



# Greenmount Primary School NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Greenmount families

### *Introducing the School Board*

#### Chair



#### **Carly Keay**

Carly has been a member of the Board for two years and 2018 marks her first year as Chair. She is a passionate advocate for public education and ensuring that her local school is supported by the community. Carly's two children have had positive experiences at GPS and she 'feels privileged to be a member of the School Board.' Carly hopes to bring her knowledge and skills as a secondary teacher to her work with the school board and community and help GPS achieve its full potential.

#### Parent Representatives

#### **Brook Desmond**



Brook joined the Board in 2016, and has two children currently attending the school, the eldest having graduated last year. He and his wife are expecting the arrival of their 4<sup>th</sup> Greenmount Primary student in June. Brook has his own photography business and is involved with many youth sporting clubs and activities in the local community. Brook has had many proactive roles both in the community and in the school, coaching students, mainly in basketball. He is currently completing a degree in Education and is looking forward to applying his skills to teaching.

#### **Etsi Yudhini**



A new member of the School Board, Etsi is looking forward to being part of a 'great school community.' Etsi was previously a member of the P&C, coordinating the Scholastic Book Club. Her background experiences will also add to the expertise of the Board. Etsi had more than 10 years' experience as a researcher and policy advisor in Indonesia, some research institutions in Australia. Etsi also has a keen interest in children's health and wellbeing. As well as being mum to her young daughter, Etsi manages the financial administration side of her family's business.

#### **Shane Spinks**



Shane is very pleased to be able to participate as a parent representative on the School Board. He has been a Greenmount resident for the past 10 years and lived within the Midland area for over 30 years. He has a son attending the school and he is a keen supporter of independent and accessible education. Shane is employed in Local Government as a senior manager with responsibilities for community infrastructure planning and development. He hopes that he will be able to put to good use the broad range of experiences and skills he brings to the School Board.

#### Community Representatives

#### **Jane Miles**



Jane has had many years association with Greenmount Primary, being 11 years as a parent and 5 years on the Board – the last 3 years as Chair. Jane led the formation of the new School Board when Greenmount became an Independent Public School in 2015 and guided the development of the school's first Business Plan. Jane lives and works in the local community and personally values the importance of a school community in the growth and wellbeing of all our students.

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Please SMS if your child is absent:  
name, class and reason.

**SMS 0438 944 516**

### Bill Gaynor



Living locally, Bill has been a Community representative of the School Board for more than 6 years, and part of the group who developed the school's first Business Plan in 2015. Bill also has a long parent association with the school with all of his four children attending GPS from 1975 to 1989. He was involved with education for many years as a primary school Principal – including Principal at GPS in 1978-79 - and enjoyed a short stint as Superintendent. Bill was also involved in the initial development of the Blackboy Hill Commemorative site and for several years was the President of the WA branch of the RSL.

### Staff Representatives

#### Natalie Marotta



Natalie completed her final professional practice at Greenmount in 2013 and, apart from one year working in Derby, has been at GPS since. Natalie felt instantly welcomed by the community and supported by the staff. She is passionate about bringing out the best in every student. Natalie is looking forward to being part of the School Board and contributing to the 'amazing work they already do.'

#### Amy McEwen



Over her 14 years at Greenmount Primary Amy has had the role of LOTE (Japanese) specialist, Art specialist and Acting Associate Principal. She also currently leads the school's Technologies and Visible Learning agendas. Amy's has two young daughters who both attend the school. Joining the School Board in 2016, Amy has enjoyed the opportunity to work with other members to support the decision making and direction of the school, reflecting Amy's personal 'growth mindset'.

#### Natalie Astle



Natalie's first role at Greenmount was as a parent, with both her children completing their primary schooling here. In 2004 Natalie came to the school as a Maths Specialist and has been Associate Principal for 12 years. Her passion is 'community', ensuring that all students and their families feel that they belong and are cared for. Having been a staff representative on the School Council for several years, Natalie was actively involved in the school's transition to IPS and the successful establishment of the new School Board.

### Principal

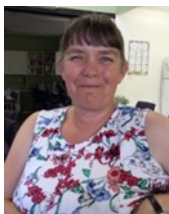
#### Lucy Webb



Since 2009, Lucy has enjoyed the privilege of working with the students, staff and families of GPS. Having worked in varying school contexts over many years, Lucy has always strived to provide an inclusive learning environment for all students. While the composition of GPS Councils and Boards may have changed the focus has continued to be providing the best possible outcomes for our students. Lucy is appreciative of the strong guidance and support from the School Board as this has ensured that the school continues to be a successful and happy one.

### Secretary

#### Deborah Taylor



Debbie has had several roles in the school over recent years, working as School Officer, Education Assistant and Library Officer. Her excellent organisational skills and professional approach saw her seconded as Secretary of the School Board in 2016. She brings to the role the skills and expertise gained from several Administrative roles in varying contexts, and an in depth knowledge of the school and its processes. Debbie also manages the school's website, keeping information up to date and the school community informed.

### Parent – Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all parents and carers for the wonderful support given to the half day reporting on Monday. Teachers reported that an overwhelming number of parents/carers were able to attend the scheduled meetings, providing a timely opportunity for discussion and information on each child's progress to date. At Greenmount Primary we value the positive relationships we build with our families, so it was particularly pleasing to see that the time allocated was well utilised for this purpose. Thank you to staff and families for a most productive afternoon.

Lucy Webb  
PRINCIPAL

Please mark these dates on your Calendars

Thursday 29th March

Kindy B Photos and any previous absentees

Easter Raffle Draw

**Fri 30th March—Tues 3 April**

**EASTER WEEKEND**

Wednesday 4 April

Students return

Wednesday 4 April

Faction Jumps and Throws

Friday 6th April

Faction Carnival

Friday 13th April

Last Day of Term 1

Tuesday 1st May

Students return for Term 2

Thursday 3 May

ANZAC Ceremony

Tuesday 8 May

Interschool Athletics Jumps & Throws

Thursday 10 May

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Mon 21 May—Wed 23 May

Year 6 Camp

Tues 5 June—Fri 15 June

Swimming



**Year 6 Parents  
Camp**

Monies for camp may be paid in full or in instalments. Please pay either through the class teacher or eftpos is available at the front office. Direct bank transfer may also be made, details below

BSB 016 359

Account number 340879947

Thank you



Fantastic effort  
everyone!

**MERIT AWARDS**

**Friday 23rd March**

Rm 1	Hunoa Punaivaha	Chloe Donovan
Rm 2	Brielle Bassie-Smith	Rafa Holland Zumel
Rm 5	Destyn Jones	Kiara Walley
Rm 6	Niamh McEwen	Ruby Jones
	Cooper Pease	
Rm 7	Ben Gardoll	Lara Millsteed
Rm 8	Ella Brown	Savannah Thorburn
Rm 9	Indie Montgomery	Donna Walley
Rm 10	Thomas Benfield	Lacey Ogg
Rm 12	Oscar Kennedy Grabbi	Dean Lawson
Rm 14	Paige White	Claire Haynes
Rm 15	Leah Howard	Olivia Landers
Rm 16	Peter Walley	Nieve Russell
Rm 17	Annabel McLennan	Torin Lord
Art	Olivia Blight	

**School  
Banking**

The Bendigo Bank School banking is on a Monday from 8.30am-9.00am in the Library. Teach your children about saving.

**Website Stars**

Please take the time to look at these new items on our website:-

Class Items

Room 9

Term 1 Activities

Room 12

Prickly Stick Insects

Room 14

Activities

Room 6

Under The Sea

Specialists

Japanese

T 20 Cricket Write up and Photos





## Easter Message from the School Chaplain

It has been lovely walking around our school this past week or so, enjoying the atmosphere of expectation and excitement of our coming Easter long weekend. Classroom displays, eggs and bunnies, chocolate (lots of chocolate!), and talk about what we will do on the weekend are all part of the fun and we all look forward to a break from the normal routines of school and work. My hope is that all our Greenmount families will enjoy making time to treasure our kids and enjoying all that the weekend has to offer.

For some of our families the Easter break will include special events planned at local churches or perhaps a family holiday.

For some, this long weekend may be a time of family stress or personal struggle. If you or someone you love is not coping, please reach out for help:

- Family Helpline 9223 1100
- Lifeline 13 11 14
- Alcohol and Drug Support Line 9442 5000

Please stay safe this weekend and come back to school refreshed next week.

Penny Bays

YouthCARE Chaplain

## Canteen

Please make sure that you have filled out an order when sending children to school with money for recess or lunch. The order must be taken to the Canteen before school. Bags are available from the classrooms or office, or orders can be written on a piece of paper with the child's name and classroom.



## Coles Sports for Schools

**This Sunday is the last day for collecting your Coles dockets.**

**Please check with your family, friends, work places etc for any they have collected for you and bring to school before the end of term.**

**Thanks for your support.**

# P & C News

## Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop is open on a Wednesday morning from 8.30—9.15am and a Thursday afternoon from 2.30 to 3.15pm (next to Room 5).



## CANTEEN

The Canteen will have the normal lunches available to order on Sports Day.



Thank you to everyone who came out on Saturday 24th March and joined in with our Colour Fun day, what a fantastic turnout and atmosphere. The colour was amazing! Thank you to all of the volunteers involved in set up, colour throwing, water squirting, sausage sizzle cooking, serving and pickup on the day. These events don't happen without you!

## Easter Raffle & Colouring Competition

Easter Raffle prizes and Colouring Competition winners will be announced at the

Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 29th March starting at 2pm. Thank you for your support of our Raffle.



## Sports Day Friday 6th April 2018

The P&C will be holding a Cake Stall on Friday 6th April at the Faction Sports Day. If you are able to assist we would greatly appreciate donations of muffins, cakes, cookies, slices etc to sell on the day. Tea and Coffee will also be available to purchase. Please make a full ingredients list and label your container with your name and classroom. Please bring your items on the morning of Sports Day to the P&C marquee on the bottom oval.

Throughout the day we will also need volunteers to assist with selling the donated goodies. A form has been sent home with time slots available, if you could please complete this and pop it in the P&C drop box in the office or if any other time suits better please write this down on the form. Thank you.

## Entertainment Book

Pre-Order now available.

Early Bird Bonus offers of over \$180 extra value (limited numbers available)

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/books/8607k4>



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## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop currently have stock of some discontinued items with prices starting as low as \$2! There are limited numbers of styles and sizes available, pop in to the shop during open hours, Wednesday 8.30am until 9.15am and Thursday 2.30pm until 3.15pm and take a look. Don't forget to get your Faction shirt ready for Wednesday 4th April (Jumps & Throws) and Friday 6th April Faction Sports Day.

## Planning a de-clutter, trying to clear some space?

The P&C will be holding a Car Boot Sale on Sunday 20th May, sellers \$10 for a bay, buyers entry with a gold coin donation. More information to come soon.

## Book Club

Issue 2 has now closed with orders being submitted to Scholastic earlier in the week. We are hoping for delivery before end of term and will have books out to the classes as soon as they arrive. Thank you, Book Club Committee