc.org.au.

We are now offering RAGTAGD at our school. From lost to found, Smart Tags enable you to automatically receive an SMS alert when your child's items are in the lost property cupboard at school.

Don't lose your mind, or your stuff! The days of mindless scavenger hunts are over! With RagTagd, you'll receive a text message when your missing item is returned to school lost property.

Link it. Lose it. Find it! Activating your Smart Tags is quick and easy. Simply SMS (text) your tag's unique code to 0458 899 000. We'll send you an automated reply confirming activation. Now you can kick back and relax knowing we'll notify you when your lost items are found

On sale in the Uniform Shop for only \$2.50 NOW! For more info come into the shop or check out www.ragtagd.com.



Guardians of Greenmount

Guardians of Greenmount are still seeking committee members. These can be Dad's, Step Dad's, Partners, older brothers (over 18 years), Grandfathers or Uncles. If you would like to come along to a committee meeting and see about joining please email fpsg@gpspnc.org.au.

Bookclub Payment



Book Club - The Book Club committee are trying to locate the student who submitted an order for Issue 1 in a RED envelope via the P&C Drop Box. If you haven't received your order from Book 1 and or you used a RED envelope please contact bookclub@gpspnc.org.au