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## Principal's Message     Mr Stephen Bevan

### WEEK 3 TERM 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### COVID Update

In Week 1 of term, the state government announced further easing of public health and social measures. This was welcome news for everyone.

For schools, these changes included:

- masks no longer mandatory at school except for in specific settings and circumstances. Masks are encouraged for staff and students (Year 7 and above) where physical distancing is not possible.
- density and capacity limits no longer apply to school activities
- asymptomatic close contacts no longer required to isolate
- an additional supply of RATs for all students and staff.

Asymptomatic household close contacts no longer have to isolate for 7 days. They are required to:

- do a daily Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and receive a negative result each day to attend school
- wear a mask at school (for students in Year 7 and above) and when travelling on public transport or ride-share.

Most school activities have resumed, and we will continue to follow COVID-19 safe measures:

- all staff and regular workers (including regular volunteers) at school are double dose vaccinated (third dose vaccinated within one month of being eligible)
- adequate ventilation in each classroom, in line with health advice
- enhanced cleaning remains in place.

We will not be conducting classroom assemblies for the remainder of the year due to the interruption that COVID has caused to the timetable. We will look to conduct an end of year assembly similar to last year, where classes will combine to present an item.

We will let you know when you can collect the free RATs the state government is providing for all students. In the meantime, if your child becomes symptomatic or a household close contact, please contact us if you need RAT tests as we have some available.

If your child becomes symptomatic they should stay home and be tested for COVID-19. Refer to [healthy.wa.gov.au](https://www.health.wa.gov.au) for information on close contact definition, testing and isolation requirements. You should notify the school if your child tests positive for COVID-19. Please do not send children to school who are unwell.

Thank you for your continued efforts in keeping our school COVID-19 safe.

### **Car Park Safety**

Generally most parents are doing a great job at driving safely through our carpark. Well done!! We ask that you remember to drive slowly and watch out for pedestrians especially at the crosswalks and driveways. There are still a couple of inconsiderate people who choose to drive the wrong way in the carpark and enter/exit through the wrong driveways. The after school pick up time is always going to be congested and slow. There is nothing much that can be done about this. If we all obey the rules, show some patience and consideration, all of us will get home safely. If you are in a hurry you can possibly help yourself by arriving early to get one of the few carparks on the road. Otherwise, we recommend that you put some good music on the car radio, sit back and patiently wait for your child. Losing your patience, getting angry or upset and driving unsafely could possibly end very poorly for you and/or someone else. We thank everyone who is doing the right thing.

### **Cross-Country**

Our second school cross country event was held last week. This was a wonderful event with students from Year 2 to 6 running various distances. We were very pleased with the level of participation and effort that students put in to compete the course. Many thanks go to Miss Bramley for organising the event. Our strongest performing students have been selected to attend the interschool event which will be held later in the term.

### **NAPLAN**

This week students in Years 3 and 5 have been completing the NAPLAN assessments. NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken every year in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN provides the school with data that it uses to assess how students are progressing over time. Staff and the School Board also use the data to assess our teaching and learning programs and plan for improvement in the future. The results will be reported to parents later in the year.

[NAP - About](#)

### **Contributions and Charges competition**

We will be conducting our annual competition again in 2022. Every parent who pays the requested annual fee will go into the running to win a Nest Audio valued at \$149.

### **Uniform Wearing Competition**

In Week Five we will commence our Annual Uniform Wearing competition. This gives everyone a week to ensure they obtain all the correct uniform items which includes navy jumpers and bucket hats.

Our official uniform can be purchased from Lowes at Joondalup Shopping Centre. The school Dress Code also allows for other, possibly cheaper items to be worn that can be obtained from department stores e.g. navy blue jumpers. We encourage parents to look at the Dress Code and ensure their children are wearing the correct items at all times. Students who do this will be eligible to win an individual prize as well as a class prize at the end of the term.

We are proud of our school uniform and are pleased with the fact that most of our students wear it regularly. This competition is a way of reinforcing the Dress Code and rewarding students who do the right thing.



## Uniform Dress Code 2022

Prizes include radio-controlled quadcopters, walkie-talkies and prize box picks. The class prize will include extra playtime.

Parents who are having trouble providing their child with all the correct uniform items should contact the school to discuss.



## Sustainability Initiatives



At Grandis we are working to reduce our carbon footprint and care for our environment because this is kind and responsible. There are a number of recycling initiatives that parents and carers can also participate in. This includes battery, printer cartridge and stationery recycling. If you have any of these things at home please bring them to school and drop them in the recycling bins which are kept in the Admin area.

## First Aid Training

Miss Bramley has arranged for St John WA to provide free first aid training to students from Years PP – 6. The First Aid Focus program aims to train and equip students from all year groups with the skills to assess and respond to first aid situations, while developing strategies to seek help for themselves or others. The program is delivered by experienced Community Education Officers who demonstrate the correct first aid approach and allow students the opportunity to practice these life-saving skills. The first aid clinics will be conducted in Week 5 and 6 during PE lessons.

## First Aid Focus Program ([stjohnwa.com.au](http://stjohnwa.com.au))

## Premiers Reading Challenge

Last week, Premier Mark McGowan launched the Premier's Reading Challenge. This program encourages students to discover the joy of reading. The Minister has also announced an additional \$2.5 million to support the teaching of phonics from an early age. This includes the assessment of phonics from 2023 of students in Year 1.

## Media Statements - WA kids turn the page for Premier's Reading Challenge

Have a wonderful term everyone.

Regards,

**Mr Stephen Bevan, PRINCIPAL**

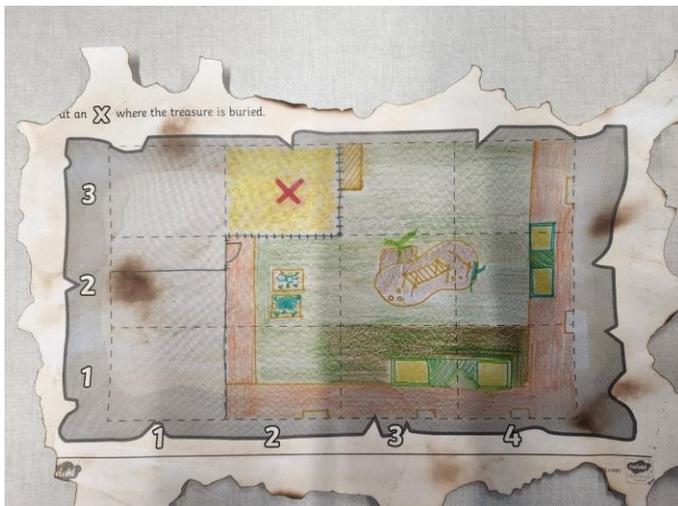
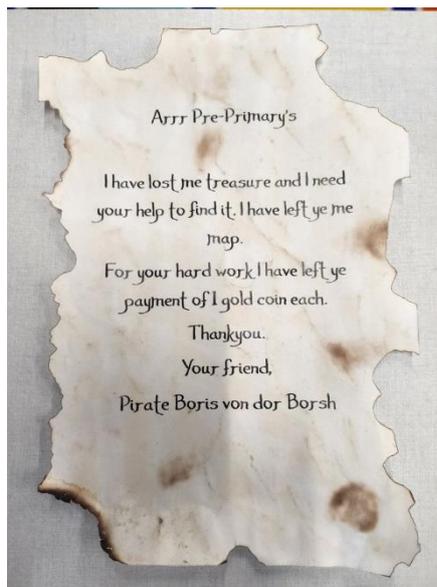
*“Collaboration allows us to know more than we are capable of knowing ourselves”*

*Paul Solarz*

### Grevillea Talk for Writing

This week the Grevillea block started their unit on Tough Boris and the hook was the students looking for treasure hidden in the school by Tough Boris.

They had a fantastic time and were so excited to find treasure in the Loose Parts sandpit.



## Other Important Messages

### Cross Country 2022

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of May we hosted our Faction Cross Country event. All Year 2 to 6 students who competed the run did such an incredible job, with every student crossing the finish line. We are so excited to have 63 students in our Interschool Cross Country team who will be training for the rest of the term for the Interschool event in Week 8. A big thank you goes to all the parent volunteers for giving up their time to supervise the students on the track and to the staff that assisted Miss Bramley on the day.



### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hi Grandis community,

I hope that you had a wonderful break and you and your family are now well on your way to getting back into the school routine.

It has been so wonderful to meet many of your children either through supporting them individually or seeing them out in the playground at recess and lunch times and have been made to feel incredibly welcome with many stopping to say hi or to have a chat!

If you are new to the school, welcome! My role as a School Chaplain is to provide social, emotional, mental and wellbeing support to your children which comes from being available to listen, providing pastoral care (encouragement and support) and equipping students with strategies and tools.

I am at Grandis on Tuesdays and Thursday, with students being able to access chaplain support by filling out a self-referral form and placing it in the box in the office. Parents can make a request for their children to see me by contacting and discussing the issue with their child's classroom teacher who will determine the best course of action (which may include referring the child to the G-CARE Leadership team which I am a part of).

Emma Swan, Chaplain

### PBS Team News

#### *Lizzie the Learner here!*

I am here to report on how our students at Grandis are being fantastic **learners** around the school.

Last week, it was awesome to see our Year 2-6 students running in our school cross country. There were lots of students who may not have liked running too much, but they gave it their absolute best and did not give up! That is what being a learner is all about!

This week and next week, we have our Year 3 & 5 students completing the NAPLAN test. These students are also being good learners by giving it their best go!

This term, I am looking out for students who are being great learners, by setting goals and working hard to achieve them.

Keep it up, Grandis!



## **P&C News**

Welcome back to Term 2!

We hope you have all settled back in.

We would like to thank everyone for their wonderful donations and support for our Easter Raffle. We had lots of amazing prizes, some very happy winners and raised an amazing \$1496.00

Thank you also to our wonderful volunteers who helped out on our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. It was a little quieter than our last one but we still raised an impressive \$984.00

We currently have our Mother's Day stall running with the last classes going through today. We hope all the Mum's and Grandma's enjoy their presents and have a wonderful day.

With the easing of restrictions we can now go ahead with all of our events that we had planned for this year. The other event we had planned for this term was the Disco. We are looking forward to planning a fun afternoon for our students so keep a look out for more information once we have a date set.

We have been posting about some of the items the P&C has funded on our Facebook page and hope you have liked seeing what your donations have been going towards.

Don't forget that the Canteen is open for 4 days this year - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. One of your requests was to have an app to order from the canteen and we have swapped over to School24 and you can now order via their app. You also have less charges and only get charged a fee when you top up. You no longer get charged per order as well. If you need more help or information on School24 the instructions are on our Facebook page, SchoolStream or you can email [grandispc1@gmail.com](mailto:grandispc1@gmail.com) for additional help.

## **KEYED UP MUSIC LESSONS**

Keyed Up Music will be teaching keyboard and guitar lessons in Term 2 after school. Lessons start from \$19.80 for a small group. If you are interested in your son / daughter learning an instrument, ring Savanna on 1300 366 243 or enrol at <https://www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form>

## **Term 2, 2022 Events for Your Diary**

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

10.05.22 – 20.05.22	Week 3	NAPLAN
10.05.22	Week 3	7:00pm P &C Meeting
16.05.22	Week 4	Aboriginal Ear Health Checks
20.05.22	Week 4	P&C Day
31.05.22	Week 6	GRIP conference
03.06.22	Week 6	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
06.06.22	Week 7	W.A. DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
07.06.22	Week 7	5:30pm School Board Meeting
07.06.22	Week 7	7:00pm P&C Meeting
10.06.22	Week 7	Newsletter

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