

Term 3, 6th August 2020

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

Term 3 - Week 3, 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

My key message this week is "Be Kind". As we lock ourselves down for the next 6 weeks, it will be more important than ever to be kind to those living, learning and working under the same roof and just as important to be kind to ourselves.

The situation we are in today is not normal. We have lost a lot of control over what we do and when and how we do it. This increased unpredictability increases our normal stress response and this can lead to mood swings, anxiousness and even us acting in very different ways to normal.

With all that in mind, be patient and give yourself and others a little lee-way through this period. Take the time to do something special for those around you. This might take some creativity but what a good thing to focus your energy on. I like to walk my talk so for me I'm going to try to cook an extra special dinner and breakfast for my family each week.

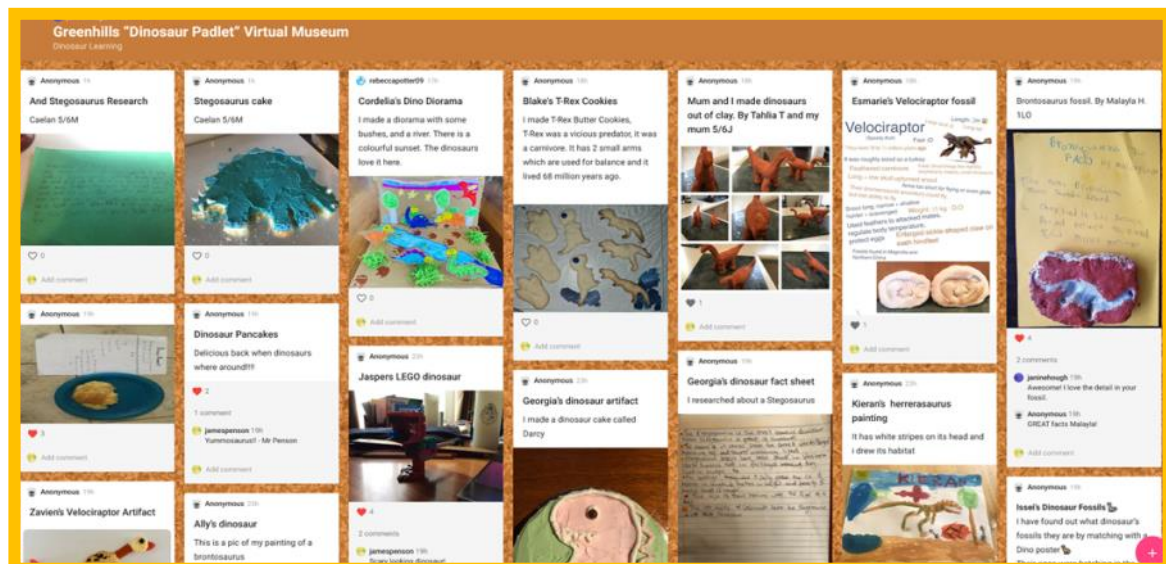
One of the positives is the increased time we have together at home with our children without all of the extra activities such as sport. There will never be another time like this so I'm going to make sure that I savour family meals, conversation and time together. As the sayings go..."they grow up so quick" so let's "not waste this crisis".

WEEKLY THEMES & FUN FRIDAYS

We know that the next six weeks of Remote & Flexible Learning will test us all. Last time around we noticed a distinct drop in the motivation levels of our students as the weeks went on. This time around we hope that the introduction of weekly themes and Fun Fridays will help to keep our students engaged, excited and connected with us.

We loved the learning that took place this week with our Dinosaur theme. Our Virtual Night at the Greenhills Museum on Padlet is filled with GREAT exhibits. Well done to all of those students that posted a display. Here is the link and just a few screenshots of our exciting exhibits by Blake, Tahlia, Issei and Lily. We will also be giving some special shout outs at assembly tomorrow.

<https://padlet.com/janinehough/Bookmarks>





Next week we can look forward to our food theme.

PARENT WEBEX SESSIONS WITH THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

Each week Janine and myself host an “open office” style session for parents and carers on Webex from 3.30pm – 4pm each Tuesday.

This is a very informal chance for you to speak with us, ask questions, provide feedback or just even check in and say hello.

Here are the Webex details to access the meeting:

Meeting number (access code): 165 833 6309

Meeting password: QUdTMAmQ432

Stay safe and stay GREAT

James Penson
Principal



***HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS
CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS***

***Rylee I, Hadley C, Lucy G, Hannah G, Oscar M,
Aidan K, Georgia K***

FROM THE OFFICE

Dear parents and guardians,

COVID-19 has affected many families financially and we are aware that this may apply to you. We want to reach out to say that if you require any financial assistance with school payments, please do not hesitate to call or email James Penson.

The family statement outlining the status of your family school payments have been emailed out last week. **If you are on a quarterly instalment payment arrangement, please note that this statement is for your information only.** The third quarterly instalment for those who pay via Direct Debit has been processed, and those who self-manage these payments can do so through BPAY or QKR.

If you are leasing a netbook for a Year 6 student and making term payments, the third payment is now due. If you have a Direct Debit agreement in place for these payments, this will be processed automatically.

We are aware that some family school payments included events which have not or may not go ahead due to COVID-19. We would like to reassure those who have either paid family school payments upfront or in instalments that a credit will be made to their family account. Please note that this credit will not be processed until around the beginning of October 2020 once events have been confirmed.

Grade 6 Students/Parents

The Year 7 Secondary Government school Placement Confirmations will be sent out via email by the end of Wednesday 19th August 2020.

If you have any queries, please contact the office.

GOODBYE EVERYONE

Dear Greenhills students, staff and families,

It is with much sadness that I am leaving Greenhills Primary School. I have been offered an opportunity to work at Mernda Central P-12 College as their Business Manager, which I have accepted. My role there will be similar to that which I have filled at Greenhills, with some new responsibilities. Whilst my decision to leave this amazing community has been extremely difficult, I am looking forward to pursuing the challenges that lay ahead.

For those not aware, I started at Greenhills Primary School in May 2010, just over 10 years ago! During this time, I have worked with many wonderful people and have had the pleasure of watching lots of children grow and develop. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of the Greenhills Primary School community for their support and kindness throughout this time. I would also like to extend a special thanks to James, Janine and my wonderful work colleagues. It is the countless hours of hard work, collaboration, inspiration and fun that makes a school like Greenhills so GREAT! I feel incredibly proud to have been part of it.

Take care and lots of air hugs to you all!

Kate Reade
Business Manager



STUDENT OF THE WEEK Term 3 Wk 3 PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY on 7th August 2020



HERE ARE OUR SUPERSTARS for this week..

NAME	CLASS	REASON
Georgina W	Prep BH	For a wonderful and positive attitude. Georgina, I am so proud of how much you contribute during our whole grade Webex sessions. We love having you in Prep BH. Keep smiling Super Star!
Jonny A	Prep BJ	For everything you are achieving during Remote Learning. WOW Jonny, I am so proud of your positive attitude towards your learning tasks and your contributions during our group WebEx conferences. We are so lucky to have you in Prep BJ, keep up the awesome work!
Harper T	Prep SM	For your amazing hard work during Remote and Flexible Learning. Harper, I love listening to your recordings of you explaining how you completed your activities. I can tell you have been putting in so much effort at home, and I am beyond proud of you! Well done superstar!
Zavien H	1KO	For the positivity he is showing with every one of his learning tasks during remote learning. Zavien, you 'wow' me everyday, especially with how you explain your learning to me and record your thinking. Your contribution to our Webex reading group also showed how hard you are working to keep improving. Well done Zavien. You are a Grade 1 Superstar!
Maddie M	1LO	For your consistent enthusiasm during remote learning! You are always making sure you complete each task to the best of your ability and you also complete the extra challenge tasks. Maddie, you are such a superstar remote learner and I love listening to your voice recordings each day, keep it up!
Jess P	1ND	For working so hard to improve her skills as a writer. Jess is making huge progress by concentrating on her handwriting, spelling and sentence structure. Well done Jess I am so proud of your effort!
Henry H	1RM	For the positivity, he is showing with learning tasks and group WebEx meetings during remote learning. Henry is making lots of effort to be the best he can be especially with his reading. He demonstrates his understandings by reflecting on his learning and recording thinking for Mrs Mackie. Congratulations on your determination Henry, you are a super star!
Lila G	2BR	For the amazing effort she is putting towards her remote learning. It is always amazing to see you share your work and your daily videos Lila and the research you have completed over the last week has been fantastic. I loved the T-Rex rap, very cool! Great work Lila!
Lucas C	2SH	For your consistent effort in your Remote Learning. Lucas it is wonderful to see you putting so much effort and enthusiasm into your activities and joining in our group catch ups. Keep up the fantastic effort, well done! Lucas!
Maia B	2TW	Maia, I love the way you are working so hard and you are so enthusiastic about all the work. What a great positive mindset you are displaying and I can see it shining through in all your work. Keep it up. Superstar.
Marlowe P	34B	For continuing to be an enthusiastic and positive member of 3/4B during remote learning. I love seeing the effort and insight you put into your learning, particularly during the maths goal setting sessions and our 3/4 High Ability Reading Group sessions. Keep up the impressive effort Marlowe and never forget that you are capable of anything that you set your mind towards!
Charlie S	34D	I have been so impressed with Charlie's efforts during Remote Learning in Term 3. It is amazing to see how hard he is working to make sure his learning is clear and submitted each day.
Delaney	34H	For your fantastic attitude towards Remote Learning in Term 3. The effort that you have been putting into all of your learning tasks has been wonderful! I especially love the work that you have been doing to achieve your multiplication and division learning goals. Keep up the great work superstar!
Talya F	34K	Talya, you are doing a great job of completing tasks during Remote Learning On-site. Some days, you are working non-stop! Keep up the great attitude of giving things a go! You are a super star!
Matthew S	34R	Wow what a super star actor you are Matt! Congratulations on your exceptional input into writing, directing, filming and starring in your very own 'Little Lunch' episode.
Archie B	34S	For your amazing work during remote learning! I am loving seeing all of your hard work on seesaw and during our webex meetings. Keep up the awesome work.
Ash R	56E	For your positive attitude and effort towards remote learning this term Ash. You are working hard and trying your best with all activities. Keep up the fantastic work.
Hamish L	56F	For the consistent effort he has been putting into his work while remote learning. Hamish you continue to show a dedication towards you learning even while learning remotely, keep it up super star.,
Nicholas T	56J	For working so hard to work on achieving his remote and flexible learning goal. I have been so impressed with how often you are submitting tasks, and by how neat some of your work has been. Way to go!
Jack T	56M	For doing such a great job with Remote Learning 2.0. Jack has come out with improved enthusiasm for round two and is putting more effort into his work. Good stuff Jack.
Jonah L	56S	For the dedication he has shown in maths. Jonah, it's been amazing to see you strengthening your understanding of the connection between fractions, decimals and percentages. Excellent work!
Sofia S(PBH)	ITALIAN	For your consistent efforts in posting work in Italian and the great work that you do. I especially love to hear your recording and listen to you speaking in Italian. BRAVISSIMA.
Jude H (1LO)	ART	Well done Jude, for the amazing work you have been doing during the Arcimboldo Visual Art unit. I loved the way you thought about creating a special artwork made from fruit and vegetables before you were even asked to do it!! It was like you were reading my mind. It was wonderful to be able to show your work as an example for the other students. Keep up the positive attitude.
Arjunaa K	MUSIC	Arjunaa, I am so impressed with the way you play the piano. I have loved seeing your posts about how you practise. Bravo!

Parent Partnerships

The Working Parents Masterclass by Tina Paterson

In this webinar, Tina Paterson gives simple, practical advice on how to manage work from home, family and time for you by focusing on working smarter, not harder during this time of

Remote Learning.

This advice will help you free up your time to focus on the things and people you love outside of work. Tina shares practical tips through her 3Rs model

Routine – Getting work done

How to work smarter to find extra hours in your week

Recharging – Avoiding Burnout

How to invest in you so you don't burn out.

Relationships - Keeping you family connected

How to help your kids with Remote Learning

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/3O1PclOhy1hLR5XQ2GXtUfYQHL39eaa8gCIZq6IEz0h2IM0-6dlxw5aLpltAs1JJ>

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I highly recommend that you take the time to listen to this podcast.

Roslyn Mackie

(Home-School Partnerships Leader)



Greening Greenhills

While we're in lockdown, we can help our hip pockets and the environment by taking a look at our resource use.



One way to do this is by following the three R's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

We're living through challenging times, and attempting a full lifestyle overhaul is probably too much at the moment. When trying to make change, it's good to start small. You might like to try one or two of the suggestions below and then build on your successes.

When it comes to the three R's, reducing is best. Here are some ideas for how to reduce waste around the house:



Before you make any purchase, whether it's grocery essentials or a lockdown comfort buy, stop to think if you really need to buy it at all.

Consider mending items instead of replacing them, and try to make do with what you have.

When you do decide to buy, look for quality items that will last instead of poor quality goods and disposables.



Plan meals ahead of time to minimise food wastage and trips to the shops. Look in the fridge and pantry while you plan and try to make the most of what you already have.

Instead of buying snack packs for lunches, save on packaging by buying in bulk and then serving smaller portions in reusable containers.

Before you throw things away, think if you can reuse them.

Be creative. A broken clothes horse can be repurposed as a trellis for climbing peas and beans.



Old sheets and clothes can be used to make shopping bags, face masks or cleaning rags.

Reuse glass containers for storing pantry goods like grains, flours and loose leaf teas. Save egg cartons, cardboard boxes, tubes, jars and tubs for lockdown craft projects.



When you've exhausted the reuse options, recycle as much as you can through the local Council bin collection and landfill facilities, as well as other community recycling initiatives.

There'll be more on this in the next edition of CONTACT.

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WHAT CAN I DO IF I NEED HELP WITH SCHOOL COSTS?

If you are struggling financially to provide for your child's education, we suggest you make an appointment with the school principal or welfare coordinator to discuss your situation and see if you are eligible for **Kids Assist** Education.

Families facing hardship may also be eligible for assistance through the **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** to attend school trips and other school organised activities, and assistance with uniforms and footwear through **State Schools' Relief**.

Please contact your school for more information or visit our website for other available supports



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