

Principal's Message Week 10 Term 1

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, students and families for all your support during Term 1. It has been a challenging but rewarding term for both students and teachers. It has been wonderful to welcome back our school community after a long period of restrictions. I would like to thank our community for your understanding and consideration during the restrictions and the ever-changing guidelines. With one week of the school term to go there are still many events organised for the students, please make sure that you are up to date with notifications and notes via the School App, the SENTRAL parent portal, the school website, Facebook, Seesaw and Google Classroom. The lifting of restrictions that required us to keep children in cohort groups has meant that children can once again play together at recess and lunch, and we can hold whole school events once again. To ensure we keep safety measures in place, our whole school events will be held outdoors whenever possible. The end of cohorting also meant that we could finally hold our K-2 and 3-6 school assemblies after a very long time. It was terrific to be able to hand out some well-deserved awards in person. I am looking forward to many more assemblies over the coming weeks and months.

Building Update



It is a great pleasure to announce that the new classrooms have finally been completed and handed over to the school.



Teachers and students from Year 1 to Year 6 have moved into the new classrooms and are enjoying their new and flexible learning spaces. It has been delightful to walk through the buildings and witness learning taking place in so many ways using all the spaces available. A huge thank you goes to the teachers and students who transitioned to the new classrooms so smoothly, despite the complexity of loss of time and the heavy rain. It was wonderful to have parents and carers walk through the buildings and see what our new learning spaces look like. Thank you to the large number of families who participated in the walk through and thank you for all the positive comments we have received.

Check In Assessment and NAPLAN Practice

Over the last few weeks students in Year 4 and Year 6 have participated in Check In Assessments. Check-in assessments are online assessment for students in Years 3 to 9 (only Year 4, Year 6 and Year 8 will have access to this assessment in Term 1). They are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions. There are two assessments, reading and numeracy. Each assessment is designed to be quick and easy to administer, consisting of between 40 to 50 multiple choice questions. The assessment results will supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 have taken part in a brief NAPLAN practice.

Participation in the practice tests is highly beneficial for schools and students in their preparation for NAPLAN. It allows schools and students to become familiar with the online assessment platform and processes. The practice tests include an omnibus test (combination of reading, conventions of language and numeracy questions) and a writing test, both approximately 40 minutes. Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 participate in both tests. Students in Year 3 participate in the omnibus test only.

NAPLAN for Year 3 and Year 5 will take place from Tuesday 10 May to Friday 20 May.

School Photos

Last week all classes had their photo taken. The individual and family, photos were taken as well. If families have purchased photo packages, they should be ready for distribution early next term.

Regional Swimming Carnival



On Wednesday 23 March, five students from Greystanes Public School proudly competed at the Regional Swimming Carnival which was held at Homebush Aquatic Centre. Congratulations to Sophie L, Jasmine M, Phylicia L, Arisa L and D' Angelo K who competed on the day. As a school we are extremely proud of your outstanding efforts and results on the day.

Harmony Day

Last Friday we celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity, it is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Students and staff dressed in orange or traditional cultural dress. All classes participated in activities that reflected the meaning and intentions of the day. We would like to thank Miss Finlayson, Mrs Hearne Mrs Garland, Mrs Demirez and Mrs Campbell for all their wonderful organisation.

Parent and Teacher Interviews

We are currently holding our parent and teacher interviews. This has been a wonderful opportunity for teachers to share the students' learning and achievements that have occurred during Term 1. If you have not booked a time to speak to your child's teacher, please contact them to arrange a suitable time.

Student Leadership Induction

Next Monday we will be holding our leadership induction assembly. At this assembly, the class representatives and library monitors will receive their badges. We congratulate these students for being elected to these roles. We know that our student leadership team will provide great service to their peers and the school. We look forward to working with them and watch them perform the duties responsibly and cooperatively with respect, honesty, pride and great maturity. Next term, the SRC members, House and Vice Captains, and the Senior Councillors will take part in a leadership training day (the Library Monitors will be trained by Ms Adams).

A big thank you to Mr Anderson and Miss Smallhorn and for coordinating the voting and the assembly.

Easter Hat Parade

On Tuesday 4 April, we will be holding a K-2 Easter Hat Parade from 9:15 am. We would like to take this opportunity to invite parents and carers to join us under the Office COLA for this event. Preschool aged children are welcome to join their older siblings in the parade with their hats or masks as well. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful hat creations.

Our P&C's Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade. Many thanks to our wonderful P&C volunteers for generously donating and organising the prizes and to all of the students, families and community members for supporting the raffle.



ANZAC Day Service

There will be a whole school ANZAC Day commemorative assembly on Thursday 7 April.

Principal's Awards

Due to the number of events to be held in the last two weeks of Term 1 we will hold our Principal's Awards in Week 1 of Term 2.

Staff News

There will be a number of staff changes next term. Mrs Demirez will be on maternity leave from day 1 next term. We wish Mrs Demirez all the very best as her and her family await the birth of their baby.

Mrs Candelori was successful at gaining a promotion to Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction at Girraween Public School and will commence her new role as of day one next term. Miss Joson was successful at gaining a classroom teacher position at Bella Vista Public School and will commence her appointment from day one, next term as well.

We wish Mrs Candelori and Miss Joson all the very best in their new positions. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their work and dedication supporting our students. Mrs Candelori has been at Greystanes Public School since 2013 and has been the EALD teacher since 2017. Ms Joson commenced worked at Greystanes Public School in 2019, after two years of working at other schools, she returned to our school this year. Both teachers have also provided many extra curricula opportunities for students in sport and the performing arts.

We are currently in the process of recruiting replacement teachers for these positions.

Friday 8 April will be the last day of term.

We would like to wish everyone a happy Easter and relaxing and safe holiday.

ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL, 2022.



From the



Deputy's Desk



Week 10 Term 1, 2022

It has been wonderful to see our Year 1 to Year 6 students settled into their new learning spaces. We had a number of community members join us during our community tours and we had lots of positive feedback about how spacious, contemporary and engaging the spaces are.

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we are enhancing our use of the Sentral Parent Portal and will be retiring the schoolzine app next term. Please ensure you have registered and linked your account to your child, using their student key. Please also ensure you have notifications enabled in the app so you don't miss out on important updates. The Sentral Parent Portal offers a range of features and functions, such as attendance monitoring, absence submissions, interview booking and archiving of student reports.



From this week, if your child is absent from school, you will receive an email to notify you of the absence and ask for an explanation. Earlier this week we sent home detailed information on how to submit absences using the Sentral Parent Portal. This is an efficient way to ensure all absences are explained, as legally required. Should you require any support with your child's attendance, please contact the school.

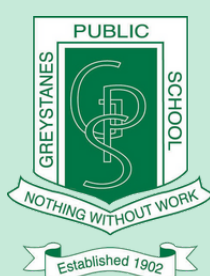
We had an excellent response to Parent and Teacher Interviews this year with the large majority of families making bookings. Should you require a meeting with your child's teacher to discuss their progress at any point during the year, please contact the office to arrange a mutually suitable time. We ask that parents are understanding of teachers' duty of care to their students and do not try to discuss student progress or concerns at class lines in the morning.

Students in Years 4 and 6 have recently completed the Check-In Assessments which will provide teachers with an indication of how students are performing in literacy and numeracy. Students in Years 3 and 5 have also been busy in the computer room, completing NAPLAN practice tests in preparation for NAPLAN Online in Term 2. All students will have the opportunity to catch up on any sessions they have missed, until the end of Term 1.

Another big assessment day was the Selective High School Placement Test. This rigorous series of tests was administered at our school under strict examination conditions. Students will receive results of these tests in July. Wishing all the applicants the best of luck.

Our Year 5 students will have an exciting experience at the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Term 2. Year 5 staff have been preparing for what will no doubt be another fantastic overnight camp for students. We look forward to seeing photos and hearing tales of their 3 days away.

Thank you to Year 6 parents and caregivers for returning the High School Expression of Interest forms. This is one of the many tasks, activities and events for students as they begin to transition to Year 7. As the rest of the year unfolds, we hope our senior students savour every moment of their last year of primary school.



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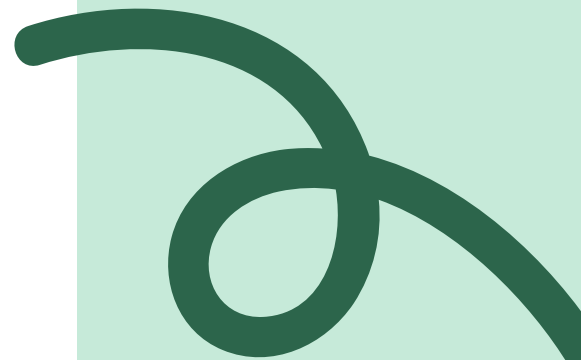
Parent volunteers and the P & C are an integral part of our school community. We were thrilled with the number of parents/caregivers who attended our first parent volunteer code of conduct workshop for the year. A number of community members have expressed interest in participating in future sessions, so please keep an eye out for another session next term.

Have you liked the official Greystanes Public School Facebook page? Our Facebook page is a great place to join us in celebrating the wonderful achievements of our students as we promote our school in the wider community. We regularly post photos of students at work and of school events.

We look forward to welcoming the community to join us at our K-2 Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday 5 April at 9.15am. Preschool siblings are more than welcome to join in on the fun.

Kind regards,

Renee McVicar & Michele Beach



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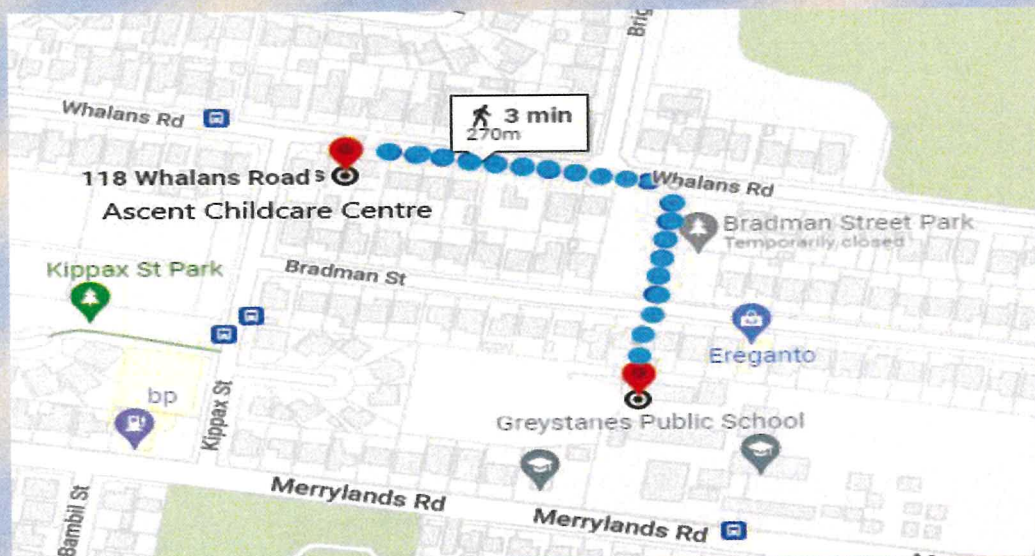
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HOLIDAY CLINICS

DATE: 13/4/2022

TIME: 9.00am - 12.00pm

AGE: 5-12 years

COST: \$49

WHERE: Roberta Street Park, Greystanes



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STARS**

