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*"Together We Achieve"*

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## Principal's Message      Mr Stephen Bevan

### WEEK 5 TERM 1

**School Opening:** On February 14 our school was officially opened by the Honourable Mark McGowan, Premier of Western Australia as well as the Honourable Sue Ellery MLC, Minister for Education and Training. This was a wonderful event with many other special guests, staff, students and parents in attendance. Many thanks to all those who came to celebrate this momentous occasion with us.

**P&C Meeting:** Our first P&C meeting for 2020 was held on 18 February. It was very well attended with all the Executive positions filled successfully. Below is a list of the newly elected members.



- **President:** Kylie Birch
- **Vice President:** Krishna Ramani
- **Secretary:** Jemma Davis
- **Treasurer:** Jay Jadeja
- **Executive Committee Members:** Gemma McCallum, Anne-Marie Pattinson and Robbie MacLeod

Our next P&C Meeting is scheduled for 17 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

**School Board:** Requests for parent nominations to the Grandis Primary School Board, were sent home earlier this term. Two parent positions are available and four nominations were received. Information about the nominees will be sent home via SchoolStream today.

The Grandis Primary School Board will be conducting an election to fill the two positions. Each registered parent/carer with students currently enrolled in our school is eligible to vote in the election. Please expect an email next week containing the link to the online election 'survey' and your unique voting code. If you do not have an email address registered with the school, please contact our office and we can provide you with the survey's online location and a unique voting code or alternatively, a paper form if necessary.

The election will close on Friday 13 March at 3.00pm. You are strongly encouraged to vote.

**School Communications:** Clear and regular communication between school and home is essential. Our school's main communication tool is SchoolStream which is a free app that everyone needs to have access to. If you do not have this app yet, then you are missing important messages, so please download it today. If you need help with this, please contact our school office. Other communication tools that are used by classroom teachers are SeeSaw (for students in K – 1) and Connect (students in Years 2 – 6). We also have a Facebook page that we use to promote important activities and events <https://www.facebook.com/grandisprimaryschool>

**Evacuation Drill:** Yesterday we held an emergency evacuation drill. This was conducted very smoothly with all staff and students being evacuated in a safe and timely manner. If parents are ever in the school during an evacuation they need to follow the direction of the staff and evacuate to the oval.

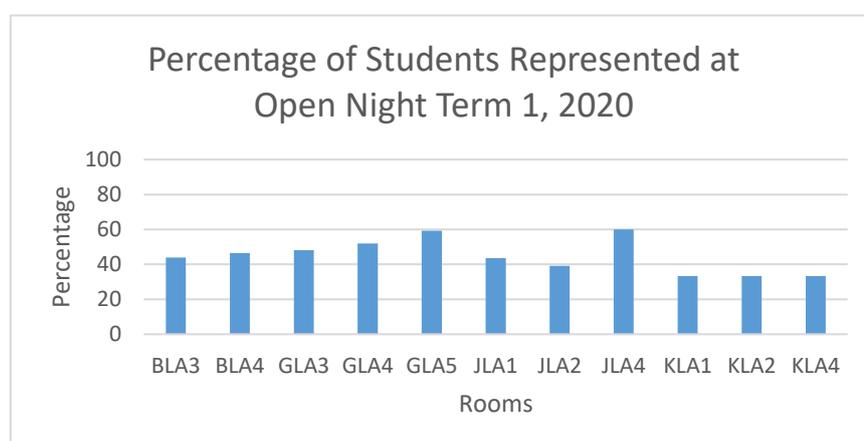
**Behaviour Expectations:** At Grandis Primary School we *treat others the way that we would like to be treated*. Our four behaviour expectations include:

- We are Kind
- We are Respectful
- We are Responsible
- We are Learners

These expectations apply to everyone including students, staff and parents. We expect that all people learn these behaviours and comply with these expectations (no exceptions). The first half of this term we have been focusing on the first expectation 'We are Kind'. Students are being regularly reminded of what this expectation looks like and sounds like. Students have also been rewarded for displaying the expected behaviours with class raffle tickets and weekly prizes at our Friday assembly.

#### **Parent Information Meetings:**

In Week 3 of the term a number of parent information meetings were held across the school. These meetings were designed to provide parents with specific information about how teachers will be running their classes this year. They also provided opportunity for parents to ask questions. Here is a graph showing the percentage of families that attended from each classroom. Verbal and written feedback from parents about these meetings indicated that they were very informative and worthwhile.



**Uniform:** I am very pleased with the way parents have supported our School Uniform policy by sending students to school in the correct uniform each day. Our students look fantastic in their new uniforms. We are very proud of how smart they all look.

Please remember that Faction shirts can only be worn on PE and sport days.

As the cooler weather arrives we ask that students wear the correct school jacket (available from Lowes.) We understand that, on occasion, this may not be possible so we ask that students wear a plain navy blue jumper or jacket that is not a hoodie and does not contain pictures or writing on it.

We are still waiting for Lowes to supply small and medium sized school hats. The supply of these items has been further delayed due to the Corona virus outbreak. Once they arrive, we ask that parents support the school by purchasing the correct hat. Currently, students are using loan hats. They are not permitted to wear any other hats while at school.



**Transition to Secondary School:** Our Year 6 students have already received a visit from Vanessa Scott, Associate Principal Middle School, Joseph Banks Secondary College. She has come to introduce herself and start to prepare our students for their move to secondary schooling in 2021. A number of additional activities will be held over the year in order to help our students prepare for this important transition in their lives.

*“Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self confidence” – Robert Frost*

## **Deputy Principal’s Message      Mrs Trudy Jones & Mrs Michelle Drage**

### **Tell a Teacher**

We are here to help, if your child is experiencing difficulty in class or in the playground, please encourage your child to speak to a teacher. Most problems can be solved that day which is much better than going home and worrying about them. If you as a parent/carer have a concern regarding your child, please contact the teacher via Connect or Seesaw to arrange a time to meet.

### **Attendance**

The Department of Education deem regular attendance to be above 90%. We currently have 78% of the students at Grandis achieving this goal. Remember every day counts and unless your child is ill, they need to be attending school. If your child/ren are having difficulty getting to school, please contact us for support – Trudy Jones for years Kindy to Year 1 and Michelle Drage for Year 2 to 6. It is in the early childhood and primary school years that positive attendance habits are developed.

Last week families were given letters for unexplained absences. Each time your child does not attend school, you are required to inform the school of the reason. Absence notifications are best completed through the SchoolStream app by clicking on “Forms” and then “Absentee Form”. If you have received a letter indicating your child/ren were absent without a reason, please complete the form and return to your child/ren’s class teacher.

## Triple P

Grandis is hosting Triple P in the library in Week 7, 9 and 10. This will be hosted by Emme Viney, our school Psychologist. A crèche will be available and supervised by our Kindy EA's. Please register your attendance for catering and crèche supervision requirements.

Refer to the web address below to register :

[www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa](http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa)



## Other Important Messages

### Joondalup Wolves Basketball Clinics at Grandis

In Physical Education for the past four weeks, we have had Jake from the Joondalup Wolves Basketball team come to our school to run basketball clinics with our students. Each week we have participated in a variety of games focused on dribbling, shooting and catching. Jake has spent his time ensuring students understand the basic rules of basketball and how important teamwork is in a basketball game. All students demonstrated a thorough enjoyment for the clinics and I have seen a strong improvement in all participants' dribbling abilities. For our very first clinic at Grandis Primary School, I am extremely proud of our student's behaviour, persistence and attitude towards each session. I always say to the students "I'm not worried about you being the best *player* on the field, but rather the best *person* on the field." This teaches students that you do not have to be the best at the sport you are playing but rather the best person on the field through strong sportsmanship and a kind, supportive attitude to those around you. We look forward to our following clinics throughout 2020.

Miss Bramley





## FREE PARENTING SEMINAR

Take the guesswork out of parenting!

Want to make family life easier – and happier? Triple P's Power of Positive Parenting seminar can help you understand why kids act the way they do, and how your reactions and words can make a big difference. This 90-minute seminar is free for all WA parents and carers, and is packed with ideas to help you give your kids the best start in life, and get more enjoyment out of being a parent.

**Triple P's Power of Positive Parenting seminar can help you:**

- raise happy, confident kids
- encourage positive behaviour
- set rules and routines that everyone follows
- get on well with your kids and argue less
- balance work and family with less stress

**Register for your FREE parenting seminar:**

**The Power of Positive Parenting**

Thursday 19th March 2020, 9am to 11am  
Grandis Primary School (Library)  
Crèche available. Tea and coffee provided.

**Book your free place now:**  
[www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa](http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa)



## P & C Messages

Donations are kindly appreciated for the P & C Easter Raffle and can be dropped off to the Admin office between 8:00am and 3:30pm. As an Allergy Aware school, please don't donate any products containing nuts. We thank you in advance for your support.

Volunteers are needed to help out with our sausage sizzle at the Banksia Grove Family Movie Night on Saturday 21 March between 4:30 – 6:00pm. Please email the P & C if you are able to help & for further details – [grandispc1@gmail.com](mailto:grandispc1@gmail.com)

Congratulations to our new committee members and THANK YOU to our outgoing committee members for your service.

## Term 1 Events for Your Diary

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

9 March	Year 2 – 6 Basketball Clinics
13 March	KLA2 Assembly – 8:45am
17 March	P&C and School Board meeting
19 March	Triple P Parenting session – 9-11am in the Library
24 March	Joseph Banks Secondary College transition visit to Year 5 & 6 students
27 March	KLA4 Assembly – 8:45am
9 April	Newsletter – last day of Term 1
10 April	GOOD FRIDAY – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND



*We Are Grandis!*