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"Together We Achieve"

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Our Mission: *As a learning community the fundamental purpose of Grandis Primary School is to assist all students to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviour essential to their success in life.*

Principal's Message **Mr Stephen Bevan**

WEEK 10 TERM 3

Term 3 in Review

We have enjoyed another productive and busy term of teaching and learning at Grandis Primary School. Some of the key events that are of note include:

- Jeans for Genes Day
- Book Week activities
- Learning Journey
- Tabloid Sports Day
- Commencement of Leanne Hatt (School Officer), Michelle Drage (Deputy Principal) and Katy Yates (Library Officer)

Behaviour Expectations

Our school's guiding principle is '*Treat Others the Way You Would Like to Be Treated*'.

In Term 3 the behaviour expectation we have been focusing on has been **RESPONSIBLE**. Responsibility is the state or fact of being **RESPONSIBLE**, answerable, or accountable for something within one's power, control or management. Individuals have the responsibility to control their behaviour and to act in the best interests of themselves, others and the environment at all time.

Too often we try to justify our poor behaviour or blame others. We all need to take responsibility for what we personally do. We can't be **RESPONSIBLE** for how others behave but we can be **RESPONSIBLE** for how we behave....**no excuses!**

A holiday 'Responsibility Challenge' will be sent home this week for students to complete. Students can return the completed challenge next term and will receive a sticker for their efforts.

Behaviour expectations at Grandis Primary School include being....

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

Voluntary Contributions Payments



Our school relies on voluntary contribution payments being made by all families. These payments help support the teaching and learning programs offered to our students. Many thanks go to those who have paid the contribution already this year. Everyone who paid the contribution by today went into the draw to receive a Google Home Mini. The winner has been drawn and we congratulate Dylan R from LA1 Gold.

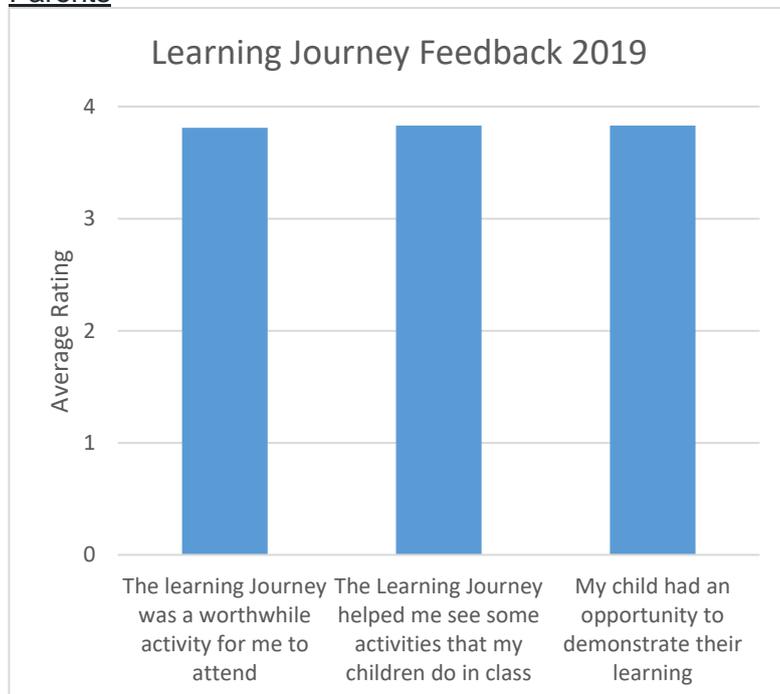
If you have not yet paid we would still request that you support us by making the payment as soon as possible. Payment can be made via the School Stream app.... click on 'Grandis' icon at bottom of screen, click on 'Contributions', click on 'Vol Cons 2019', complete details and enter credit card, click 'Submit'. Alternatively, you can make a cash payment at the office.

Please note that voluntary contributions do not include additional charges such as for excursions or incursions. Student participation in these kind of activities is dependent on requested payment.

Learning Journey

On 10 August we held our first Learning Journey which was a wonderful success. The survey conducted with parents and students indicated an overwhelmingly positive response. The data below shows the responses....

Parents



Students

Coming to my Learning Journey made me feel....	
	100%
	0%
	0%

Key: 4 = strongly agree, 3 = agree, 2 = disagree, 1 = strongly disagree

Many thanks go to all parents who provided comments which we have collated in order to plan an even better event in 2020.

Road Safety – School 40 km per hour zones

In 1997 Main Roads WA introduced a new speed zone applicable only to roads located around schools.

Today the 40km/h school zones are still in place and are working towards their aim of a reduction in road trauma for school aged children. The zones are applicable from 7.30am-9am and 2.30pm-4pm on school days and normal speeding penalties apply.



If you do speed you can expect a fine and the loss of demerit points. Please take care when driving around our school and observe the 40km/h limit for the safety of all children.

For more information please contact Main Roads WA on 138 138.

School's Stand-alone Bushfire Plan

The Department of Education requires that our school has a Stand-alone Bushfire Plan as we are situated close to areas of bushland. The plan assists us to prepare for a total fire ban, catastrophic fire danger rating or a bushfire event.

School Board Open Public Meeting

The School Board Open Public meeting will be held on 26 November commencing at 5.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend this meeting as an observer.

School Security

Holiday time is here again which means our school will be largely unattended for the next two weeks. We rely on parents and community members to keep an eye on our school and report any suspicious behaviour during these times. The best way to do this is to phone Education Security on 92644632 or the Police on 131444.

Parent Information Session

We will be providing a parent information session for new families on Tuesday 5 November between 5.00 – 6.00pm (all year levels). An additional session will be held between 6.15 – 7.00pm for parents of Kindergarten students only. The information sessions will be held in the Endeavour Theatre at Joseph Banks Secondary College. An information pack will be available at this event. If you are unable to attend you can pick up your pack at school from the next day.

Language Teaching

Following consultation with the P&C and school staff the School Board has endorsed the teaching of Indonesian at Grandis Primary School. Indonesia is one of our closest neighbours and a place where many Australians like to holiday. Indonesian will be taught to students from Year 3 to 5 in 2020 and then Year 3 to 6 in 2021.

Camp Australia

Following an exhaustive selection process the School Board has accepted Camp Australia's application to provide an out of school hours care (OSHC) service from our school commencing on 3 February 2020. The service will be based in a classroom, wet area and the covered assembly area. Information about the service was sent home last week and can also be obtained by visiting their website www.campastralia.com.au or calling their Customer Care line on 1300 105 343. Bookings for the service can be made now. Please note that, whilst the OSHC service is being provided from our school site, all activities and services provided should in no way be considered an operation of the school. Any and all enquiries in relation to the service should be directed to Camp Australia.

Happy Holidays

On behalf of the staff at Grandis Primary I wish all our students and their families a safe and happy holiday break. School commences back for students on Monday 14 October.

Stephen Bevan
Principal

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty."
Henry Ford

Deputy Principal's Message Mrs Trudy Jones

Crunch & Sip: Grandis Primary School is now officially a Crunch & Sip School



Crunch&Sip®

Re-fuel with Crunch&Sip®

Participating in the Crunch&Sip® program is an easy way to help your kids stay healthy and happy!

Crunch&Sip® is a set break during the school day for kids to munch on vegetables or fruit brought from home and rehydrate with water. This gives students the chance to re-fuel, assisting physical and mental performance in the classroom.

While primary school aged children in WA are doing a great job of eating enough fruit, only 1 in 6 are getting enough vegetables! Why not pack some fresh vegetables for Crunch&Sip® today such as carrot, celery, snow peas, broccoli, cauliflower, cherry tomatoes or cucumber?



SunSmart: Grandis Primary School is now officially a SunSmart School



As the weather begins to warm up and the UV index rises it is important for the students to be SunSmart both at home and at school. Our school uniform is supportive of the SunSmart policy with the wide brim hats provided to each child this year, the shorts, t-shirts and dresses supplied by Lowes have good protection.

Attendance:

This week each child came home with an attendance banner, which indicates which percentage banner they are in. The Department of Education deems regular attendance is 90% or higher. 58% of students at Grandis have regular attendance and 27% have attendance between 80 – 90%. Please ensure your child attends every day they are well and avoid taking vacations during the school term. If you are experiencing difficulty getting your child to school, contact the school, we are here to help.

Protective Behaviours:

As a part of the Western Australian Curriculum, all school must teach Protective Behaviours. Teachers at Grandis Primary School will be teaching protective behaviours in their Health lessons in Term 4. The protective behaviours curriculum is organised into two themes: Theme 1 – We all have the right to feel safe. Theme 2 – We can talk with someone about anything, no matter what it is. The teachers are following the Department of Education resources. More information regarding this program can be found via our SchoolStream link.

Trudy Jones

Deputy Principal

Deputy Principal's Message Mrs Michelle Drage

Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome at Grandis Primary School. It has been fabulous getting to know the staff, and the students and their families. I have worked as a teacher for over 30 years, in both metropolitan and rural schools, but last week I attended my very first Kindergarten and Pre Primary Tabloid Sports Day, and I had a great time. Where else do you get to throw chickens and race a tricycle around a playground?

My husband, Scott and my daughters Tegan and Lauren are all very excited that I was successful in my application to be the new Deputy Principal at Grandis PS, as they knew that it was time for me to give myself a new challenge and I am excited about the opportunity that opening Grandis up to Year 1 to 6 students in 2020 offers.

It has been exciting to see all the families dropping in to our office to enrol for next year and I look forward to working with the staff and community to develop an amazing school for Banksia Grove in 2020 and beyond.

Michelle Drage

Deputy Principal



Helping at Home

Family life is full of give and take, which means sharing the jobs as well as the fun. It is realistic to expect children to help out at home. Many parents, however, have difficulty getting their children to help. Some spend so much time nagging children to do jobs that they often give up asking and expect little of them. There is no need to overburden children with jobs, but sensible allocation of chores according to their age, homework requirements and interests is not only good training but also a great help for parents as well.

Ideas:

- Give your children realistic jobs rather than tasks that simply keep them busy.
- Balance the personal chores with family jobs. Involve your children in choosing their jobs. Rotate the unpleasant tasks frequently.
- Place the more difficult tasks on a roster. Your children can refer to it when needed, which takes the load off you and removes the need to remind them.
- Ensure the jobs are completed before mealtime and pleasant activities such as watching television.
- Avoid doing jobs for your children. When your children get the message that no one will do their jobs for them they will be more likely to help out.
- Show your appreciation for their help. Let them know that their contribution to the family is valued. If you do it often enough they may even show their appreciation for your help in return.
- Keep chores and pocket money separate. It is a reasonable expectation that your children should help around the house without expecting a reward.

Stephanie Hund – School Chaplain

Other Important Messages

Tabloid Afternoon

On Tuesday the 17th and Thursday the 19th September, students participated in our first tabloid afternoons. All students ran a running race and then participated in a range of activities including throwing, hoppers, as well as egg and spoon racing. All staff wish to thank our parent helpers and families for coming out and sharing this event with us.





Mathematics in Pre-primary

In Pre Primary (LA3 and LA4) we have been learning about positional language in Mathematics and have been using our knowledge of position, movement and symbols to complete coding activities in class. We have used unplugged coding games to solve problems and created coding sequences to plan our Beebot movements around the 2D and 3D features based on "Rosie's Walk" by Pat Hutchins.



P & C Messages

What a busy Term your P&C has had. We would like to thank you all for helping support our fundraising efforts this term. We would like to thank Alinta Gas, West Coast HiFi Joondalup, Dan Murphy's Edgewater, Eagle Falls Spur and Panarotti's for supplying prizes for our Father's Day raffle.

We would also like to thank Lollipops play centre in Butler for giving all our Kindy kids a voucher to visit the play centre, we hope you all have fun!

We have lots of exciting plans for Term 4 and can't wait to share them with you, if you haven't already, you can join our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/370980750247883/> to receive updates on our plans, meet your P&C, direct enquiries and all meeting information.



Thanks Jemma
P & C Secretary

Term 4 Events for Your Diary

Please note that activities and dates may change. Changes will usually be communicated via the School Stream app.

14 October	Students first day of Term 4 (Kindy Gold group & PP) Kapture students photos will be given to your child to take home today
16 October	Students first day of Term 4 (Kindy Blue group) Kapture students photos will be given to your child to take home today
18 October	Newsletter
22 October	Constable Care Incursion
23 October	City of Wanneroo Christmas Appeal – Gold coin donation
29 October	P&C Meeting 7:30pm – 8:30pm
30 October	Assembly – Pre-primary – 9:00am (Parents welcome to attend)
5 November	2020 Parent Information Session - Joseph Banks Secondary College - 5:00pm – 7:00pm
13 November	Assembly – Kindy Blue group – 9:00am (Parents welcome to attend)



We Are Grandis!