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Principal's Message Mr Stephen Bevan

WEEK 5 TERM 4

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are half way through Term Four already, with this being our second last newsletter for the year. Our first year as a K-6 school has certainly been a memorable one and there is still a lot to happen before we go on holidays in December. Please remember to check any SchoolStream notifications, school emails, as well as Seesaw or Connect messages that go home through your child's teacher. Communication is very important and these messages often contain updated information about events and activities happening at the school. We look forward to a busy and exciting end of 2020!!

Safety at School

The safety of our students, staff as well as anybody on our school grounds is of utmost importance to us. To ensure we keep everyone safe we expect all people who enter our school grounds to 'treat others as they would like to be treated' and to follow our behaviour expectations which are:

- We are KIND
- We are RESPECTFUL
- We are RESPONSIBLE
- We are LEARNERS

These expectations apply to students, staff and parents/carers. Some practical ways parents/carers can demonstrate these expectations include:

- ✓ Drive slowly and safely around the school and in the carpark
- ✓ Always stop at the cross walks for pedestrians
- ✓ Treat other drivers with patience and respect (even if they don't treat you the same way)
- ✓ Do not ride or allow children to ride bikes or scooters on school grounds which includes all areas of the carpark. Ensure your child is wearing a helmet
- ✓ Ensure young children are properly supervised when on school grounds
- ✓ Don't allow children to play on equipment after school
- ✓ Talk with your child's teacher or a member of Admin if you have concerns about school operations or the behaviour of other people (never confront people aggressively)

- ✓ Use the kiss and drive area according to the signposted rules
 - Driver remain in your vehicle at all times
 - Move forward when bays become clear
 - Students enter and exit vehicles from the school (path) side
 - Depart as soon as students have been dropped/picked up
 - No double parking



Mereny Café

Our hard working P&C have done a wonderful job opening the school canteen this term for one day per week. Many thanks go to the P&C and parent volunteers who have made this happen. If the Mereny Café is to continue operating and expand its operation to more than one day per week we will need a lot more volunteers. The more volunteers we get the less everyone has to do - 'many hands make light work.' Please consider offering to help at the canteen at least once per term so that the P&C can expand its operation in 2021. You can volunteer to help by emailing grandispc1@gmail.com or by attending the next P&C meeting on 24 November at 7.30pm in the Staffroom.

Grant for the Banksia Grove Community Development Group

This week, Brad Goodlet from the Banksia Grove Community Development Group attended the school to formally present our new playgroup with a \$2500 grant and our P&C with a \$2000 grant for the canteen. This money is greatly appreciated and will go towards the setting up and development of these groups within our school.



School Board Open Public Meeting

The 2020 Open Public Meeting for our School Board will be held on 24 November 2020 commencing at 5.30pm in the Staffroom. All parents and community members are invited to attend. Current members of the School Board include:

Name	Position
Michael Pattinson	Parent/Chair
Elle Heaysman	Parent
Krishna Ramani	Parent
Rachael Glynn	Parent
Cindy Davies	Co-opted Community
Michelle Drage	Staff
Karin Robinson	Staff
Stephen Bevan	Staff

Student Survey

Over the past two newsletters I have provided information about the Parent and then the Staff survey results for 2020. In this newsletter I will provide a brief snapshot of the results from our Student survey which was conducted earlier this term with students in Years Five and Six. Scores are out of 5 with scores over three considered to be positive.

- My teachers expect me to do my best – 4.7
- My teachers motivate me to learn – 4.5
- My teachers are good teachers – 4.5
- My teachers care about me – 4.4
- I like being at my school – 4.4

Areas for us to work on include the way we gather student opinions and respond to them and the way we promote and manage positive student behaviour. Some students also report that swearing is an issue for us to address. This is interesting as our staff rarely report incidents involving swearing. This means that students must be using inappropriate language at times when staff are not present. We have commenced talking with students and staff about these areas in order to develop plans for improvement. This has involved students and staff in Years 5/6 as well as the Student Council.

2021 Enrolments

Currently we have approximately 120 additional students joining us in 2021. This is an exciting increase in students which requires us to carefully plan for. We have employed additional staff which we will introduce to you via the school Facebook page in the coming weeks.

In order for us to accurately plan our classes we need to know the exact number of students who will be attending in 2021. A sudden increase in numbers can require more staff to be employed and a complete restructure of classes so we need to know who is going to be here as soon as we can. If you know of parents moving into the area, please remind them to come to the school and enrol their children as soon as possible. If your child is not returning to Grandis PS in 2021, can you please email the school ASAP at grandis.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Regards,

Mr Stephen Bevan, PRINCIPAL

“Teaching is more than imparting knowledge, it is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing facts, it is acquiring understanding.”

William Arthur Ward

Deputy Principal’s Message Mrs Jones & Mrs Drage

Reporting to Parents

The Semester Two reports will be sent to parents on Friday 11th December. Parents of students in Kindergarten to Year One will be emailed the report. To access the reports parents will click on the link in the email, the link will stay active for four weeks from the day it is sent. I recommend you download and save the report as soon as you get the email to keep the report for future reference. Parents of students in Year Two to Six will be sent the report via Connect, the report will be saved in Connect automatically. We will be sending the reports to the main contact of the student. If you require additional reports please see Mrs Hatt at the Administration office.

Kindy Orientation

Next week we are welcoming our 2021 Kindy students to school for their orientation. It will be a fantastic time for the new Kindy children to familiarise themselves with our school and teachers.

Lunchboxes

As we get to the end of the year it is easy to slip into quick not so healthy lunch boxes. To help with motivation for the next five weeks, see these hints and tips. For more see the Crunch & Sip website <https://www.crunchandsip.com.au/healthy-lunchboxes>

How do you pack a lunchbox with goodness?

Each day children need:

- **Something for lunch (main meal)**
- **Something for recess (mini meal)**
- **Something to munch (fruit or vegetables)**
- **Water to drink**

Pack foods such as wholegrains, vegetables, lean meats and reduced-fat dairy as well as fruits and water to drink. Remember if it's all healthy food then it doesn't matter what order your child eats their lunchbox, anything they reach for will give them the energy they need to get through the day.



The Main

Pack a substantial meal such as a sandwich, wrap, sushi, pasta, curry, falafel or any leftovers from the night before. Remember to throw in an ice pack to keep food safe.

The Mini

Pack a healthy snack such as cheese and grainy crackers, hard boiled eggs, homemade muffins, plain yoghurt, popcorn, tinned tuna or baked beans.

The Munch

Pack any fruits and vegetables that your child enjoys. Pick seasonal to save money and encourage variety.

Water

Always pack water for your child.



Other Important Messages

P & C

MERENY CAFÉ

The canteen has been opened now for a few weeks and we hope all your children are enjoying the food as much as we enjoy making it. The P&C made a decision when opening the canteen that we wanted to make all our food from scratch so our children get the food that is both healthy and tasty. We could also cater for allergies and gluten free. This means we need lots of help, and so for us to remain open we need volunteers.... But why volunteer? Volunteering gives you a chance to contribute to the kind of community you want to live in. It gives you the opportunity to be a part of something bigger than yourself and use your own skills and knowledge, to sprinkle kindness in your school community. We welcome all, and even if you only have an hour or two a week to spare, it all helps.

COLOUR FUN RUN

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who raised funds for our Colour Fun Run! We are now busy planning the next stages and having heaps of fun coming up with ideas to make the day fun for everyone.

Just a reminder that your cash donations need to be handed in as soon as possible as you are unable to have your prizes approved if we don't receive them. There is a drop box in reception for you to drop it in.

Also, you need to do your prize selection by the 18th of November. You can select up to five prizes to the amount that you've raised.

We will need more volunteers to expand our canteen menu and days next year as well as to set up and run the Colour Fun Run on the 16th of December. We have big plans for the Colour Fun Run and need lots of help, so if you can help please email grandispc1@gmail.com

Term 4 Events for Your Diary

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

Week 6	16 th November	Kindy 2021 Orientation Day
Week 6	17 th November	Kindy 2021 Orientation Day
Week 7	24 th November	5:30pm School Board Meeting
Week 7	24 th November	7:30pm P & C Meeting
Week 8	4 th December	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – Students DO NOT attend school
Week 9	11 th December	End of Year Assembly
Week 10	15 th December	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and Lunch
Week 10	15 th December	Kindy BLUE group Water Fun afternoon
Week 10	16 th December	PP – Yr 6 P & C Colour Fun Run
Week 10	17 th December	Kindy GOLD group Water Fun afternoon
Week 10	17 th December	STUDENTS LAST DAY OF TERM 4, 2020
Week 10	18 th December	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – Students DO NOT attend school

We Are Grandis!