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*"Together We Achieve"*

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## Principal's Message      Mr Stephen Bevan

### WEEK 3 TERM 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 4 has started smoothly, and it is hard to believe that there are only seven weeks left in the school year!! While Christmas decorations are already appearing in the shops, we are continuing to work hard so that the school year finishes as well as it started. Today is World Teachers' Day so I want to send out a huge thanks to all our teaching staff who go 'above and beyond' to provide the best teaching and learning opportunities for your children.

#### Traffic Congestion

We continue to receive a number of comments and concerns about the build up and flow of traffic during pick up times at the end of each school day. A lot of people have a lot of opinions about this. We are always open to constructive criticism and practical ways that may help reduce congestion and move traffic through safely and quickly. Traffic congestion around schools is common across the state, country and world. It is not going to be fully resolved and there is no magic answer. Safety is always going to be our priority.

#### What have we done?

- In 2019 we worked with the builder of the school to design and install a kiss and drive area within the carpark. This was not part of the original carpark design, but we thought that it would help with the safer drop off and pick up of students from the front of the school. We could not get this constructed on the road as it was not permitted.
- After a period of trialling the kiss and drive we made modifications to the entry and exit points and traffic direction within the carpark. A plan for this was sent out to parents.
- We also had bollards as well as additional signage installed, and line marking completed.
- Regular reminders about the need for patience and care are sent by the school via SchoolStream every term.
- The school has joined the Your Move program which will help promote events and activities that may further reduce traffic congestion
- Admin staff provide supervision of students in front of the kiss and drive each day. They are not there to direct traffic.

#### What can you do?

1. If you are in a hurry, come early to secure a parking spot as close to the exit as you can.
2. Reverse your car into the parking spot so that you can exit easier
3. Accept that you will have to wait. You need to be patient. Put some of your favourite music on the radio and sing along.
4. Park in a side street and walk to school.

5. Come a few minutes later when traffic has started to clear.
6. Never park in disabled bays unless you have the appropriate permission.
7. Let people into empty car bays when you can.
8. Let people out of bays who want to exit.
9. Always be kind and considerate even if someone irritates you.
10. Drive carefully and watch out for pedestrians who have right of way.

I have been out and observed the average time it takes for the carpark to clear. Generally, this happens within 15 minutes of the final bell. If people are patient, kind and considerate everyone will get home in a safe and timely manner. Please support us by doing the right thing every day.

### **Student Reports**

Student reports are currently being written by classroom teachers and will be sent home on Wednesday 14 December.

### **Swimming Lessons**

It was wonderful to visit the pool and see most of our students actively engaged in learning how to swim. These lessons went very smoothly due to the excellent planning and organisation of Mrs Pearse. We received many positive comments from members of the public and staff at the pool regarding the behaviour of our students.

### **Cross Walk:**

The cross walk on Grandis Boulevard has been partially completed. Bollards and signage still need to be installed. WA Police are in the process of advertising and selecting a suitable person to employ as the crossing warden. Interested parents/community members can obtain an application form by phoning the Children's Crossing Unit on 6274 8734.

### **Painting**

The eating area in front of Karri Block has been painted. Other areas will be done over the Christmas break. Lines and other graphics have been painted on areas of concrete outside Banksia Block. This has been very popular with students in the Early Childhood area.

### **Sustainability Garden Beds**

Beds have been installed but need to be levelled properly before soil goes in. It is hoped this will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

### **Transportables**

The school will be receiving two new transportable buildings which will help cater for student enrolment growth. These building will be installed over December and throughout the school holidays. They will be placed between Karri and Tuart Blocks.

### **Walking on School Grounds**

Each term staff collect information about specific student behaviours that need to be addressed through teaching and learning activities. One focus for this term will be 'walking on the pavement.' All staff will be looking out for this behaviour and acknowledging or redirecting students when they see this behaviour around the school. We ask that parents support us by reminding their children to walk and not run, ride or scoot on school grounds. We also ask that parents model appropriate behaviour by not riding or scooting on school grounds (this includes in the carpark).

Regards,

**Mr Stephen Bevan, PRINCIPAL**

***"If someone is going down the wrong road, he doesn't need motivation to speed him up. What he needs is education to turn him around."***

**Jim Rohn**

## Other Important Messages

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello Grandis Community!

I cannot believe we are in Term 4 already – this year has flown by! I hope you had a wonderful school break and are well and truly settled back into the school routine. With so much happening at school as we come to the end of the year, I wanted to reiterate the importance of checking in with your child/ren and to help them to name what they are feeling and why. One of the best ways to do this is to use open-ended, yet specific questions (so that you are not just getting those “I’m fine” responses). These include questions such as “What did you learn today?”, “What was the hardest part of your day?” or “What are you most looking forward to tomorrow?” If they have had an issue or a rough day, talking them through it and helping to empower them to come up with possible solutions. Conversation and encouragement are such powerful tools that we all have at our disposal.

### YOU'RE INVITED!

YouthCARE is hosting their first ever Family Christmas Festival as an opportunity to connect and celebrate the festivities of Christmas, by bringing a day of fun including rides, activities, carols, petting zoo and more. The event will be held at the Claremont Showgrounds on the 17<sup>th</sup> December (perfect way to celebrate the end of the school year as a family) from 3pm to 9pm with fireworks to conclude the evening. Tickets are \$20.00 each (with those under 2 years free), however until midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> October, tickets are half-price! For more information or to purchase tickets, head to: <https://www.youthcare.org.au/together-22/>

**YouthCARE Together 22**  
Family Christmas Festival  
Saturday 17th December | 3pm - 9pm  
Claremont Showgrounds

Join us for a festival full of activities for the whole family, where connecting the local community through our kids is half the fun.

Your tickets include all attractions, rides, exhibits, face painting, popcorn, health and wellbeing stalls, a petting zoo...

Carols | Live Music | Fun Rides | Food Vans | Coffee Bar  
Fun Games | Fireworks | Christmas Market | Bouncy Castle  
Dedicated Children's Play Area | Special Guest appearances

That's a lot to celebrate,  
let's celebrate Together.

YouthCARE  
For more information and to buy tickets visit  
[youthcare.org.au/upcoming-events](https://youthcare.org.au/upcoming-events) or scan the QR code



## P&C NEWS

We've only got a week and a half left to raise funds for our Colour run. So far we've raised \$8756 which will go towards stage 2 of the Kindy and Pre-primary nature playground. We've set our goal for \$18,000 and there is a tally sheet on the door at reception so you can see how we are going. Don't forget that actual Colour Run event will be taking place on the 9th of December for PP to Year 6 and the Kindy Colour runs take place on the 6th and 8th of December. So make sure you book the day off so you can come and join in the fun!

Our last meeting of the year is to decide on next year's fundraising. We have a form that will be sent out on Schoolstream and our Facebook page if you would like to put any ideas forward.

Jemma is always on the lookout for volunteers to help with prep and orders in the canteen. It doesn't have to be all day, any time you can spare helps!

If you can help, please email Jemma at [grandispc1@gmail.com](mailto:grandispc1@gmail.com)

## PARENT RESOURCES

### Attend a webinar for parents at no charge

Our school has a membership with Parenting Ideas, one of Australia's most trusted sources of parenting education and support. As part of this membership, all the parents in this school community can attend some fantastic webinars in 2022 at no cost. We're pleased to let you know about an upcoming webinar.

### Handling tricky friendship days

Friendships can be complex, intense and filled with unpredictable ups and downs. Even though we might wish that our kids could "just get on with it", most need our active guidance to problem solve daily challenges.

In this webinar, Michelle Mitchell offers a set of practical guiding principles to help empower children to handle tricky friendship days.

Key learning and discussion points include:

- A trusted adult's role in social-emotional education
- The importance of the tiny voice
- Six guiding principles to help tweens navigate tricky friendship days
- How parents can help children with the gaps in their development
- Tips for supporting extra sensitive kids

Presented by

**Michelle Mitchell**

**Bestselling author and professional speaker**

Video overview : Click this link to view the video overview: <https://vimeo.com/672520857>

When : Wednesday 2 November 2022 at 8:00pm - 9:00pm AEDT

Redeem your webinar now - it's easy

- Click this link: <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-handling-tricky-friendship-days>
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- Enter our school's name to verify your eligibility. The \$39 discount will then be applied.
- Fill in your account details. These are the details you will use to login to your account and access your webinar and resources
- Click 'Place Order'

This offer is valid until 31 December 2022. If you're unable to make the broadcast time, just register anyway and you will get access to the recording.

## **Term 4 Events for Your Diary**

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

03.11.22	Week 4	Pre-Kindy program
07.11.22	Week 5	Constable Care Incursion – PP-Yr 3
11.11.22	Week 5	Remembrance Day Assembly
17.11.22	Week 6	Kindy 2023 Orientation (Blue group)
18.11.22	Week 6	Kindy 2023 Orientation (Gold group)
22.11.22	Week 7	School Board Meeting @ 5:30pm
22.11.22	Week 7	P & C Meeting @ 7:00pm
23.11.22	Week 7	LDC Student Transition
25.11.22	Week 7	Newsletter

**We Are Grandis!**