Dear Greenmount families

Welcome back to Term 3! We are looking forward to a great term. This Friday is our faction cross-country. Our Yrs3-6 students have been training hard with Mr Hodgson for this event. The Cross country will take place in the morning starting with the year 3’s. All parents are welcome to join us on the top oval for the event.

There are still positions left for Kindergarten students for 2017. In order to secure a place, please visit our front office to complete the enrolment process as soon as possible.

Throughout the next week new ceilings are being installed in Rooms 9 and 10. For the duration of this maintenance work, Room 9 will be relocated to the Library and Room 10 will be relocated to Room 16. It is anticipated that the works will only take a couple of days.

Occupational Health and Safety Audit
Late last term, an Occupational Health and Safety audit was conducted across the school. The process involved a thorough inspection of all work areas around the school including classrooms, Admin area, cleaners’ storerooms and gardener’s shed. The information collated was shared with staff and actions required were outlined.

As part of the audit a concern for the safety of cleaners working after school was raised. Lock-up routines were discussed and our Head Cleaner has been advised to close gates prior to beginning work in classrooms. To this effect, perimeter gates will now be locked at approximately 3.30pm each day. Gates leading onto Polygon Place, the Kiss and Drive and Flanders Court will be closed at this earlier time, and the staff car park and service entry gates will be closed once cleaners have completed their scheduled work.

A second action to be undertaken as a follow up on the audit is that hand sanitisers will be ordered and installed in all classrooms for student use. This will ensure that students will be able to access sanitisers as needed. Other actions will include storage of heavy items, access to step ladders for all staff and the securing of computer cabling throughout the school.
SMS Communications

Greenmount Primary School will be implementing a new system that will use Short Message Service (SMS) to send text messages to notify parents/carers of unexplained student absences.

From now on, it is important to advise us of your child’s absence before 10 am. Our system now automatically sends parents a message at 10.30 am to inform them that according to school records, the student is absent and no reason has been provided to the school.

This process ensures that students are attending regularly and arriving on time for school.

The message will go to Parent/Guardian 1, which is usually the mother. If you wish the message to go to both parents or the father, please advise the office.

If your phone number has changed and you are not sure if we have been advised, please send us an email.

Natalie Astle
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

Please mark these dates on your Calendars

- Friday 22nd July: Faction Cross Country
- Friday 29th July: Room 12 Assembly
- Mon 1st – 5th Aug: PEAC Testing
- Friday 5th August: Interschool Cross Country
- Wed 3rd to Tues 9th Aug: BOOK FAIR
- Tuesday 9th August: P & C Meeting, Staffroom 6.30pm
- Wednesday 10th Aug: Choir Excursion

MERIT AWARDS

Friday 1st July

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Music: Christy Holmes, Thomas Miller
**Nature Playground update**

Over the last few weeks of term 2, teachers took students out to the new Nature Playground to discuss how to use it in a safe and sensible way. Boundaries and student numbers allowed on various aspects on the playground were also covered. The children also discussed with their teachers where the limit of the tree climbing should be. We now have added red tape to the limbs of the tree to indicate the safe climbing zone. Students are loving the new playground and at this stage we have year groups allocated a day a week to play on it.

*Mrs King (Associate Principal)*

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**Website Stars**

New items uploaded since the last newsletter include:

- **Class Items**
  - Room 17
  - Room 9
  - Phys Ed News

- **Building Healthy Relationships**
  - Black Boy Hill Talk

**Donations**

Mrs Duhig, the Music Teacher, is looking for donations of recycled tin cans. Please bring in to the Music Room.

Thank you.

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**Science @ Greenmount**

Next week on Friday the 29\textsuperscript{th} July, *Education Interactive* are coming to GPS to host a fantastic science incursion with groups of students from years 3-6. These are fully hands on sessions, and every will examine a crime scene, learn about animal tracks, scatology, take their own fingerprints, use a digital microscope, uncover hidden clues and much more during this engaging forensic investigation!

The cost per student is $7.50.

Please send it in ASAP...you don't want to miss out!
During the last week of term 2, our school celebrated NAIDOC week. A variety of activities were undertaken by students including face-painting, drawing aboriginal paintings and making friendship bands. Students especially loved the interactive Bush tucker and damper making session with Miss Nelson our AIEO, who also produced a fantastic display of Aboriginal artefacts and pictures in Room 16.

On the Friday we had a very special Indigenous Dress up day with all donations going to our sponsor child, Alan Eduardo.
CLOSING DATE (22ND JULY) FOR KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS FOR 2017
SPREAD THE WORD!

If you have a child who was born between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013, they are eligible to start Kindergarten next year. If you know anyone that might be interested in putting in an application please spread the word.

For those parents currently in Kindergarten, please make sure that you have filled out an application form for Pre-Primary 2017. These are available at the front office.

School Faction Cross Country 2016 (Year 3 - 6)
Friday 22nd July (Term 3, week 1)
9.00 ≈ 12.40

The schedule will be as follows:
- Year 3 Girls (≈ 9.00 start)
- Year 3 Boys (≈ 9.25 start)
- Year 4 Girls (≈ 9.45 start)
- Year 4 Boys (≈ 10.10 start)

- Year 5 Girls (≈11.05 start)
- Year 5 Boys (≈ 11.25 start)
- Year 6 Girls (≈ 11.45 start)
- Year 6 Boys (≈ 12.05 start)

We are so very lucky at this school to have parent volunteers who are willing and able to give up their time and produce high calibre work to help improve the school environment. This fortnight we would like to say a big thank you to Mark Falconer who has constructed, painted and bolted down the new bike racks.

Playground shade sails have been installed!! The P&C were able to contribute half of the costs towards the purchase and installation, in conjunction with the school. We hope the kids enjoy their new shaded playground.

Fundraising
We appreciate the response to our fundraising activities with just over $8000 raised this year so far. The sausage sizzle and bake stall on election day was a great turnout with $1000 raised towards our playground improvement goals. A huge thank you to the parents who were able to help out on the day, for all the work that happens behind the scenes, plus for all the delicious treats that were baked for us. This term there will a school disco and a school sausage sizzle, the dates will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Bookclub - Book Fair is on this term and as such, issue 5 of Scholastic Book club won’t be run this time. Issue 6 is due to arrive towards the end of August.
**Safety House** - We have had a number of colouring in competition entries received so far, keep them coming in. You can return them to the front office (there is a box to place them inside) or you can post them to the address at the bottom of the form. Spare forms are available in the office. Entries need to be received by Safety House WA by Friday August 26th so they have to be back to the school by Monday 22nd of August at the latest. The safety cards have arrived and will be sent home this week with those students who ordered. September is Safety House Awareness Month more information will be coming shortly about the activities planned.

**Entertainment Books**
Don’t forget, the Entertainment Book fundraiser is ongoing throughout the year, don’t forget to order and collect from Tracy, you can pay online by going to the GPS P&C page link at [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/8607k4](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/8607k4).

*Keep up to date with all the P&C news and events - find us on Facebook “Greenmount Primary School WA P&C”*

Kind regards

Katie Chinnery
Vice-President | Greenmount Primary School P&C
E vice-president@gpsspnc.org.au

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**PARKERVILLE BASKETBALL CLUB**
**PLAYER REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016 / 2017 SEASON**
**IS ON**
**TUESDAY 2ND AND THURSDAY 4TH OF AUGUST**
**from 3.00pm to 4.00pm**
**PARKERVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNDERCOVER AREA (NEAR THE CANTEEN)**
16 Parker Rd Parkerville

As per previous years the competition is for U10’s to U18’s, however this year for the second time the Association has incorporated an 8’s and under competition (must have turned 7 years old by the 30th June 2016). The Club will also put in Adult Teams if the numbers permit.

If you have any queries in regards to registration or can not make it on either of the Registration days, please do not hesitate to email the Registrars (Bronwyn and Digby) on registrar@parkybasketballclub@gmail.com any other queries outside of Registration please email president@parkybasketballclub@gmail.com