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*"Together We Achieve"*

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**Principal's Message**      **Mr Stephen Bevan**

## **WEEK 7 TERM 2**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Highlights of Term Two**

Our staff continue to provide the very best for all of our students. There have been a number of highlights this term worth recognition, including:

- Year 3 and 5 students sitting NAPLAN tests
- Faction Cross-Country for students in PP - 6
- St John's First Aid training for students in PP – 6
- P&C Day
- GRIP Student Leader's Conference
- Tennis clinics

Additional activities still to take place this term include:

- WEN Student Leader's Day Camp
- Interschool Cross-Country
- Interschool Lightning Carnival
- P&C Disco
- Announcement of Uniform Wearing Competition winners

### **COVID Update**

A supply of RAT tests were provided by the Department of Education and distributed on May 18. There are a large number of tests that have not been picked up by parents. These tests can still be collected at the school front office.

The WA government announced that from 10 June 2022, the mandatory vaccination policy would be updated in line with health advice. This means that staff in schools and residential facilities will no longer need to be vaccinated.

The triple dose vaccination requirements only remain in place for those working in healthcare and health support, workers in residential aged care, and workers in residential disability settings.

The change also means that parents and carers who regularly visit, volunteers, third party providers and contractors **are not required** to be vaccinated to enter a school or residential facility.

It is also important to remember that the removal of the vaccine mandate does not mean the pandemic is over. We continue to follow health advice and COVID-19 safe protocols, such as staying home when sick, wearing a mask as required, taking a daily RAT when identified as a close contact, and having good hand hygiene. I encourage you to visit the [HealthyWA](#) website for further information about COVID-19.

The school is no longer required to contact trace or report COVID cases at the school. This term we chose to continue notifying parents of COVID cases via SchoolStream. We will stop doing this at the end of this term.

To help prevent the spread of COVID please remind your children of the following things:

- Consider wearing a mask
- Clean your hands often. Use soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cover your nose and mouth with your bent elbow or a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Stay home if you feel unwell.
- Household close contacts can continue to come to school as long as they complete negative RAT tests during the seven days of the infected person's isolation period.

## Homework Policy

Our staff have created a Homework policy, which was endorsed by the School Board at last night's meeting. A copy of the policy was sent home to parents through SchoolStream.

## Carpark Use

Most parents continue to use our carpark safely during school drop off and pick up time. To help with traffic flow we ask that parents waiting to enter the Kiss and Drive place their car on the left side of the driveway so that vehicles can go past them. We also ask that parents be considerate and let parked cars exit through the line.

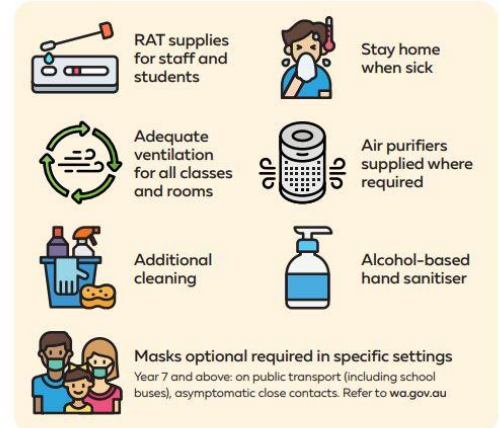
If you need to leave quickly or find it hard to be patient, you can help yourself by trying the following:

- Arrive early and park in one of the few spots on the road
- If using the carpark, try parking closer to the office and reverse into the space
- Park in a side street and walk to collect your child

All parents have the same goal, which is to drop off and pick up their children as quickly and safely as possible. This will mean that you will need to be kind, respectful and responsible, ensuring you obey the rules and patiently wait to enter and exit the space. Parents of students in the carpark need to ensure they do not walk out in front of traffic and enter/exit parked vehicles safely. We look forward to everyone's ongoing support.

## COVID-19 safe measures

The Department of Education is following current public health advice to manage COVID-19 in our schools, residential facilities and communities. We are committed to delivering quality teaching to children in Western Australia.



If you require further information or assistance, please speak to your principal, manager or a staff member. You can also contact your regional office. For COVID-19 queries, please contact [coronavirussupport@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:coronavirussupport@education.wa.edu.au) or call 1800 882 345.  
[education.wa.edu.au](http://education.wa.edu.au)

In line with public health measures as at 10 June 2022.

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## Uniform Wearing Competition

Students have been earning themselves and their class 'ticks' every time they wear the correct uniform. Students and classes that earn the most ticks will be eligible to win a prize at the end of the term. Prizes include drones and walkie talkies.



## Contributions and Charges Competition

Next term we will be conducting our annual competition. Every parent who pays the annual fee by the end of the term will go in the running to win a Google Nest Audio valued at \$149.

Regards,

**Mr Stephen Bevan, PRINCIPAL**



***“Study without reflection is a waste of time; reflection without study is dangerous”***

***Chinese Proverb***

## **Other Important Messages**

### CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Hi Grandis Community,

I hope you are all surviving the term and are looking forward to the upcoming school holidays as I know I am! I thought I would take the time to share some ideas of things to do over the school holidays – in case you get stuck.

#### **TO WATCH:**

#### **Lightyear** OR **Minions: The Rise of Gru**

Go behind the scenes and learn more about Buzz Lightyear or Gru from the Minions and Despicable Me franchise. Lightyear takes us out into space as we go on adventures with Lightyear to infinity and beyond. Where as Minions: The Rise of Gru takes us back to where the notions of becoming a supervillain began with Gru as a “normal” 12-year-old.

## **TO GO:**

### **WA Museum Boola Bardip**

If your child/ren are Dinosaur obsessed, the new exhibit Dinosaurs of Patagonia opens at the beginning of July. Featuring 15 dinosaurs, fossils and more. Drop in daily to do activities or weather permitting, children can participate in their own dino dig on Saturdays 11.30am to 1pm (this runs until 22 October).

## **TO READ:**

### **Miss Understood by Kathryn Apel & Beau Wylie**

A retelling of the well-known story of The Three Little Pigs. Presents the case for the wolf in that what the pigs experienced and what we have since been told may have been a misunderstanding. Did they judge her based on their first impressions?

*Emma Swan, Chaplain*

## **Sustainability News**

At Grandis PS we have an established Recycling Program that we extend to our school community. We would like to remind you that you can send in batteries, plastic bread tags, coffee pods and ink cartridges to the front office. Stationery items such as markers, mechanical pens, highlighters, liquid paper and ink pens will go to the Officeworks drop off point, once collected at the front office.



## **P&C News**

With COVID restrictions being eased, it has meant that we are able to run our planned fundraiser events for the remainder of this year.

### **Disco**

Our school Disco will be held on the 24th of June in the Undercover area with Boptillyou drop as the DJ. The final day for payments and form drop off is Monday 13 June 2022. Please make sure you send your form in as we are doing attendance sign in sheets with emergency contacts ready for the night to save time at drop off.

We will have a range of glow sticks available on the night at the gate (Camp Australia gate to the west of Admin) and will have EFTPOS available for payment of the glow sticks. We also have a Volunteer who is Cert II Emergency First Responder trained and will be present for the whole Disco. If your child has any medical requirements that we need to be aware of please email Amanda at [grandispc1@gmail.com](mailto:grandispc1@gmail.com). As this is a P&C event and not a school run event, any medications held by the school for medical conditions will not be able to be used on the Disco night. Parents will either need to stay on site or pass all information on to our First Aid trained Supervisor. We are looking forward to seeing everyone's dance moves!

### **Upcoming P&C Events**

Next term we will have the Father's Day stall and we will be doing a bake sale and BBQ at the Faction Carnival. We will post more information closer to the dates of these events.

## Recycling

We will also be starting to collect Containers for Change. We will have a bin near the Canteen and one in the Kindy/PP to start collecting all of the recyclable containers from the canteen later this term. The Year 6 students will be running a drop off morning in Term 3. All proceeds in Term 3 will go towards the Year 6 camp. We will be posting more information about the drop off day closer to the end of the term.

## Mereny Cafe

The P&C has also approved spending for a pie warmer for the Canteen to keep all of the hot food nice and warm. We will let you know when it has been purchased. Don't forget, ordering is now done through the School24 app and the Canteen is available on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you have any time to spare on these days, Jemma would love a hand to help prep and serve. Please email [grandispc1@gmail.com](mailto:grandispc1@gmail.com) if you are able to help, even if it's for an hour or two.

## Term 2 & 3, Events for Your Diary

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

13.06.22	Week 8	Student Leaders Day Camp excursion to Ern Halliday
14.06.22	Week 8	Interschool Cross Country – Spring Hill PS
24.06.22	Week 9	P&C School Disco (K-Yr2 4pm-5:30pm) (Yr 3-6 @ 6pm-7:30pm)
28.06.22	Week 10	Lightning Carnival – Kingsway Regional Sporting Complex
29.06.22	Week 10	Reports home
01.07.22	Week 10	Last day of Term 2
18.07.22	Term 3 Week 1	<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND</b>
19.07.22	Term 3 Week 1	First day back of Term 3
22.07.22	Week 1	Kindy 2023 Applications CLOSE

*We Are Grandis!*