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"Together We Achieve"

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WEEK 5 TERM 1

Principal's Message Mr Stephen Bevan

Term 1 So Far

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year and we have enjoyed getting to know your children. Our staff are full of enthusiasm and excitement and are working hard to build a school culture that is collaborative and student centred. We look forward to your ongoing support as we grow and learn together.

P&C Association

Our Inaugural P&C General Meeting was held on 21 February. Many thanks go to those who attended and congratulations to the newly elected Executive team. Special thanks also go to Richard and Marianne from WACSSO who conducted our first meeting. We are looking forward to our P&C working to build a vibrant and successful school. Members of the elected Executive team include:

- Yishi Hu - President
- Krishna Ramani - Vice President
- Jemma Davis - Secretary
- Rajpaul Singh - Treasurer
- Srikanth Bonthi - Committee Member
- Gemma McCallum - Committee Member

School Board

We received more nominations than places on our Foundation School Board. For this reason, we had to conduct an election process and we thank all the parents who voted. We are currently waiting for mandatory National Criminal History checks to be completed before we announce the result of the election.

Being KIND

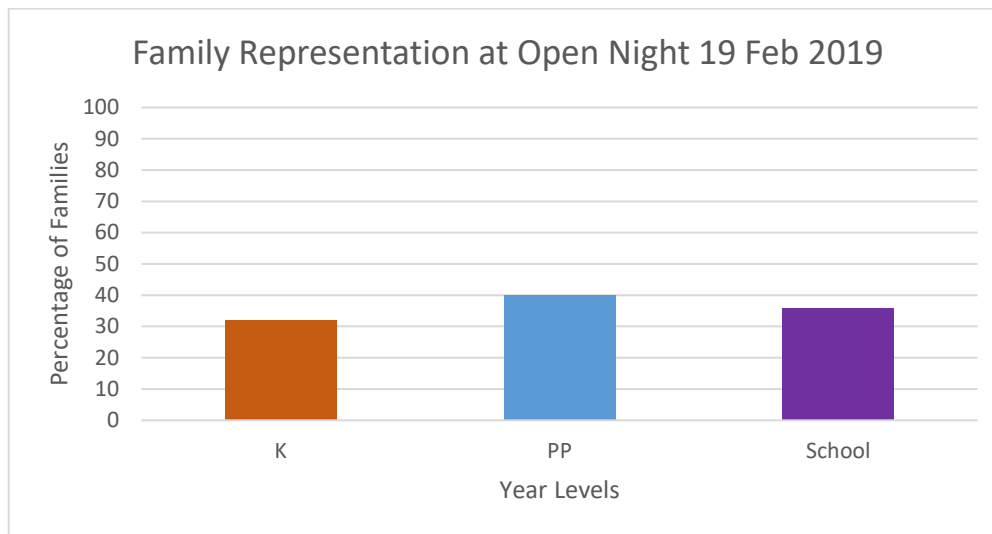
Our school's guiding principle is ***'Treat Others the Way You Would Like To Be Treated'***. Flowing from this are our behavioural expectations which include being...KIND, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, LEARNERS. In Term 1 we are focussing specifically on being KIND. Students are receiving regular reminders about what being KIND looks like, sounds like and feels like. When we are kind we are generous, friendly, compassionate, sympathetic, considerate and forgiving. As adults it is essential that we model expected behaviours at all times. Our kids will learn to be KIND when they see us being KIND...no matter what!

At Grandis Primary School we are...

- ✓ KIND
- ✓ RESPECTFUL
- ✓ RESPONSIBLE
- ✓ LEARNERS

Open Night

Our first parent Open Night was held on 19 February. Below is a graph showing the percentage of families who attended the meetings.



We are very keen to reflect on ways to increase the number of parents attending meetings such as this. If you have any ideas or feedback please email them to me Stephen.Bevan@education.wa.edu.au

Uniforms

It is really important that parents try to send students to school in school colours (navy blue). This includes jumpers and jackets. Cheap navy blue shirts and jackets can be obtained from various stores in the local area. Our official polo shirts are currently being manufactured and will be available for purchase in Term 2.

Parents/carers may wish to purchase an additional temporary Foundation Student T-shirt. These cost \$5.00 and will be available from the Admin building from Monday 11 March. Please note...

- Only one additional shirt per student can be purchased
- Sales are cash only (no eftpos)
- Only size 5, 6, 7 are available in limited quantities
- First in best dressed ☺

Duties Other Than Teaching (DOTT)

Classroom teachers receive DOTT time each week which is why more than one teacher can be found in a room over the week. Kindergarten teachers have DOTT on Wednesday and Pre-primary teachers on Thursday.

From time to time teachers also attend professional learning activities or conduct other tasks such as testing which requires a relief teacher to be placed in a classroom. Teachers always ensure lesson planning is provided for relief teachers so that teaching programs remain consistent.

Anaphylaxis Aware

At Grandis Primary School we are Anaphylaxis Aware. Last week our school nurse gave all staff a refresher on how to administer an epi-pen correctly. A letter was also sent home reminding parents not to send food to school that contains known allergens. It is essential that all parents support our school and keep our kids safe by not sending food containing nut products.

School Opening

The official opening of Stage One of our school by Hon Sue Ellery MLC, Minister for Education will take place on Friday 15 March between 10.30 – 11.15am. Parents are welcome to come along to the ceremony although we will have limited seating. Parking near the Admin building will be reserved for invited/special guests.

Playground and Sand Pits

Please remember that the school playground and sand pits are not available for use before school. Parents are asked not to let students or siblings use the equipment before school. Once the gates open students are expected to wait outside of their room until the teacher opens the door. They should then remain in the room with their teacher.

Driving and Parking

For the safety of our students and their parents it is important that everyone follows the 40 kilometre speed limit when driving around our school at drop-off and pick up times. When in the carpark parents are reminded to stop at the crossing points to allow students and parents to walk safely across. Parents who walk with their children must use the crossing points when walking through the carpark.

Voluntary Contributions 2019 - \$50 per child

Funds collected through the Voluntary Contribution go directly to the purchase of resources and services that support our students. Payment can be made through the school stream app.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Stephen Bevan

Principal

Deputy Principal's Message Mrs Trudy Jones

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend which has just passed and utilised the day to spend time with family and friends. It is hard to believe we are half way through our first term at Grandis.

Attendance

Developing the habit of going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning. That is why we strongly encourage you not to go on family holidays during school time. While it can be tempting to take advantage of discount offers for accommodation and flights, we strongly encourage you to organise holidays during school holiday periods to make sure your child doesn't miss out on school. Section 23 of the *School Education Act 1999* requires students to attend school or participate in an educational program of the school on the days on which it is open for instruction. A student may be excused if they are prevented from attending due to temporary physical or mental incapacity, or other reasonable cause (Section 25). As such, in-term holidays are not supported by the Department's *Student Attendance* policy and procedures and will be marked on the attendance record as an 'unauthorised' absence.

Sustainability

At Grandis we are committed to educating our students and families about the importance of sustainability within our school and in our community. We have already begun recycling paper, batteries and ink cartridges. We will soon be starting a compost for our food scraps. Do you recycle at home? Get your children involved in recycling.



Child and Parent Centre

The Child and Parent Centre – Banksia Grove exists to support parents in making sure their children get the best start to life. They provide a range of easily accessible programs and services for you and your family, including early learning programs, maternal and child health services, and child support services.

Cindy and Grainne from the Banksia Grove Child and Parent Centre will be visiting our school on the following dates between 2.00-2.45pm.

- Monday 18 March
- Friday 22 March
- Friday 29 March
- Friday 5 April
- Monday 8 April

These informal meetings will be a time to have some afternoon tea and chat about what their centre has to offer families and to gather information on support they would like to receive. Please RSVP to CDavies@ngala.com.au

Library

Our Grandis Primary School library will begin lending/borrowing on Monday 11th March - next week. Please make sure your child has a named waterproof bag on their library day. Lowes have Library Bags for sale for \$12.99. I would like to thank Katy Yates and Melanie Garbutt for their help in getting our little library operational.

The library roster is as follows:

Monday LA1 Gold

Tuesday LA2 Gold

Friday LA1 Blue; LA2 Blue; LA3 PP; LA4PP



Term 1 Events for Your Diary

15 March	Official Opening of Grandis Primary School (Stage 1)
12 April	Newsletter Edition 3 and last day of Term 1
21 March	Harmony Day

We Are Grandis!

