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"Together We Achieve"

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Principal's Message Mr Stephen Bevan

WEEK 1 TERM 1

Welcome

Welcome to the foundation year of Grandis Primary School!

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with our foundation staff, parents and students to open Grandis Primary School this week. Our first week has been very successful thanks to the hard work of our dedicated staff. Our foundation students have settled in beautifully and we are all enjoying getting to know them better.

Special recognition needs to go to the parents who were part of the Steering Committee in 2018. This group worked hard to shape and guide the formation of our school. Our school name, logo, motto and uniforms were all a result of their work.

I am looking forward to establishing a strong relationship with the Banksia Grove community as we seek to make Grandis Primary School distinctive and successful.

This school newsletter will go home three times per term (Week 1, 5 and 10) and I strongly encourage everyone to read it carefully. The school app and Facebook page will be used at other times to share up to date information about school events and activities.

Staff

I would like to introduce our foundation staff to the community.

Class

Kindergarten LA1
Kindergarten LA2
Pre-primary LA3
Pre-primary LA4

Teacher

Melanie Malatios/Rachael McCamley
Kate Allaway/Caitlin Dennis
Kris Sawyer
Cherie Pearse

Education Assistant

Raelene Cornall/Belinda Bartlett
Helen Sheriffs/Pippa Gale
Jacqueline Nettleton/Nicole Simkin
Melanie Garbutt

Role

Cleaner in Charge
School Psychologist
MCS
Deputy Principal
Principal

Lisa Curtis
Emme Viney
Jackie Norman
Trudy Jones
Stephen Bevan



School Board

A parent information session for those who may be interested in a position on the School Board will be held next Tuesday 12 February at 5.30pm. If you want more information about the School Board please call the school to discuss or email me at stephen.bevan@education.wa.edu.au. The School Board works to shape school policy and direction so it is critically important to our newly established school. Please consider nominating for a position in 2019.

P&C

The Inaugural General Meeting for our P&C will be held on 21 February at 7.30pm. I have already had parents express interest in the P&C which is a very important community group. We need at least 5 members to form our association in 2019. To join it only costs \$1 per year (bargain). Please consider coming along and joining our parent team.

SchoolStream App

Communication is important to any successful school. One tool that we use is the SchoolStream app. Newsletters, notices, events and information about the school will be posted regularly on the app so please make sure you have signed up for it. If you are not sure how to do this please call the office on 92336500 and talk with Jackie.

School Facebook Page

Our school has a very active Facebook page (503 followers at present). This page is another tool that we use to communicate information and events to the community. It is important when posting comments on the page that they are positive. Please remember that the page is not for carrying on 'side' conversations. Concerns, questions or constructive criticism should not be posted or discussed on the page. Comments will be regularly moderated and removed if necessary. If you have a concern, please see the 'Talking To Your School' information outlined below for what to do.

Gate Times

For student drop-off and pick-up the school gate opens at 8.15am and closes at 8.45am. It then opens again at 2.40pm and closes at 3.15pm. Parents who need to visit the office outside of these times can open the gate using the pool-lock. If visiting outside these times parents must come through the office.

Talking to Your School

If you have an enquiry or concern the best thing to do is talk with your child's teacher first. You can then make a time to meet Trudy Jones (Deputy Principal) and if necessary me. You may wish to use email for some enquiries although complex issues or matters that may take time to resolve will require face to face meetings. Teachers do not have time to respond to emails quickly as they are teaching. Urgent matters should be directed through the school office.

Custody Issues

Schools are bound by law in relations to custody issues. Court orders are essential in directing what we can and can't do. Please ensure that you provide us with up-to-date copies of court orders and make a time to meet with us if you have concerns.

Dogs

Dogs and other pets are not permitted on school grounds. Please do not bring them inside the gate.

Playground and Sand Pits

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.

Open Night

Our Open Night will take place on 19 February between 5.00 – 5.30pm for Kindergarten and 5.30 – 6.00pm for Pre-primary classes. This will be a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and find out how they will run their class in 2019. Sessions will be held in your child's classroom.

Term 1 Events for Your Diary

8 February	Newsletter Edition 1
12 February	School Board parent information session 5.30pm
19 February	Open Night
21 February	P&C Inaugural General Meeting 7.30pm
4 March	Labour Day public holiday (students do not attend)
8 March	Newsletter Edition 2
15 March	Official Opening of Grandis Primary School (Stage 1)
12 April	Newsletter Edition 3 and last day of Term 1

Deputy Principal's Message Mrs Trudy Jones

It has been a fantastic start to the school year at Grandis and I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the children and families getting to know you all and sharing the engaging lessons the teachers have prepared for everyone.

Attendance

It is expected that students in Kindergarten attend their scheduled classes. Pre-primary attendance is compulsory and students should attend every day. Being late to class is very disruptive and should be avoided. Students who are late or need to leave early must be signed in/out through the office. Please do not plan extended holidays or events in school times as this impacts greatly on your child's learning.

Bikes and Scooters

It is wonderful to see so many of our families walking, riding and scooting to school. If you have a bike or scooter when you get to the school gates please dismount and walk your bike / scooter to the enclosed area next to LA2, this will ensure they are safe during the day and not accessible to the students. Parents and siblings who have bike we ask that you leave yours inside the gates to the right, they will be safe and easy to collect as you leave the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Library

Our school library is in the final stages of preparation and we are aiming to have this operational in week 5. I would like to thank Katy Yates and Melanie Garbutt for all their hard work in getting the library ready. I will be taking each class will visit the library once a week and you will be notified of your child's library day closer to week 5. In order to borrow a book each child must have a waterproof library bag, these can be purchased in two weeks from Lowes for \$12.99 (Joondalup Shopping Centre phone 93014016).

Positive Play

The children are enjoy exploring and learning during outside play time, it is great to see them engaging with all the new toys and equipment. We are spending time teaching the students to play positively, to be kind, respectful and responsible at all times and the teachers are developing a behaviour matrix which will be shared with you on open night. For children's safety the playground equipment and sand pits are not to be used by students or siblings before school as there is no teacher on duty.

At Grandis Primary School we are...

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

Photo Gallery

