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"Together We Achieve"

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Principal's Message Mr Stephen Bevan

WEEK 2 TERM 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome

After the interruption of last week, it was wonderful to see all of our students back to start the 2021 school year. As of today we have welcomed 100 new Kindergarten students as well as 48 students in other year levels. We also welcomed a number of new staff members. We are excited by the growth of our school and look forward to all the wonderful teaching and learning that will take place this year.

Staff

I would like to introduce our 2021 staff to the community.

Teachers

| Year Level | Room | Teacher |
|---------------------------|-------|---|
| Kindergarten Blue&Gold | BLA 3 | Stephanie Wolfe/Melanie Malatios |
| Kindergarten Blue&Gold | BLA 4 | Rachael McCamley/Nicola Foley |
| Kindergarten | BLA2 | Shannon Farrelly |
| Pre-primary | GL4 | Dannielle Stumpfoll |
| Pre-primary | GLA2 | Kris Sawyer |
| Pre-primary | GLA1 | Elaine Brown |
| P/1 | GLA5 | Cassie Thoo |
| Year 1 | JLA3 | Karin Robinson |
| Year 1 | JLA2 | Chloe Ross |
| Year 1 | JLA1 | Cherie Pearse |
| Year 1 | JLA4 | Genevieve Gerretson |
| Year 2 | WLA4 | Tristan Baldwin |
| Year 2 | WLA3 | Danica Thornley |
| Year 2/3 | WLA2 | Elizabet Ellery |
| Year 3 | WLA1 | Bridget Wilson |
| Year 3 | KLA3 | Talysha Jessop |
| Year 4/5 | KLA2 | Annette Macri |
| Year 4/5 | KLA1 | Jason Preston |
| Year 6 | KLA4 | Greg Murray |
| Visual Arts | | Kate Allaway |
| Performing Arts | | Kate Allaway/Nicola Foley |
| Science | | Chris Lambe/Nicola Foley/Michelle Drage |
| KETAWA | | Christin Bramley |
| Physical Education/Health | | Christin Bramley/Shannon Farrelly |

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| <u>Education Assistants</u> Raelene Cornall Belinda Bartlett Helen Sheriffs Pippa Gale Jacqueline Nettleton Nicole Simkin Charlene Richardson Ally Hicks Tanja Lukatelich | <u>Admin and Support Staff</u> Principal – Stephen Bevan Deputy Principals – Trudy Jones, Michelle Drage MCS – Jackie Norman School Officer – Leanne Hatt, Kirsty Harris Library Officer – Susanna Melanko School Psychologist – Alison Moles Chaplain – Melissa Powell Community Nurse – Marie Hobson Head Cleaner – Lisa Curtis Cleaners – Flower, Moon, Bee |
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School Board

The School Board worked hard in 2020 to assist in implementing our Business Plan and in establishing school policy. The School Board members are shown below. We thank them for all their efforts in 2020. Both Michael and Elle's tenure end this year and there will be an election held to fill the positions.

| 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 |

If you are interested in a position on the School Board and want more information about it, please email me stephen.bevan@education.wa.edu.au or call the school. The School Board works to shape school policy and direction so it is critically important to our newly established school. Please consider nominating for a position in 2021.

The next School Board meeting will be held on 16 March commencing at 5.30pm in the Staff Room. All parents are welcome to attend.

Business Plan

A copy of the school Business Plan can be found on our school website. We encourage all parents to take time to read the plan. <http://grandisps.wa.edu.au/school-board/>

Behaviour Expectations

We are very excited that our Behaviour Expectations are now clearly displayed all around our school on newly installed signs. Students will be taught the importance of these behaviours throughout the year. The school also uses a number of awards to promote and encourage the demonstration of these behaviours. More information on this will go home via SchoolStream. This week students were also introduced to our new mascots. These characters were developed in consultation with students and staff. They are based on the sculptures that are installed around the school and have a colour which links to the behaviour they are promoting. Welcome to Kind Kurtis, Responsible Reggie, Responsible Roxie and Lizzy Learner



School Dress Code

The School Board has developed a Dress Code which is available on our school website. <http://grandisps.wa.edu.au/school-uniform/> This Dress Code is compulsory for all students so we ask that parents support the school by ensuring their child is dressed every day in the correct clothing. Lowes in Joondalup is our school uniform supplier. <https://www.lowes.com.au/>

P&C

The first P&C meeting for 2021 will be held on Tuesday 16 February commencing at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. Our P&C is a very important community group that works to support our school and operates our school canteen. To join the P&C it only costs \$1 per year (bargain). Please consider coming along and joining our parent team. Please join the P&C Facebook page which is used to share the latest information about the work of the P&C and the canteen.

SchoolStream App

Communication is important to any successful school. One tool that we use is the SchoolStream app. Newsletters, notices, events and information about the school will be posted regularly on the app so please make sure you have signed up for it. If you are not sure how to do this, please call the office on 92336500 and talk with Jackie or Leanne.

Feedback from last year indicated that very few people do not like regular information being sent home while a vast majority enjoy being kept informed through SchoolStream. From time to time you will receive a lot of messages while at other times there will be very few. We believe it is important to over-communicate so that everyone knows what is going on.

School Facebook Page

Our school has a very active Facebook page (872 followers at present). This page is another tool that we use to communicate information and events to the community. It is important when posting comments on the page that they are positive. Please remember that the page is not for carrying on 'side' conversations. Concerns, questions or constructive criticism should not be posted or discussed on the page. Comments will be regularly moderated and removed if necessary. If you have a concern, please see the 'Talking To Your School' information outlined below for what to do.

Gate Times

Things you need to know include:

- **Students should not arrive at school before gate opening times (8.20am).** Only students who are attending Camp Australia can enter the school site outside of regular gate opening times.
- **At the start of the day the two K/PP gates and the two gates on either side of the Admin building will be open from 8.20am and close again at 8.40am.** When the gates open students should go straight to their room and wait until the classroom door is opened. K/PP doors will be open at 8.20am and Year 1 – 6 doors at 8.25am. Please note that playground equipment is out of bounds for everyone during this time. Parents should make sure they have left the school grounds before the gates close. If you need to leave after gates close you will need to go to the door at the back of Admin.
- At the end of the day the same gates will open at 2.40pm and close again at 3.00pm. We ask that students and parents make their way outside of the gates within this time. Playground equipment is not to be used after school.
- K/PP students that arrive before the gates open in the morning must wait with their parents outside the gate. Year 1 – 6 students must wait outside the gate on the West side of the Admin block next to the Principal and Deputy Principal offices. Please remember, we prefer that students do not arrive earlier than the gate opening time as we cannot guarantee adequate supervision prior to this time.

The school cannot provide adequate supervision for students outside of gate opening and closing times. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure students are supervised properly outside of the stated times.

We thank you all for your support of these procedures.

Talking to Your School

If you have an enquiry or concern the best thing to do is talk with your child's teacher first. You can then make a time to meet Trudy Jones or Michelle Drage (Deputy Principals) and if necessary me. You may wish to use email for some enquiries although complex issues or matters that may take time to resolve will require face to face meetings. Teachers do not have time to respond to emails quickly as they are teaching. Urgent matters should be directed through the school office.

Custody Issues

Schools are bound by law in relations to custody issues. Court orders are essential in directing what we can and can't do. Please ensure that you provide us with up-to-date copies of court orders and make a time to meet with us if you have concerns.

Dogs

Dogs and other pets are **not permitted on school grounds**. Please do not bring them into the carpark or inside the gate (even on a leash).

Bikes and Scooters

We are only opening the bike enclosure on the east side of the school as we do not need to use both of them at present.

Students and parents are not permitted to ride through the school carpark as it is not safe. Bikes/scooters should be ridden on the path until you reach the school boundary. They should then be walked across the crossing point and placed in the bike enclosure. Students who may arrive early are not permitted to ride around on their bike, they must place it directly into the bike enclosure.

Students should ensure that they **lock their bike** within the school bike enclosure.

Bikes and scooters must not be ridden by students or parents within the school grounds.

Students under the age of 10 should not ride to school without an adult. All students who ride must wear a helmet (it is the law and it is safer).

Carpark Safety

It is essential that drivers using our carpark do so responsibly. This means slowing down, being patient, watching out for pedestrians and always stopping at the crosswalks. Pedestrians must also be responsible, watching out for cars and checking crosswalks are safe to cross. Parents are responsible for supervising their own children while in the school carpark.

Kiss and Drive

We ask that drivers use the Kiss and Drive in accordance with the signs that are up in the carpark.

1. Driver remain in your vehicle
2. Move forward when bays become clear
3. Students enter and leave cars from the school side
4. Leave as soon as students are in or out of the car
5. No double parking



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.

Playground and Sand Pits

The school playgrounds and sand pits are not available for use before or after school. Parents are asked not to let students or siblings use the equipment before or after school. Once the gates open students are expected to wait outside of their room until the teacher opens the door. They should then remain in the room with their teacher.

Camp Australia

Camp Australia operates a before and after school care service for students at Grandis Primary School. Information about this service has been sent home to parents. If you need before or after school care outside of school opening times you can contact Camp Australia on 1300 105 343 or via their website www.campaustralia.com.au. This service operates separately to the school and all queries or issues should be directed to Sam who is the site coordinator.

COVID-19 Update

Our thanks go to all the parents and community members who have been wearing a mask this week. Hopefully this requirement will be relaxed next week. After this the school will return to Phase 4 restrictions which will continue to impact how we run some events this term. Extra cleaning is continuing as are regular reminders to students regarding hand washing and personal hygiene. Parents are reminded not to enter buildings unless invited in for a meeting or specific activity.

Regards,

Mr Stephen Bevan, PRINCIPAL

"You can get excited about the future. The past won't mind."

Hillary DePiano

Deputy Principal's Message Mrs Jones & Mrs Drage

Attendance - Everyday Counts

It is important that your child attends every day of school unless they are unwell. Regular attendance at the beginning of the year is vital as this is when the teachers are establishing routines, and when children are developing new friendships. The start of the school year can cause anxiety with some children and this can lead to school refusal, should you be having difficulty getting your child to school, we are here to help. Please call the office and make an appointment to discuss some strategies. Days off do add up, look at the table below to see how just a few days off can add up over the years.

| If your child misses... | that equals... | or... | From Kindy to year 12 that adds up to... | Which is the equivalent of attending until: | Attendance rate |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|---|-----------------|
| 1 day per fortnight | 20 days per year | 1 month per year | nearly 1 ½ years | part-way through year 11 | 90% |
| 1 day per week | 40 days per year | 2 months per year | over 2 ½ years | part-way through year 10 | 80% |
| 2 days per week | 80 days per year | 4 months per year | over 5 years | the end of year 7 | 60% |
| 3 days per week | 120 days per year | 6 months per year | nearly 8 years | the end of year 4 | 40% |

We are here to help

If you have a concern regarding any aspect of your child's transition to school please make an appointment to meet with the class teacher. It is difficult in the mornings and straight after school to have these conversations informally when other parents and students are in the room, we respect each child's privacy and many of these conversations are best had in confidence.

Crunch&Sip

Grandis is a Crunch&Sip school.

Crunch&Sip is a primary school nutrition program, developed to increase the quantities of vegetables, fruits and water being consumed by Western Australian children. It is an easy way to help kids stay healthy and happy! Your child's teacher will inform you as to when and how Crunch&Sip occurs in their class. The following is a list of permitted vegetables and fruit and please note that only plain water is allowed in water bottles at school.

Regards,

Mrs Jones, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Aussie of the Month

We have registered our school for the Aussie of the Month program, which some of you may have been involved with at previous schools. For a quick overview of the program, check out this video!

<https://www.aussieofthemoth.org.au/>

We have agreed to implement the program at Grandis in conjunction with our Golden Rule - Treat others as you would like to be treated and our four behaviour expectations - Kind, Respectful, Responsible and Learners.

We would like to invite students, families, and staff to nominate students by completing a nomination form, which you can drop into the school office or email to michelle.drage@education.wa.edu.au.

Regards,

Mrs Drage, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Allowed

Vegetables

- All fresh vegetables are permitted (e.g. celery, carrot sticks, broccoli bits)
- Vegetables canned in water with no added salt (e.g. corn spears, baby carrots, butter beans)

Fruit

- All fresh fruit (e.g. whole fruits, chopped melon)
- Fruit canned in water, juice or with no added sugar (e.g. peach slices). Don't forget a spoon!
- Dried fruit like sultanas or apricots are allowed for Crunch&Sip but should be limited. This is because dried fruit tends to cling to teeth and is a concentrated source of sugar, increasing the risk of tooth decay.

Drinks

- A clean, clear water bottle filled with plain water.

Not Allowed

All other food and drinks are not permitted including:

- Any drinks other than plain water including fruit or vegetable juice, fruit juice drink, fruit cordial, mineral waters, carbonated water, water with added vitamins and minerals
- 'Fruit' products (e.g. fruit leather, fruit roll-ups, fruit bars or similar)
- Fruit jams, jellies, pies or cakes
- Fruit canned in syrup or jelly or with artificial sweeteners
- Dips, including those that are vegetable-based
- Marinated or processed vegetables (e.g. olives)
- Vegetable or potato crisps, hot potato chips
- Vegetable pastries (pies, pasties, sausage rolls)
- Vegetable cakes, fritters, quiches, breads or similar
- Popcorn

Other Important Messages

Camp Australia



Guiding children's growth

Newsletter

A warm welcome from Camp Australia

A very warm welcome to everyone, and a special welcome to families new to the school and to Camp Australia. For those who know us, Camp Australia may look a little different than you remember, but we are still here to provide a supportive **outside of school hours space** for children to play, connect, learn and grow through engaging experiences.



Your OSHC.

Introducing Your OSHC by Camp Australia, our tailored Before School, After School and Pupil Free Day experiences. At Your OSHC, we aim to inspire your child to grow into who they want to be. They can enjoy intentional experiences guided by our engaged educators, so all children can learn, grow and have fun.



Welcome

Welcome back families for 2021. I hope you had a great break.

Activities we're running over the next 2 weeks:

- Name Name Game Game
- Two Truths, One Lie
- Tricky Twister
- Ice Breaker



It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.

What's on this term

- Rocketeers Launch
- Virtual Parent Information Sessions
- Handball Championships
- Plus more to come!

Term 1, 2021 Events for Your Diary

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

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| Week 3 | Fri 12 th Feb | Newsletter |
| Week 5 | Mon 1 st March | LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – students DO NOT attend |
| Week 5 | Fri 5 th March | Newsletter |
| Week 5 | Fri 5 th March | Assembly Item by JLA1 Year 1 |
| Week 6 | Friday 19 th March | Assembly Item by WLA3 Year 2 |
| Week 9 | Fri 2 nd April | GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – students DO NOT attend |

We Are Grandis!