

Term 2, 25th June 2020

Greenhills is **G.R.E.A.T.**
Grit, Respect, Effort, Adventure, Teamwork

Term 2 - Week 11, 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

THANK YOU SEMESTER 1

Wow – we made it through to the end of a long and action packed term. Looking at our staff I think we only just made it and the holidays have come at the perfect time for everyone.

This has been a semester like never before. If you remember back to what seems almost a lifetime ago, we had an amazingly settled start following our transition program and things were off to a really positive beginning. Then we moved into very challenging and confronting territory as we worked through the experiences of Remote & Flexible Learning and of course our return to school. Now we are in that uneasy state that we call the “new normal”. We have faced and continue to grapple with a very shifting landscape and as we finish the term, there is still so much that we can’t control and so many unknowns.

What I do know is how proud I am of our staff, students and families for all working together in such a united way through these challenges. We have achieved so much together and can take comfort in the support everyone has provided to each other.

There have been many highlights and things that will stay with me for a long time, but I think one of our Year 6 students has summed it up the best in his self-reflection as part of his Semester 1 Report.

“I believe I did pretty well in remote learning. I posted most of my work whether you were supposed to or not. One thing I could have improved on is the quality of my work. Somethings I liked about remote learning were I could get work done in my own time, I had my pets near me, I could snack whenever I wanted to and I had free dress, but the one thing that made remote learning not worth it were no friends. What is a break without friends to enjoy it with? I’m glad we’re back at school because I was going crazy. The last resort was making friends with my fruit. Overall remote learning wasn’t bad but I’ll always prefer proper school”.

Year 6 Student

DROP OFF ZONE

I know that getting to and from school on time each day can be a parent’s worst nightmare! I also know that there has been lots of chatter about our drop off zone on the various “unofficial” Facebook pages attached to our school.



I've done some research and calculations:

There are six car parks in this zone. If there is 15 minutes in the morning to drop off (e.g. 8.40am – 8.55am) so that students get to school on time, and there are 6 car spots in the zone between the no-parking signs, and if the average “kiss and drop” takes no more than 1 minute, and if parents don't park their car there and leave it so that there is only 5 spots left....we could get.....drum roll please.....90 drops offs to happen smoothly during that time. We could get even more drop offs completed by not even taking one minute. In fact I have been taking a close look over recent mornings and in many cases, cars can be in and out in around 30 seconds.

I have seen it work really well and we can ensure this continues if we all contribute by doing the right thing.

The “drop-off loop” also enables smoother traffic flow. When a car tries to do a U-turn after the drop-off and heads back up Mine Street instead of continuing down and turning right into Albion Crescent – it really holds up the flow.



I will keep trying to monitor and be in attendance out the front gate and also keep communicating this message. We will explore improved signage and road markings but most importantly, you can assist by keeping to this process all of the time.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY & REMINDER TERM 3

As we get ready for Term 3, we really want to make sure that our school continues to look GREAT on the inside and outside. One of the very visible things that unites our school is our school uniform. Our uniform reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school.

We have a school uniform policy that has been endorsed by our School Council and this is a very friendly and timely reminder that this will be fully implemented each day.

I seek your support to ensure that all students are dressed each and every day looking like a full member of our school team. We are lucky to have so many uniform options provided through PSW and I also encourage any families having difficulties providing school uniform to contact me at the school so that we can assist.

Enjoy the holiday break and see you back on Monday 13th July.

James Penson
Principal



Last day of school - Term 2 Dismissal times

Families A - K 2.15pm

Families L - Z 2.30pm



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS CELEBRATING
THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND DURING THE HOLIDAYS!**

Dakota C, Amelie T, Ned H, Fletcher VL, Chelsea B, Lucas L, Lachlan H, Claire L, Zack H,
Tina D, Harry K, Vincent J, Michael J, Zoe A, Everleigh K, Jasper S, Malayla H, Kilian G,
Talya F, Hudson G, Kay AN, Lou Lou F, Lauren W, Lily M, Isaac H, Grayson T, Ainara FG,
Cordelia P, Chloe L, Lucy B, Ryan D, Xavier DC, Skyla C, Lachlan L, Benjamin C, Kelsey H,
Pierce S, Daniel F, Lila T, Jacob K, Jasper U & Joshua W

Parent Partnerships

What a term we have just experienced. There has been many key learnings for all of us and although there has been times when things have been difficult I believe the positive things that have come from this experience will stay with us moving forward.

One positive outcome that I would like to share is an exciting new initiative from the Victorian Government, the online Triple P program.

The Victorian Government has funded the online Triple P – Positive Parenting Program for all Victorian families, providing access to expert parenting advice during these challenging times.

The program is the online version of the Triple P Program that was developed in Australia and successfully implemented around the world.

Families can now access free expert parenting advice through the online Triple P – Positive Parenting Program.

The program is relevant to families with children between 2 and 16 years and provides strategies to deal with specific challenges, such as building children's resilience and dealing with conflict.

There are courses specifically for parents of toddlers to tweens, and for parents of pre-teens to teens.

It gives parents strategies to:

- raise happy, confident kids
- manage misbehaviour so everyone in the family enjoys life more
- set rules and routines that everyone respects and follows
- encourage positive behaviour
- take care of themselves as a parent
- feel confident they're doing the right thing.

Sign up to the Triple P program via their website. <https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/vic-uk/en/triple-p/>

In relation to Allied Health Professional visits to the school in term 3, we are still waiting on Department advice around this. We understand that these visits are really important to you, so we will keep you posted of any outcomes.

Have a lovely term break and I will see you in a couple of weeks!

Janine Hough
Assistant Principal



**SEMESTER 1
REPORTS NOW
AVAILABLE ON
THE SENTRAL
PORTAL**

FROM THE OFFICE

Office Hours are 8:30am – 4:30pm

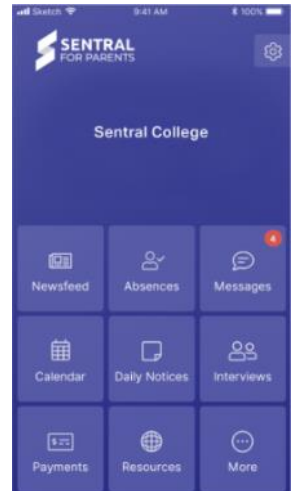
SENTRAL App: New look and feel Sentral App is now available, this may automatically update, if not you will need to update your App and provide your passwords.

Family Payments:

Please remember that if you haven't paid your Term 2 Instalment, please do so via QKR/BPAY or at the office, alternatively you can ring the office with a credit card.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact James Penson (penon.james.j@edumail.vic.gov.au) or Kate Reade (reade.kate.a@edumail.vic.gov.au).

Any parent/family payments received for activities cancelled due to COVID19 will be refunded. Notification of this will be confirmed in Term Three.



QKR App:

If you are having a problem with QKR Functionally saying Not Able to **Connect to Server**, please follow these instructions:

Reinstall the app to apply the current changes.

You may need to reset your password.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable 2 weeks holidays.



School Photos
Thursday 6th August 2020

Kate Reade, Nicole Pearson, Anne Doolan & Karen Heitzmann

School Administration Team

PREP 2021

If you have a Prep starting in 2021 and haven't sent in your Enrolment, it is important to do so ASAP. "Experience Greenhills" sessions will be run on the days below, times 9.30am, 11.30am & 2pm - each session runs for an hour.

Bookings can be made by clicking this link <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=sf78q>

"EXPERIENCE GREENHILLS" SESSIONS

During these sessions parents can enjoy a cup of coffee whilst being presented information on school readiness.

Our aim is for your child to have a smooth transition into Primary School.

Literacy: Wednesday 29th July 2020

Numeracy: Wednesday 5th August 2020

Music: Wednesday 12th August 2020

Physical Education: Wednesday 19th August 2020

Art: Wednesday 26th August 2020

Italian: Wednesday 2nd September 2020