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**Principal's Message     Mr Stephen Bevan**

## **WEEK 10 TERM 2**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Phase 5 COVID Restrictions:** Last week the State Government announced that we have moved into Phase 5 COVID restrictions. The advice they have provided that we will continue to follow includes:

- Students who are unwell must stay home.
- Good hygiene principles and practices will continue to be promoted, including:
  - Adults maintain 1.5 social distancing from other adults, where possible
  - Avoid unnecessary physical contact e.g. handshakes and hugs
  - Regular washing of hands with soap and water
  - Regular use of alcohol based sanitiser
  - Covering mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, using a flexed elbow or tissue
  - Disposing of tissues appropriately
- High touch surfaces will be cleaned as part of regular cleaning procedures.
- Playground equipment will be cleaned once per week.

**Carpark:** I want to thank the 95% of parents who always use the carpark correctly, modelling what it means to be kind, respectful and considerate even when they can't find a carpark or have to wait. We have sent out a number of messages to parents about the carpark through Schoolstream this semester. Our school has been built with ample car parking bays for a school of its size. However, this does not mean that everyone will find a carpark every time they need one. This means that you must be patient, especially at busy times such as the end of the school day. There is no excuse for anyone parking in areas that have been identified as non-parking spaces. This includes in front of the school bin enclosure as well as the turning bay in the south-east corner of the school. The kiss and drive is also not for parking but for drop off and pick up only. If you cannot find a bay you must leave the carpark and re-enter. If you want to avoid having to deal with traffic congestion, be proactive and try the following:

- Walk to school
- Park in a side street and walk to pick up your child
- Leave home a few minutes later than normal in order to allow congestion to clear. Tell your child to wait inside the school gate until you arrive.
- If you have to pick your child up quickly for an appointment arrive early to ensure you can get a carpark

Everyone wants to pick up their child as quickly and safely as possible and then get home. If we all work together and are patient this will happen every day for everyone.

**Uniform Wearing Competition:** It has been wonderful to see how many students continue to support our school Dress Code by wearing the correct uniform every day. Wearing school uniform is important as it links all our students together as members of the Grandis Primary School community. Next week we will tally up the points that each child has earned for wearing the correct uniform and announce the winners of our competition for 2021. The winners will be announced through Schoolstream and Facebook.

**Class Restructure:** This term Mrs. Jones has worked with staff, parents and students to restructure a couple of our early childhood classes. The result is that Ms Thoo's class is now a Pre-primary class rather than a Pre-primary/Year One class. We thank the parents of children involved in this change for their support.

**Enrolments for 2022:** In order for us to more accurately plan for increased student numbers in 2022 we really need to receive enrolments as early as possible. If you know of parents that are moving into the area, please encourage them to make contact with the school and start the enrolment process now.

**Happy Holidays:** This has been a long term and I know that our staff and students are looking forward to a well-earned break. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period. Parents are asked to keep an eye on our school over the break and report any suspicious behaviour to Education Security on 92644632 or the Police on 131444. Happy holidays everyone!!

**Staffing Update:** At the end of this term we will say goodbye to Mrs. Ally Hicks who has been working at our school as an Educational Assistant. Ally has completed her training to be a teacher so we hope to see her back in Semester Two as a relief teacher. We thank Ally for all her work and wish her all the best for her new career. We welcome Candice Heintz who will be replacing Ally as part of our dedicated Education Assistants.

Regards,

Mr Stephen Bevan, PRINCIPAL

### **Keyed Up Music:**

Keyed Up Music will be teaching keyboard and guitar group lessons in Term 3 on Thursday after school. Lessons start at \$18.65 for a group of 4 per lesson. If you are interested in your son/daughter learning an instrument, ring Savanna on 6107 8841 or 0479 171 424 or enrol at [www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form](http://www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form)



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Quote for the Holidays....

"A vacation is having nothing to do and all day to do it in."—Robert Orben.

## Deputy Principal's Message      Mrs Jones & Mrs Drage

**Food for Thought:** One of our parents has been sharing some interesting reading, for families who have someone on the Autism Spectrum. These are quick, easy reads and might be of interest to you or someone you know. Click on this link: [Tips to Maintain Routine During Summer Break \(brightautism.org\)](https://www.brightautism.org/2019/07/05/tips-to-maintain-routine-during-summer-break/)

**Reporting to Parents:** Semester One school reports were sent out to parent's yesterday afternoon. Reports for students in Years 2-6 received theirs via Connect and students in Kindy - Year 1 was via email. Please remember the link on the email to view the report is only live for four weeks, therefore I encourage parents to download and save your report for future reference.

**Attendance:** Next week you will receive a hard copy letter, which outlines any days your child/ren have been absent from school without a reason. Please complete the form and return it to your class teacher as soon as possible.

### **Lightning Carnival 2021:**

WOW! What an amazing first Lightning Carnival for Grandis PS at Kingsway Reserve. Our students competed in soccer, netball, rugby and lawn bowls versing eight different schools with multiple teams. Our netball and soccer teams did a fantastic job, with multiple wins against strong sides. Our bowls boys also had an incredible day coming in second and third place; but our highlight of the day was our Rugby team coming in first place!! We will receive a trophy for Rugby with our school name engraved on it to be placed in our trophy cabinet in the office. Our students modelled the school behaviour expectations exceptionally well and had a wonderful day. Well done everyone.

**NETBALL**



**SOCCER**



**RUGBY**



**LAWN BOWLS**

## Message from our Chaplain - Melissa

### Screen time; part of a balanced lifestyle

After speaking to a few children, I heard a bit of a common story where children are finding it hard to sleep because of their devices. I stumbled across this article on the Raising Children website which I felt is a great read. What resonated with me the most was the mention of not allowing screen time before bed and to not keep screens in your child's room at night. The importance of balancing screen time is so beneficial to your child but it can be easier said than done! Here are a few tips!

#### Aim for shorter screen time

Encourage your child to take a break at least every 30 minutes and use screens in short bursts. You can do this by encouraging your child to: use a timer to set breaks and do something active when the timer ends.

#### Get your child moving, especially outside

It's a good idea to encourage your child to play outside several times a day. Active play and physical activity for school-age children can happen indoors as well as outdoors. It can be simple things like dancing, doing star jumps, or throwing and catching balls.

#### Imagine and create

Creative play like telling stories, playing word games, dressing up or drawing is good for your child's creative development. It helps your child learn how to experiment, think, learn and solve problems.

#### Reading and storytelling

Reading and storytelling with your child promotes brain development and imagination, teaches your child about language and emotions, and strengthens your relationship.

#### Encourage friendships with others

When children play face to face with others rather than by themselves on a screen, they develop **important life skills**. These include getting along with other people, being independent and learning how to sort out conflicts and problems. Arrange play dates and sleepovers.

#### Avoid screen time before bed

School-age children need **9-11 hours' sleep a night**. Using screens before bed can affect how quickly your child falls asleep.

#### Keep screens out of bed rooms at night

By keeping mobile phones and other devices out of your child's bedroom at night, your child won't be able to stay up late playing games or messaging friends. This also stops your child being disturbed in the night by messages or notifications.

## Other Important Messages – P&C

### Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Ordering for our cookie dough fundraiser ends next Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, with orders due to arrive after the school holidays. It is run completely online and no cash can be accepted for this fundraiser. The same online format that we used for the colour run is being used. Your children will be able to pick prizes based on how many tubs of cookie dough they sell, so make sure they ask all their family and friends! A pamphlet was sent home with all of the instructions. The money we raise will be going towards providing the students with garden beds for their sustainability project.

## Term 2 & 3, 2021 Events for Your Diary

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

29.06.21	Week 11	Yr 2-6 Interschool Cross Country @ Spring Hill PS
30.06.21	Week 11	NAIDOC Day Activities
01.07.21	Week 11	Perth Zoo excursion – Grevillea Classes
02.07.21	Week 11	Assembly WLA1 Year 3 @ 8:50am in "The Grove"
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19.07.21	Week 1	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
20.07.21	Week 1	Students first day of Term 3
23.07.21	Week 1	Mini Assembly @8:50am in "The Grove"
23.07.21	Week 1	Kindy 2022 Applications close
23.07.21	Week 1	Newsletter Issue 7

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