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"Together We Achieve"

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Principal's Message **Mr Stephen Bevan**

WEEK 1 TERM 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back

I hope that everyone enjoyed a peaceful holiday break. We are looking forward to another wonderful term of teaching and learning at our beautiful new school. We are hoping that COVID-19 restrictions will ease further as the term progresses so that we can return to normal operations as soon as possible. We will continue to act directly on the advice of the State Government and the Department of Education in regards to the activities that we undertake. Additional cleaning will continue to be provided for high-touch surfaces across the school.

Phase 4 COVID-19 Operations

The State Government expect that all students should now be attending school, except for those who are medically referred to learn from home. This means that students are either at school or learning from home under the referral of a medical professional. Students who do not attend without a medical reason will be marked as absent.

It is important that students that are unwell do not attend school. Students that appear unwell will be sent home.

Parents/carers and visitors may access the school site to attend meetings and for drop off and pick up purposes. Physical distancing of one adult per two square metres and good hygiene practices will apply. Parents are asked not to enter classrooms unless invited by a staff member.

The one adult per two square metre rule will continue to impact previously planned school activities and events. Due to the impact of the pandemic on our Term One and Two roster, the staff have decided not to conduct previously planned classroom assemblies. If restrictions permit, we will plan to hold a whole school event in Term 4 where students will have an opportunity to perform for parents. We are still waiting to hear if restrictions will be lifted so that we can hold the Open Night on 20 August. We are still planning to hold our Faction Carnival with the date changed to 27 August.

Kindergarten Enrolment Applications Closed

Applications for Kindergarten 2021 have now closed. Late applications will be taken but priority is given to those who complete the application on time. Late applications will be placed on a waiting list. Notification of successful applications will be sent via email later in the term.

Anaphylaxis Awareness

Anaphylaxis is a severe form of allergic reaction which is potentially life threatening. There are many causative agents for anaphylaxis with nuts often being a well-known trigger. Anaphylaxis is preventable. Avoidance of specific triggers is by far the best option.

Our aim is to provide a safe learning environment for all people in our school community. To support this, Grandis Primary School is an 'Allergy Aware School'. Currently we have students enrolled at our school who have severe allergies to nuts. For this reason, we ask parents not to send nuts or foods containing nuts to school. Products that contain nuts include:

- Nuts
- Peanut butter
- Nut spreads such as Nutella
- Most fruit and nut bars and muesli bars
- Some biscuits, cakes and muffins
- Chocolates and any other products that have nuts listed in the ingredients

All Parents are asked to support the school's Allergy Aware Policy by:

- Being sensitive and supportive to the needs of students with a history of anaphylaxis.
- Providing children with healthy food options that do not contain nuts (or other known triggers)
- Reminding children to wash their hands before and after eating.
- Considering the 'Allergy Aware Policy' when sending food to school for shared functions e.g. birthday cakes or class parties.

If you have any concerns about this, please talk with your child's teacher.

Communicating with School

As a parent or carer you play a vital role in your child's learning. Building and maintaining a positive relationship between home and school plays an important part in the education of your child. Effective communication is the key to the success of this relationship.

Our school is committed to responding promptly and helpfully to your enquiries, concerns, suggestions and compliments. Parents and carers are always welcome to email, phone or write to the school to make enquiries, suggestions or express concerns. They are also welcome to arrange a meeting time with the most appropriate person at the school. It is suggested that parents or carers talk with their child's teacher first and, if necessary, with a member of the Admin team after this. We look forward to continuing the positive culture we have established at our school through strong and consistent communication.

Parent & Carer Survey 2020

Parents or carers will be given an opportunity to provide us with feedback on the school through the 2020 Parent & Carer Survey. More information on this will be provided via Schoolstream in the next couple of weeks. It is really important that all parents and carers complete this survey as we use the data as part of our annual review and for planning in 2021.

P&C Meeting

Our P&C will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 4 August commencing at 7.30pm in the Staffroom. Our P&C do a wonderful job of supporting our school so we encourage all parents and carers to consider helping out.

Have a wonderful term everyone!!

Regards,

Mr Stephen Bevan, PRINCIPAL

“ A teacher affects eternity: he can never tell where his influence stops.”

Henry Adams

Deputy Principal's Message Mrs Jones

Every Day Counts

On the 18th May the Premier Mark McGowan announced that schools were open and all students were expected to attend, except for those who have been medically referred to learn from home. The Education Department deem regular attendance is attending school at a rate of 90% or above. Our school was identified by the Department of Education as having lower than expected rates of attendance, therefore we will be monitoring student attendance carefully and supporting families to ensure each child achieves their highest possible attendance this term and beyond.

We appreciate that these are unusual time and parents are in fact keeping children at home when they are showing signs of illness when previously they would send them to school. We are grateful for this practice as it minimises the number of students and staff with cold and flu symptoms at school. We strongly encourage you to continue to send your child/ren to school each and every day that they are well enough to attend. If you are having difficulty getting your children to school regularly, please contact me via the school office and I am happy to support you in any way that I can.

Triple P Fear Less Program

Emme Viney, our School Psychologist is presenting a 2 hour session on Thursday 6th August in the library from 9-11am called “Triple P Fear Less Program “, which is aimed at supporting parents of children with anxiety. Topics covered include: How does anxiety work? Understanding anxiety. Parents as models.

Being an emotion coach. Thinking flexibly and realistically. Avoidance and exposure. Managing children's behaviour and constructive coping and problem solving. I hope you can join us at this fantastic seminar.

Register your interest on the Triple P website - <http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa> Please note there is not a crèche available for this event.

Crunch and Sip

This is a time your children re-fuel during the day. Most WA school children meet the recommended intake for fruit, but only 1 in 17 eat enough vegetables. Vegies are important for healthy growth and development and reduce the risk of developing diseases such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease and some cancers later in life. Primary school children need 4 ½ - 5 serves of vegetables each day. Vege sticks can be cut up, stored in an airtight container in the fridge for several days making it quick and easy to get Crunch&Sip packed for school in the morning.

Regards,

Trudy Jones, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Other Important Messages

School Photo Days are Monday 3rd August and Friday 7th August 2020

Our school photo day is coming! Next week every student will receive a Kapture Photography personalised flyer to bring home. The only method of ordering your photos is online through the Kapture website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. Sibling Photos will be available to order.

On Monday next week we will be sending via Schoolstream, the schedule of which day your child will be photographed, along with more information about Kapture Photography.

P & C

Thank you to those families who have already placed their orders for our Tea Towel fundraiser. Tea towel orders forms are due back by Friday 31 July 2020.

Payments are cash or direct debit. Please bring in your order form & payment and place in the drop box at the front office.

Term 3 Events for Your Diary

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

Week 1	24 July	Kindy 2021 applications close Newsletter
Week 3	03 August	School photos
Week 3	04 August	P&C Meeting 7:30pm
Week 3	06 August	Triple P "Fearless" session 9-11am in the Library
Week 3	07 August	School photos
Week 4	20 August	Open Night (to be confirmed)
Week 6	26 August	Faction Jumps & Throws
Week 6	27 August	Faction Carnival
Week 7	01 Sept	School Board Meeting 5:30pm
Week 7	01 Sept	P & C Meeting 7:30pm
Week 9 and 10	14 Sept – 25 Sept	In-term Swimming lessons (10 school days) PP to Yr 6 only

We Are Grandis!