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Wednesday 08/02/ 2023

Key Dates

- 23/01/23 - **First Day, Term 1**
- 06/01/23 - Australia Day Public Holiday
- 31/01/23 - **NQ RAFS Playgroup**
- 22/02/23 - **P & C Meeting**
- 10/03/23 - Greenvale Interhouse
Cross Country
- 15/03/23– 27/03/23 - **NAPLAN**
- 17/03/23 - **St. Patrick's Day**
- 21/03/23 - **Harmony Day**
- 24/03/23 - Dalrymple Cluster
Cross Country
National Ride 2 School Day
- 29/03/23 - **Easter Bonnet Parade**
@ 2.05pm
- 31/03/23 - **Greenvale Interhouse**
Swimming Carnival
Last Day, Term 1



From the Principal's Desk

*Welcome back students and staff for 2023, and a very special welcome to our new students! I hope that all families enjoyed the holidays. Could I also welcome **new staff** joining our team this year. They are Mrs Terri Pullen, Teacher K-3. Katarina Keough, Relief Teacher. Brett Ryan, Cleaner. And ... Chloe Wolfenden, Relief Teacher Aide.*

Sand/mud pit Project You will have noticed the work going on in the school over the holiday period for the Sand/mud pit and we should see this all completed before the end of this term. **RENOVATIONS to the Classrooms** Finally, the renovations in the classrooms are being completed. Over the next weeks classrooms will take turns at being relocated to the Library as workmen paint, replace windows and also carpets. **Swimming Lessons** Swimming commenced last week. Mrs Lucy Thornhill, our swim coach, tells me that things are going **swimmingly** and to remind students of wearing a hat on the walk to and from the pool. **Cross Country**: With the Cluster Cross Country coming up very quickly, students will get opportunities to have a run in the mornings before the first bell of the day. We are also holding our Interhouse Cross Country in Week 7 on Friday morning, the 10th of March. The points students achieve at this event will go towards the points at our Athletics Carnival in Week 1 of Term 3.

NAPLAN Education ministers have this year moved NAPLAN to Term 1, 2023—this will allow access to results earlier in the year to inform teaching and learning. NAPLAN will commence in Term 1, week 8 from **Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March**. Students in Year 3 and 5 will be sitting these tests. Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN. See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at nap.edu.au/onlineassessment/public-demonstration-site. If you have concerns about NAPLAN testing or how your child will cope, please don't hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher.



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And Lastly - This year we are not holding a Parent Information session in Term 1, as there are very little changes in the Senior Class and we have the temporary Teacher replacement in the Junior Class. If for any reason you would like to meet with your child's teacher, feel free to contact the school office and make an appointment.

Enjoy the rest of this week and have a brilliant weekend.

Ms Close

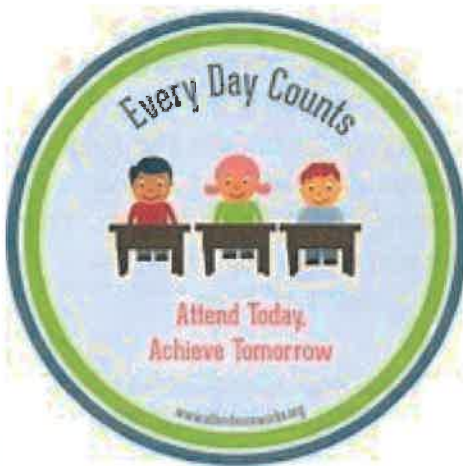
Student Council News

The student council this year is led by our Student Council President, Sierra Thornhill. On our first parade, Sierra asked if any school students had any ideas for fundraising, could they let her know. Once again Student council are selling Berri Quelch Fruit Sticks and Zooper Doopers from the tuckshop, for 50cents each, on Thursday and Friday at 2nd break.

From the Year 3 – 6 Class

Welcome back for 2023. We are off to an amazing start with the students participating in all aspects of our curriculum. They have been working especially hard in Maths, looking at fractions, decimals and place value. English has us reading Charlotte's Web this term and students have been enjoying listening to and taking turns reading the book. I would like to congratulate our new school leaders Cooper Jonsson, Scott Morgan and Sierra Thornhill on their running of parade in Week 2. It was all new to them and they did an awesome job.

Mrs Morgan

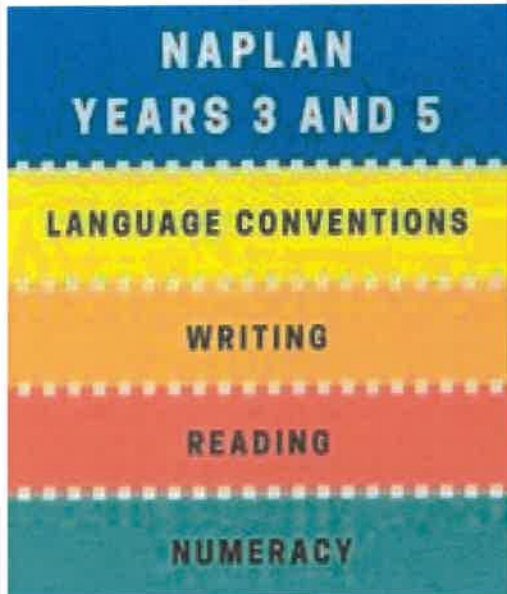




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From the Year K – 3 Classroom

What a great start to the term!

Thank you all for making me feel so welcome in your community. It is exciting to be here!

The children have all settled into their school routines and are working very hard to achieve their learning goals and doing an amazing job of being both responsible and respectful. Well done, everyone!

A big, special thank you to all of the Teacher Aide's and support staff at Greenvale for all your help and guidance and sharing your knowledge and skills with me.

I look forward to a very rewarding term and if you have any questions please feel free to email me and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Mrs Pullen





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P & C News

Our first P & C meeting is set for Wednesday 22nd February at 3:10pm in the staffroom at the School. Parents **and community members** are welcome to attend.

Our Tuckshop Convenor is still looking for people to volunteer in the tuckshop. If you know anyone that can could offer a Wednesday at the school, give the office a call and leave your details or contact Kirsty Ferris.

Homework Club

We are off to a great start in 2023 in Homework Centre. We have some new faces joining our group. Welcome to Zac & Toby Prior. The students worked very hard this week and should be very proud of their achievements.



COVID-19 and Flu

Staying safe while learning



Good habits that protect you from COVID-19 can keep you safe from catching cold and flu viruses too.

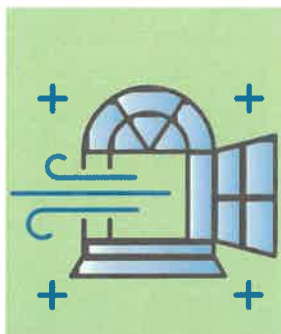
Keep these habits up all the time:



Wash your hands



Cover your cough



Let fresh air in



Wear a mask when required



Stay up to date with your COVID-19 and flu vaccinations

It is very important to stay home if you have any COVID-19 or flu symptoms:



Fever



Cough



Feeling unusually tired



Diarrhoea



Loss of taste



Loss of smell



Sore throat with or without runny nose



Trouble breathing



Vomiting or feeling ill



Prolonged headache



Stay informed at
www.health.qld.gov.au/covid19/prevention



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Homework Centres

Fact sheet for families



Homework support for busy families

Homework Centres

Homework is an important part of every child's education but finding time to help your child get their homework done can be a challenge for your busy family.

To ease the burden on families, Homework Centres will be established in up to 120 state schools across Queensland.

What is a Homework Centre?

A Homework Centre provides a supervised and suitable learning environment where your child can complete their homework before they come home from school.

Homework Centres provide your child additional learning time with their peers, and support good study habits.

Homework Centre sessions are free for a maximum of 3 hours per week, for 30 weeks per year. The sessions are supervised by teacher aides.

Operation hours are determined by the school in order to meet the needs of families in the school community.

Who can attend a Homework Centre?

Any student of a participating school can attend and participation is voluntary.

What will my child do at the Homework Centre?

Your child can complete their homework tasks under the supervision of teacher aides after school. Personalised tuition or academic counselling is not provided.

As well as their school-based learning, your child may also participate in other activities designed to support their health and wellbeing, such as reading.

Each school plans the Homework Centre sessions based on the age, learning and development needs of the students attending.

A healthy snack will also be provided.

How do I register my child in a Homework Centre

Complete the registration form that will be circulated by participating schools. This form will provide a local contact who can answer any queries you have and provide support with registration.

