



Greenmount Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Learning Side By Side



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Dear Greenmount families...

Attendance

Recent research clearly shows the importance of engaging students and establishing positive attendance behaviours in primary school. Regular attendance exposes children to opportunities to develop the basic building blocks for learning and educational attainment. Other key skills such as teamwork, building friendships, communication skills and healthy self-esteem are also developed with regular attendance. Children who are regularly absent from school are at risk of missing out on critical stages of educational development and may experience long term difficulties with their learning.

The Education Department's 'Student Attendance Policy' requires that schools

- accurately record and rigorously monitor the attendance of all students
- identify students with attendance issues and
- implement appropriate strategies to restore regular attendance

To be considered as having 'satisfactory' attendance, students are expected to maintain a 90% attendance rate (or better) at school. This is an average of 4.5 days each week.

Important to note:

- missing half a day of school each week equates to one month of missed learning each year
- if children miss half a day of school each week between Pre-primary and Year 10, they would miss almost one full year of learning
- learning is cumulative – if children miss a day, it is harder for them to catch up the attendance habits set by children when they first start school continue throughout their school life

Students with attendance rates below 59% are considered 'Severely At Risk'

A recent Attendance Audit we conducted indicates that while 77% of students are maintaining satisfactory attendance, 23% of students are currently not (with 13% being considered 'Severely At Risk' and having attendance rates less than 59%) 9 students in the school have achieved 100% attendance since the start of the school year.

Your child's attendance for Term 1 and 2 will be noted on their Semester One report for you to consider. Greenmount Primary has historically maintained excellent attendance rate for all its students, with staff and families working together to ensure the best possible outcomes for the children in our care. We will be focussing on improving overall attendance results for Semester Two.

Lucy Webb
PRINCIPAL

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

SMS 0438 944 516



Oval Gate Closed

The Oval gate is closed due to very wet weather.



Please mark these days on your calendar

Fri 5th July
Fri 5th July
Tues 23rd July

Room 12 Assembly
Last Day of Term 2
Students First day of Term 3

Merit Awards

Rm 1	Deacon Shaw	Kiah O'Toole
Rm 2	Aurora Middleton	Levi Kleynhams
Rm 3	Bodhi McDonnell	Zara Winter
Rm 5	Beau Hanson	Mahli Hill
Rm 6	Madison Pease	Vinnie Notte
	Harriet King	Grace Rogers
Rm 7	Kyann Heald	Ben Martin
Rm 8	Kade Stephens	Ethan Lucas
Rm 9	Kade Nolte	Levi Tippet
Rm 10	Kayley Amato	Greer Lamont
Rm 12	Charlie Becker	Indie Montgomery
Rm 14	Ella Donovan	Mackenzie Gaitskill
	Div Pannu	
Rm 15	Annabel McLennan	Pene Punaivaha
Rm 16	Lillian Dunphy	Oscar Kennedy-Grabbi

Kindy Enrolments for 2020

Kindergarten and Pre-Primary New Applications for 2020 close on Friday 26th July 2019. (This is the first week back of Term 3)

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)
- proof of your current address (e.g drivers licence, recent accounts for electricity, water or telephone,)
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Please pass this information to any friends with a child due to start next year.

Website Stars

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

Class Items

Room 3	Fairy Tales
Room 5	Term 2 Activities
Sport	Kalamunda Cup
	Interschool Cross Country
Art	Guess the Teacher



Woolworths Earn and Learn

Thank you to the families who have supporting the school under this initiative. The competition has now closed and we are collecting stickers until **the end of term**.

The box for depositing stickers is in the office. We are very grateful for your support.

Swan View Dental Therapy Hours

Swan View Dental Therapy Centre will be closed for the whole of the July school holidays.

Please see below for clinics able to assist in Emergency enquiries only between the hours of 8am till 4pm:-

Monday 8/7/19- Wednesday 10/7/19- Middle swan DTC 9250 7342

Thursday 11/07/19- Friday 12/07/2019- Guildford DTC 92795869

Monday 15/07/19- Friday 19/07/2019- Middle Swan DTC 9250 7342

For after hours emergencies please call 1800 098 818.

Swan View DTC will reopen on Monday 22ND of July as per usual.

Have a safe and enjoyable break!

Swan View Dental Therapy Staff

A Message from Penny Bays

Dear Greenmount Community,

This term we have been having a lot of fun on Wednesday lunchtimes with our LEGOMasters challenge. I have really enjoyed seeing how creative and inclusive our kids are, and there is a very healthy competitive spirit in the room each week. Some of the challenges included: build something with only 2 colours, build a robot, create your name (or initials), build a spaceship, and build a mansion. Please enjoy a very small sample of these amazing creations!



On a more serious note, a resource that parents may find helpful is the eSafetyCommissioner website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents> which has practical and helpful guidance about online safety, appropriate ages for smartphones, screen time tips, and more.

Please ask myself or the admin team if you would like more information about this.

Penny Bays
YouthCARE Chaplain
Greenmount Primary School (Wed & Thurs)

Hills Interschool Cross Country 2019

Greenmount Primary School entered the Hills Interschool Cross Country Carnival full of enthusiasm and vigour. Unfortunately, our shared bus with Clayton View was unexpectedly delayed.

The carnival was again held at the Mundaring Sporting Grounds and the Mundaring Golf Course.

The day started off cool but no wind and there was plenty of sunshine.

There were 7 schools participating at the Interschool Cross Country.

There were some terrific individual efforts from our runners.

Our place getters included:

1 st Places	Lachy Saunders Pene Punaivaha
2 nd Places	James Saunders
3 rd Places	Lucas King Anaysha Clohessy
4 th Places	Anthony Punaivaha Xavier Francis

Being a team event, all our finishing positions were important in deciding finishing positions.

The year 3 girls ran well gaining a 4th place finish.

The year 3 boys placed second.

Year 4 boys gave their best efforts gaining a 2nd place.

The year 5 girls achieved an incredible 1st place.

Our year 5 boys also achieved an incredible 1st place finish after some close racing.

Our year 6 girls did us proud finishing in 4th place.

Our year 6 boys ran their hearts out and finished in 1st place.

Greenmount Primary athletes acquitted themselves proudly.

When the final positions were announced, Greenmount achieved a third place finish behind St Anthony's and Helena College, but ahead of larger schools.

It was a great effort by all our competitors. They all deserve a pat on the back. Well done.

Thank you to Ms Nelson for marshalling on the course and Mrs McEwen for supervising in the bays.

Mr Hodgson



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Website Update and Positions Vacant

Website Updates

Follow the link and check out the updated P&C Information on the School Website: <https://www.greenmountps.wa.edu.au/page/172/P-&-C> Office Bearer Roles and Descriptions as well as Terms of References for our committees are available to read.

Positions Vacant

The P&C currently has vacancies in the following positions:

Vice-President

Community Engagement Officer

Descriptions of the roles can be found here: https://www.greenmountps.wa.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/pc_office_bearer_and_role_descriptions.pdf

Uniform Shop

Please be advised that the last day for the Uniform Shop this Term is **Wednesday 3rd July** from 8.30am until 9.15am, the shop will be closed on Thursday 4th July. Thank you
Long Sleeve Polo Shirts are available in sizes 4 to 12 for \$24 each (Size 12 currently sold out - more stock should be arriving next week)
Girls Tights are available \$10.50 Sizes: Small (4-6 years), Medium (7-10 years) & Large (11 - 14 years).

P&C Day Celebrations



#PANCDAYWA

On Friday 26th July our P&C will be celebrating P&C Day with a morning tea in the undercover Area from 9.30am. P&C Members, Parents and Volunteers are welcome to join us. Please bring along a plate to share (please keep everything nut free). There will also be a demonstration of the latest maths resources. The P&C were able to contribute to the purchase of these resources.

More information will be available at the start of Term 3.

As part of the celebrations the P&C will also be having a **Sausage Sizzle** on **Tuesday 23rd July**, the first day back at school. This will be a free lunch time event. Notes should be coming home soon.

Bendigo Bank Raffle

The Bendigo Bank are holding a Raffle and Greenmount Primary School P&C are taking part. Each ticket is sold for \$5 with the P&C receiving back the full \$5 ticket amount towards our fundraising goals.

The prizes are:- **1st Prize \$20,000 Cash**. 2nd to 6th Prizes a **\$1000 Bendigo Bank bank account**. There are a maximum 40,000 tickets to be sold in the raffle. Prizes will be drawn on **Thursday 7th November 2019** with results published in The Echo Newspaper on 15th November 2019

The raffle will run from Thursday 1st August until Thursday 24th October 2019. Order forms will be sent home from the 1st August.

Colgate Community Garden Challenge

We are taking part in the Colgate Community Garden Challenge. Please save and recycle your used oral care products with us. Please collect Toothpaste tubes, floss containers, toothbrushes .

We will have a collection box available in Term 3 and these items will be sent away for recycling to give us the chance to WIN a Garden Set for the school. You can also vote for the school at this link:

<https://www.terracycle.com/en-AU/contests/colgategardenvoting>



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).

