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"Together We Achieve"

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Principal's Message **Mr Stephen Bevan**

WEEK 1 TERM 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school for Term Two. We hope that you all got to enjoy a break over the Easter period and are ready for another exciting time of learning at our wonderful school.

P&C Activities and Meeting

Our P&C are a very active and engaged group of parents who work to support the school. This term they have planned a Mothers Day stall on May 4 and 6 as well as a Cookie Dough fundraiser on June 1. The next P&C Meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday May 4. We encourage as many parents as possible to come along and support the P&C.

Waste Audit

As part of the school's focus on Sustainability, a Waste Wise Schools officer conducted an audit of our school waste this week with Year 6 students. The results of this audit will provide us with data about how much waste we are generating. This will enable us to set goals for improvement. We will send home more information later in the term when we have received the audit data back.

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 and 5 will be completing the annual NAPLAN testing in Week 4 and 5 of this term. Due to COVID in 2020 this will be the first time any of our students will complete this testing. NAPLAN tests the skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. For more information please visit the NAPLAN website www.nap.edu.au

School Board Members

The School Board is an essential group of parents and staff who help shape the direction of our school. Last year's Parent Survey indicated that many of you do not know who the School Board members are. To help with this we now have some photos.



Michael Pattinson
School Board Chair
Parent Rep



Karin Robinson
Staff



Elle Heaysman
Parent Rep



Trudy Jones
Staff



Rachael Glynn
Parent Rep



Stephen Bevan
Staff



Krishna Ramani
Parent Rep

The School Board meets on Tuesday at 5.30pm in Week 7 of every term. Parents are always welcome to attend meetings as an observer.

ANZAC Day Assembly

Today we conducted an ANZAC Assembly to remember and honour those who served and died for our country in times of war. As part of the assembly our Year 1 – 5 classes identified a word that represented what ANZAC Day meant to them. Words they selected included heroes, mateship, resilient, bugle call, remember, determination, respect, selfless, courage, fallen, spirit and sacrifice. Our Year 6 class wrote acrostic poems using the word LEGENDS. Kate Williamson's acrostic was selected to be read at the assembly.

ANZAC LEGENDS

An Acrostic Poem for ANZAC Day 2021 by Kate Williamson

L Leaving with love and kindness. Getting ready for an adventure to Gallipoli. Waiting for war. Ready to unfold. Marching with pride as they get cheered on.

E Excitement in their eyes looking at the ocean. How beautiful it is to see. Clueless to what awaits. Getting along with those they meet. Looking and listening to what they can see.

G Getting ready to fight. Practising, learning, understanding what this is all really about. Feeling power with God. Strong and ready to fight all.

E Enraged with fire in their eyes. Ready to fight, ready to learn the danger of life. Feeling confident, but still ready to serve everyone.

N Not mindful of their own safety. Getting scared, worried and confused. Bullets pounding in a blink of an eye. Bodies covering the sand in a few seconds.

D Determined to help their mates. Blood over hands, bodies on the floor. Risking their lives for all.

S So we all need to change the way we think. To start believing in those who fought. Tall and small, young and old, weak and strong, they all fought.
"Lest We Forget"



School Uniform

The School Board has developed the school's Dress Code which outlines what clothing students are permitted to wear to school. As the cooler months arrive it is important that students wear an appropriate jumper or jacket to school. LOWES stock our official school jacket. Students are permitted to wear alternate jumpers and jackets so long as they are all navy blue and do not have hoods, pictures, images or logos printed on them. The larger department stores usually have more affordable navy blue jumpers and jackets available for sale. Please support our school by ensuring your child wears the correct clothing to school. If this is a problem for you, please come and talk with a member of the Admin team.

Carpark Safety

It is pleasing that most of the people driving and walking in the school carpark do so safely, showing patience, kindness, respect and responsibility. Please remember to always drive slowly, stop at cross walks and watch out for children.

Kiss and Drive

We still have a couple of people who persistently park and leave their vehicle in the Kiss and Drive area during drop off and pick up time. This slows traffic flow. If you cannot find a parking spot in a regular bay you are still not permitted to use the Kiss and Drive or a disabled parking bay or a marked staff bay. You will need to drive around and attempt to find a regular bay. When in the Kiss and Drive we ask that you move your vehicle forward when a bay in front of you becomes clear. This makes it easier for vehicles to enter the area from behind rather than having to parallel park.

New Staff

This term we welcome Kate Lindsay our new Library Officer to Grandis Primary School. Kate replaces Susanna Melanko who did a wonderful job as our Library Officer in Term One. We thank Susanna for all her work and welcome Kate to our team. We also welcome Nupit Ball (Bee) as a new cleaner to our hard working cleaning team.

Have a wonderful term everyone.

Regards,

Mr Stephen Bevan, PRINCIPAL

'By learning you will teach, by teaching you will learn.'

Latin Proverb

Deputy Principal's Message Mrs Jones & Mrs Drage

Playing our part to build a national picture of child health

In early 2021, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fifth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families.

Children don't miss any class time, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children.

Some teachers have also noticed that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole and that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to Year 1, and developing class programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website: www.aedc.gov.au.

If you have any questions, you can contact Trudy Jones, Deputy Principal on 9233 6500.



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 14 MAY 2021

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 14 May 2021! For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

Other Important Messages

CROSS COUNTRY

Grandis Primary School will be hosting our first Cross Country on Friday the 7th of May. This is being held during class time and therefore will not have any presentations. The students will be walked through their Year levels course on the day prior to this event.

Parents are welcome to come to the oval and watch their child run. We ask that parents watching please keep off the track that will be marked out by bunting and cones.

Time	Year Group
9.20 – 10.05	Year 2
10.05 – 10.50	Year 3
11.10 – 11.55	Year 4
11.55 – 12.40	Year 5
1.20-2.30	Year 6

The boys will start at their year groups starting time, and the girls will have a staggered start 10 minutes after the boys have taken off.

Please note that all times are subject to changes on the day.

Regards,

Miss Bramley, PE Specialist

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Lots of people and schools are now doing their bit to recycle, and here at Grandis PS we are a bit ahead of the game! From 2022 all schools that recycle will be changing their recycling from mixed cardboard and paper to streamlining it so that more things can be done with the products that are put into the bins. We have now introduced this new bin system where we separate and recycle paper, cardboard, and waste. Each classroom has a general waste bin and a small blue paper recycling box. Each block also has large cardboard recycling tub. Paper will be collected into two PAPER ONLY bins outside the library. Every little thing counts!



Grandis Primary School also recycle batteries, printer and toner cartridges. Did you know that you can bring your batteries and ink cartridges to school and we will recycle them for you?

On Wednesday, we participated in the Waste Wise Audit to see what goes into our bins and how we can reduce waste. Stay tuned for more information and photos about our findings.

****Coming Soon**** is a waste free lunch day. **Do something drastic, cut the plastic!** We will soon be encouraging students to pack a healthy lunch, free from plastics and wrappers. The day and more information will be available shortly.

Regards,

Sustainability Committee

Recycling – Making Grandis Great



P & C

The P&C are holding their first Mother's Day stall in Week 3. On Tuesday 4 May, we will be having Kindy Blue, Grevillea block and JLA1 and JLA2 going through the stall in 15 minute intervals. On Thursday 6 May Kindy Gold, JLA3 and JLA4, Wattle and Karri blocks will go through. Could you please send your children with cash if you would like them to purchase a gift. The gifts range in price from \$2.00 to \$8.00. We will also have a small amount of Grandma gifts available, but it's first in best dressed!

Mereny Cafe is still open on Wednesdays and Fridays. Jemma has added a few new items to our Term 2 menu. We have Chicken Nuggets available at recess, Beef Nachos, Veggie Nachos and a Warm Chicken Roll now available at lunch time.

Our next P&C meeting is on Tuesday the 4th of May at 7:30pm in the staff room. New members are welcome and we'd love to have you join us.

Term 2, 2021 Events for Your Diary

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

Week 2	Mon 26 April	ANZAC DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY - STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY
Week 2	Thurs 29 April	Assembly WLA4 Year 2
Week 3	Fri 30 April	Student Leaders Conference
Week 3	Tuesday 04 May	Mother's Day Stall
Week 3	Tuesday 04 May	7:30pm P&C Meeting in the Staffroom.
Week 3	Thurs 06 May	Mother's Day Stall
Week 3	Fri 07 May	Yr 2 – 6 Cross Country
Week 4	11 – 21 May	NAPLAN

We Are Grandis!