



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO P&C

14 May 2019

### 1. Congratulations

My congratulation and thanks go to the Executive and members for the smooth and effective way you formed the Grandis Primary School P&C Association. It is exciting to now have an active P&C that can work with our staff to build and establish a strong and successful school. The P&C is an important community group as it provides a link between school and home by enabling regular and ongoing communication and feedback. I look forward to working with you all over the coming years.

### 2. Fundraising Plan

It is important that the P&C and staff work together to co-ordinate possible fundraising events and activities so as to not overburden parents by asking for donations at the same time. Attached to this report is a blank planning sheet for us to work on so that we can space out planned events/activities.

As a school we want to promote our overarching principle of 'treating others the way that we would like to be treated'. One way we do this is through regular support of special community causes such as Red Nose Day, Jeans for Genes Day, Pirate Day in May, Operation Christmas Child, child sponsorship etc. These events/activities usually involve students dressing up and bringing along a gold coin donation. As well as this, classroom teachers occasionally want to raise funds for a specific reason through activities like cake stalls etc. At the moment the school has not committed to any fundraising events/activities as we want to provide the P&C with some time to plan their own.

The school wants to support the P&C in all their efforts. It is important, however, that any fundraising events/activities are carefully planned with consideration given to the possible impact on the workload of staff as well as interruptions to the teaching and learning program. It is important that enough parent volunteers and support are available to ensure events/activities occur as planned and with the least amount of interruption to the regular school program.

### 3. Staffing Processes

The school will be advertising and filling vacancies for a range of positions over the next three terms. In Term 3 we will employ a second Deputy Principal and a School Officer. In Term 4 we will employ a Library Officer and create a pool of preferred teachers and Education Assistants. In Term 4 we also employ a gardener and cleaners.

All employment processes are governed by specific rules and procedures that we must follow. In most instances jobs are advertised on JobsWA.

### 4. Red25

Grandis Primary School Community has joined the Australian Red Cross Blood Service's group donation program to help achieve 25 per cent of the country's blood donations.

One in three people will need a blood donation during their lives, and it might surprise you to know that only 2 per cent of donated blood goes to trauma or car accident victims. Around one third of donations help people with cancer and the rest go towards treating serious medical issues ranging from pregnancy complications to immune conditions and heart disease.

That's why Grandis Primary School has joined Red25. Red25's ambitious goal is to unite organisations and communities across Australia to donate 25 per cent of the 1 million-plus blood donations needed every year. With 25,000 donations needed every single week, Grandis Primary School Community is encouraging all members to get on board.

Once you're a member of Red25, any donation you make is added to our group's tally. Anyone can view the tally at [donateblood.com.au/red25](https://donateblood.com.au/red25), meaning you can easily compare our group's tally to others part of Red25. Because even though we know it's about saving lives, what's life without a little healthy competition?

Even if you can't give blood you can still become involved and help recruit and motivate members, or simply encourage our community to roll up their sleeves. For the Grandis Primary School Community, Red25 is a chance to stand out by making a donation more powerful than money. For you, it's a chance to feel amazing for saving lives through a simple act that's both free and fulfilling. Now that's worth uniting for.

**To get involved, go to [donateblood.com.au/red25](https://donateblood.com.au/red25) and join Grandis Primary School Community's group. For more information, see your local Red25 Coordinator, Mrs Pearse in LA4.**

Blood Facts.....

- 1 in 3 people will need blood
- 1 in 30 people donates
- 1 donation can save up to 3 lives
- 30% of blood donations are used to treat cancer
- Australia needs 1.3 million blood donations each year

#### **5. School Board**

The School Board met for the second time this evening. Agenda items included:

- Training
- Terms of Reference
- Co-opted Community membership
- Dress Code
- Polo Shirt
- Cluster and Faction names
- Faction uniform
- Mission, Vision, Collective Commitments
- General Business

Parents are always welcome to come and observe a School Board meeting.

#### **6. Coming Events**

17 May – Child and Parent Centre Banksia Grove (CPCBG) visit

22 May – Wanneroo Library incursion

24 May – CPCBG

27 May – CPCBG

31 May – Newsletter

3 June – WA Day Public Holiday

7 June – CPCBG

11 June – School Board Meeting and P&C Meeting

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Principal