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Principal's Message **Mr Stephen Bevan**

WEEK 10 TERM 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Semester One in Review

Semester One has been a period of time unlike any other. The Semester started with a lot of excitement as our new school was officially opened. Then the COVID-19 pandemic hit and everything changed very quickly. While this time has been an enormous challenge for society and our schooling system, I am very happy with the way our staff and our school community have worked to see us through. The level of support, collaboration, patience and kindness that has been displayed has been a credit to you all, and I thank you sincerely for all that you have done. We will continue to follow carefully the guidance of our State Government and Department of Education as we plan for Semester Two and the ongoing protection of our students and staff.

School Board Member Update

I am pleased to announce that Rachael Glynn has joined our School Board as a parent representative. The School Board meets every term to talk about the direction and policy of our school. Meetings are held on Tuesday afternoons in Week 7 each term and members of the general community are always welcome to attend.

School Development Day - 20 July 2020

The first day of Term Three is a School Development Day. Students do not attend school on this day. Staff will participate in a range of professional learning and planning sessions during this time.

Late Arrivals

We have noticed that there are a number of parents dropping their children off at school five to ten minutes after the first bell. In Term Three we will return to closing gates on the bell so students who are late will need to be brought through the office to receive a late pass. Late arrivals are a disruption to the daily routine which impacts on student learning, so please ensure your child gets to school before the start bell. The Kindy/PP siren sounds at 8:35am and the Year 1-6 siren sounds at 8:40am.

Notifications to the School

Explanations for absences from school or other important messages to teachers should be given in writing whenever possible. Schoolstream is our preference for notifying us of absences. Please do not allow your child to hand write notes on your behalf, even if you sign them. Our staff can also be emailed using their Department of Education account although these messages may not be responded to immediately.

Dogs on School Site

Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds which includes our school carpark. Please do not bring your dog onto school grounds when dropping off or picking up students. Large dogs can hurt small children if they knock them over or bite. Irresponsible dog owners will be reported to the ranger and possibly the police.

Carpark Safety

Pedestrians and drivers have a responsibility to watch out for each other. Pedestrians must use paths and crosswalks and check the road is safe before stepping onto it. Parents must supervise their children carefully in and around the carpark. Drivers have a legal obligation to drive slowly, stop at crosswalks and give pedestrians right of way – no exceptions. When backing, drivers must look for young children who may be in the way.

At our school we expect all people to be kind, respectful and responsible. This applies to every person, students, staff and parents anywhere on the school site (including the carpark).

Clarification About Parallel Parking

The parallel parking that is situated at the front of the school office has not been signposted as an official 'kiss-and-drive'. However, we do ask people who use these bays to remain with their vehicles and move forward when spaces become clear. If you need to park and leave your vehicle we ask that you use one of the regular car parking bays. Please do not double park at any time.

School Security

We rely on parents and community members to keep an eye on our beautiful new school after hours and on the holidays. We ask that any suspicious behaviour is reported to Education Security on 9264 4632 or the Police on 131 444.

Safe Holidays

On behalf of the staff at Grandis Primary School I wish all of our students and their families a safe and restful holiday period. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday 21 July.

Regards,

Mr Stephen Bevan, PRINCIPAL

“Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.”

Arthur Ashe

Deputy Principal's Message Mrs Jones

Lost Property

We have several unnamed items in the lost property basket. Over the holidays please check that you have all your child/ren's school belongings and that they are clearly named. Our school leaders are excellent at returning named lost property to the students but can't do anything with unnamed items.

Behaviour Expectations Holiday Challenge

Every child has received a Kindness and Respectful holiday challenge. I hope that as a family you can continue to talk about how important our behavioural expectations are and how they can filter into all aspects of our lives, at school, at home, with extended family, on outings and in our sporting endeavours. I am looking forward to seeing the completed challenges and hearing how our wonderful students have been showing respect and kindness over the holidays.

Anxious children

Many children today have anxiety and it is a difficult for parents to support their children through this. Our school Psychologist, Emme Viney is hosting a special seminar at school on 6th August in our school library called Triple P - Fearless. Parents are given practical strategies and support as to how to manage anxiety in children. Registrations will open up for this seminar in the first week of next term. Places will be limited.

Thank you to all families for the support you have shown to the school as we have moved through the COVID-19 pandemic. There has been so many changes to the way we do things at Grandis this term and your support has enabled the staff to provide a safe learning environment for our children. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Regards,

Trudy Jones, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Other Important Messages

Recycling at Grandis

This Term the whole school have committed to recycling paper. Every Wednesday the School Councillors collect the recycled paper and cardboard from the classrooms and take it to the main bin for collection.

Waste in Western Australia : Every year, each West Australia produces 2.5 tonnes of waste on average. This includes municipal waste (households), commercial and industrial waste and construction and demolition waste. Of this, 1.7 tonnes are sent to landfill and 800 kilograms are recycled. WA's averages exceed the national average.

The small changes we are making at Grandis PS are already making a difference. Please remember that you can bring your old batteries and ink cartridges to the front office for recycling!



GRANDIS PBS TEAM

At Grandis, we have our four positive behaviour expectations, which are 'We are Kind', 'We are Respectful', 'We are Responsible' and 'We are Learners'. We appreciate the way parents support our behaviour expectations at home as this provides the ideal link between the home and school environments. Your child will be bringing home a Kindness and Respectful Holiday Challenge which focuses on demonstrating these expectations in the home environment. Please take the time to complete this challenge over the holidays, and return to your classroom teacher in Week 1 of Term 3.

Thank you, and have a great break!

PBS (Positive Behaviour Support) Team

KINDERGARTEN SCIENCE

As part of our Kindergarten Science lessons, we have been learning about the life cycle of butterflies. Today we set our butterflies free in our beautiful Nature playground and watched them fly around, enjoying the beautiful sunny afternoon.



CAMP AUSTRALIA

On Monday the 20th of July Camp Australia will be operating an extra day of vacation care. They will be open from 6:30am to 6:00pm. To book in please call 1300 105 343 or visit the website www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs

P & C

Order forms went home this week for our Tea Towel fundraiser. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the form and submit with payment to the drop box in the front office. Payment is cash or direct debit. Order forms & payment must be returned before 31st July 2020.

Term 2 Events for Your Diary

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

Week 1	20 July	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
Week 1	21 July	Students first day of Term 3
Week 1	24 July	Kindy 2021 applications close Newsletter
Week 3	03 August	School photos
Week 3	07 August	School photos

We Are Grandis!