



Greenslopes

State School



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From the Principal



STUDENT LEADERS ASSEMBLY

A special thanks to our special guests, parents and students for another outstanding Student Leader Assembly. I would love to take the opportunity to express my thanks to Charlton and Ashlee. Charlton for his Acknowledgement of Country and to Ashlee for her magnificent performance of the National Anthem.

Successful events of this sort are the result of some intense behind the scenes work by staff and volunteers. I wish to thank staff members Mrs Leslie, Mrs Smajic, Ms

Callander, Miss McLeod, Mr Dan and Mr John for their efforts to ensure the smooth running of the event. I extend another vote of thanks to Mary-Anne and Renee, our wonderful Event co-ordinators from the P & C Association. Mary-Anne and Renee set up the room and organised additional catering for the students, parents and invited guests.

This is my second student leader assembly, and each time visiting principals and guests comment on the wonderful sense of community and the general atmosphere of the school, so thank you everyone and well done!

YEAR 5/6 CAMP



All of our teachers and students have returned from a very successful camp to Maroon Dam OEC. The students have obviously learnt a lot from their experiences about teamwork and leadership.

A special thanks to staff who spent time away from families and loved ones to help ensure the camp was the success it was, and to Mr Castle for his organisational work behind the scenes.

P & C AGM

A reminder to all parents and community members that the Annual General Meeting for the P & C Association will be held on March 8 in the Library commencing at 6:30pm. Our last gathering was a large one, and we are hoping to have a repeat with a large turnout. The P & C Association plays an integral role in helping the school develop and support programs that benefit all students.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL LAUNCH

The Active School Travel program aims to ensure students maintain a healthy lifestyle, but also aims to reduce traffic congestion around schools at pick up and drop off times. Active School Travel's colourful 'AST Crew' will be special guests at assembly on Friday (3 March) when Greenslopes State School launches Active School Travel.

Wednesday at Greenslopes State School will never be the same. From next Wednesday, (8 March) we will be asking everyone to really think about how they travel to school as we launch Walking Wheeling Wednesday as part of our Active School Travel program.

All students will receive an Active School Travel passport. Students who actively travel to school on Wednesday will collect stamps and earn lots of great rewards this year.

We know that everyone is different, so there are lots of ways you can actively travel to school. How will you actively travel to school?

Walk

Leave the car at home and walk your kids to school. If you live too far away, drive part of the way and walk the rest. We call that "Park and Stride".

Cycle/ Scooter

Ride with your children to school. It's legal to ride on the footpath and remember to always have your helmet secured.

Public Transport

Public transport is easy once you know how. For bus, train and ferry timetables, visit www.translink.com.au, or phone 13 12 30.

Carpool

Find a friend and carpool to school. It's an easy way to save money and time. Talk to other parents in your child's class or at music and sport to see who is going your way.

Launch – Wednesday 8 March

The launch will take place at the Annerley Soccer Fields on the corner of Pine and Dunellan St, near the Wood Turners Association. Staff, students and parents will meet at 8:15am before walking to the school at 8:30am.

So get started on 8 March and remember that EVERY Wednesday is now Walking Wheeling Wednesday

PRINCIPAL'S CONFERENCE AND WELCOME BARBEQUE

On Thursday and Friday I will be attending the State Wide Principal's Conference on the Gold Coast. The conference ends on Friday afternoon and I will be back in time to participate in the school's Welcome Barbeque which commences at 4:00pm and finishes at 6:00pm. Last year's Welcome Barbeque was a huge success, I even won some flowers in a raffle, so come along and meet some of the parents and students at our wonderful school.

Yours sincerely
Trevor Carr

From the Deputy Principal

PREP VISION SCREENER POSTPONED

Prep students were scheduled to have a visit from Sarah Edwards, Registered Nurse, Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program yesterday. Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances we need to reschedule this visit. We will advise all parents when the date becomes available. Thank you to all parents for promptly returning your permission forms.

BRIDGE BUILDERS HAS BEGUN!

Congratulations to the following students on your selection to become a Bridge Builder Mediator:

Amy, Anahbel, Ashlee, Audrey, Bailey, Caitlyn, Eliza, Eli, Evan, Genevieve, Grace, Ivy, Jacinta, Kaia, Liliana, Lilliana, Maisie, Makenzie, Nicholas, Poppy, Rudra, Scarlett, Taksh, Venice and Zoe.

Bridge Builders is a holistic Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation program. The program teaches students about the nature of conflict, that behaviour is a choice, the three responses to conflict, how to manage emotions, how to work out conflict and the role of others in conflict. Bridge Builder mediators provide playground support during the second break every day. They help younger students to come to an agreement through a process of cooperative exploration to teach conflict resolution skills. The program helps in developing responsible learners who have ownership for their problem solving and focusses on positive relationships.



EASTERN ALLIANCE CLUSTER PRIMAR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Our school leaders Audrey, Bailey, Caitlin and Nicholas have enjoyed a three day leadership program hosted by the Eastern Alliance Cluster Primary Schools. Each day has provided rich and authentic learning opportunities focussed on providing the insights, experiences and confidence building skills to excel in their leadership roles this year and beyond.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Mark Granrose, Head of Department – Innovative Practices, Whites Hill State College and Ms Dianne Aylward, Principal, Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre for their hard work in planning and co-ordinating this wonderful learning opportunity.

YEAR 5 SCIENCE CLUB – CAVENDISH ROAD STATE HIGH SCHOOL

The following students will be participating in the Cavendish Road State High School Science Club each Wednesday from the 1/3/2017-22/03/2017: Alexander, Lachlan, Marijela and Genevieve.

The workshops are totally hands-on, highly engaging and help develop skills such as observing, inferring, analysing and interpreting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff involved at Cavendish Road State School for providing this learning experience for our students. I am looking forward to joining our students at the workshops.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH

Our staff have been invited to come together for morning tea to acknowledge International Women's Day on March 8.

Yours sincerely
Nicola Leslie

Classroom news

JP1 (Prep)

JP1 have commenced creating our innovation on the text 'I Went Walking' by Sue Williams. Our aim is to create our own digital text for our families to view.

Our virtual classroom is finally up and running and we are in the stage of sorting out all of the logon and password issues.

Everyone in JP1 has been doing an amazing job with identifying the letter names and sounds! Mrs Bell and I have been very happy with the effort that all of the children in our class are putting into their learning.

Mr McGregor

JP2 (Prep)

In maths last week we worked on representing quantities and matching them with numerals. We are also working on identifying quantities that are more, less and the same.

In English we have been reading the 'Magic Hat' and some of the students acted out the story using our class dress up items.

We had three new little fish friends join JP2 last week. They were given to us by our prep buddy class teacher. Thank you Mr McCallum! We are learning how to care for our new friends as part of our Science unit on living things.

Miss Pratile

JP3 (Prep/1)

English – this week we will be studying an exemplar of a book talk on Koala Lou. Prep students will have an opportunity to create a scene from the story.

Maths – rotations: rainbow facts – numbers that add to 10. Year 1: addition and subtraction. Prep: recording quantities and patterning with numbers

Students will be exploring the topic of length every Friday for the next few weeks.

IXL - I have emailed everyone your IXL user names and passwords. Please come and see us if you have any questions.

Prep Buddies – the Year 5/6 students will meet with their Prep / Year 1 buddies every Wednesday during the last session. The older students will be reading books with their prep buddy most weeks. This is a lovely opportunity for the young students to feel more connected with their Greenslopes community and for the older students to mature and grow and show responsibility in caring for those younger than them.

Welcome BBQ - hope to see you there on Friday, it will be a very fun evening for all involved!

Mrs Ferguson & Mrs Tworek

JP4 (Year 1)

We are over half way through the term and the students are getting used to all our daily and weekly routines. Just a reminder to name everything that your child brings to school as there are a lot of things that seem to be going missing, especially on Wednesday (our swimming day!).

This week the students will be writing a book talk about Koala Lou and relating the feelings that Koala Lou has to their own personal experience. We will send the final piece of writing home in your child's reading folder for them to practise reading aloud.

For maths we are starting subtraction from 10 this week and looking at numbers up to 20 in more detail, particularly the teen numbers. We will partition numbers into tens and ones.

In HASS we still need a baby photo for each child please, so we can play 'guess the baby?' and look at how much the student has changed.

Mrs Romyn & Mrs Murnane

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JP5 (Year 1)

The students have been learning about other cultures as well as discussing their own unique culture. We have been enjoying communicating with and learning about our new friends from Woodford International School in the Solomon Islands. Thank you for bringing in a range of special items from your diverse cultures.

Mrs Watson

JP6 (Year 2)

The students of JP6 have been working on their understanding of how to write an informative text from a narrative. This week we have been focusing our efforts on reading the story 'Stellaluna' and finding out facts about the Northern Blossom Bats.

In mathematics we have been learning about how to solve number stories/problems using 'part-part-whole' strategy. We have also been learning about measuring, in particular looking at length. Students have enjoyed estimating and measuring items using non-standard units.

In science we have enjoyed observing and monitoring our mung beans development. It is wonderful to see such enthusiasm and attention each student has displayed when taking care of their mung beans. This week we will be planting our marigolds and sunflowers.

Each week as part of their homework students are asked to participate in IXL Maths and English. In order to access the English part of the IXL you must firstly return to the main site by clicking on the IXL icon on the top left hand side then scroll down to the title 'Maths and English'. Click on the highlighted part 'English'. This will take you to the English aspect of IXL. It is fantastic to see nearly all students working on their IXL accounts.

Please remember homework is due on Mondays.

Mrs Rozis

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JP7 (Year 2)

Half way through term 1 already!! How times flies...

English – we have been busy learning about noun groups and the adjectives used to describe the nouns and how they impact what the reader is reading. The children have been busy practising their writing skills to transform a narrative into an information report, and have been doing a great job of creating informative texts.

Maths – we had a great week learning about measurement last week, and learning all about formal and informal measurements and how to use these. There were plenty of laughs as we tried to measure each other through the week. This week, we are exploring place value of numbers and all the ways we can represent these. Feel free to ask your child to explain what they know about a given number.

Science – our sprouts have germinated and we are having a wonderful time being the waterers each day and watching them grow. The question we all have is what will happen to the ones that we have changed the circumstances of?

General information – we have been doing a fantastic job of being organised and prepared for swimming on a Thursday. Please remember that Tuesday is our library borrowing day, so we need to bring our books and bags with us.

Mrs Denyer

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JP8 (Year 3)

JP8 have had another very productive two weeks. We are working like scientists and in our science journals we are discussing living, non-living, once living and products of living. We are conducting an investigation to answer the question 'Is a seed living?'. As scientists we then make and record our prediction, plan and conduct our investigation by setting up our dwarf beans in clear plastic bags with moist paper towel and stick them to the windows. Observations are made and displayed in our journals by our labelled diagram and measurements that we record. This data that we have recorded accurately for at least seven days is then what we can use to answer relevant questions. You are welcome to come and visit our seed investigations as well as look at our science word wall. Do you know what the word skat means? We do?

Mrs Mead & Mrs Pierce

JP9 (Year 3)

JP9 would like to send a warm welcome to our new friend in our growing classroom community, and extend a warm welcome to his family.

The children have been working hard the past few weeks. In English we have been focusing on noun and verb groups, and narratives. The children have been very busy breaking down the features of a narrative, re-writing well-known texts such as 'The Gingerbread Man' by modifying the problem of the story, and have also begun thinking about and planning for their upcoming assessment, which is to write a narrative on the theme 'friendship'.

We have all been very engaged and hands on with our current science investigation; is it living? Last Friday we were very excited to find numerous living things in our garden bed, some of which included: grasshoppers, spiders, butterflies, moss, weeds, flowers, plants, trees, and even a cicada shell which was clinging to a branch! Reminders – swimming gear is to be brought every Thursday; library borrowing is every Monday so please ensure that your children are bringing their library books and bag, home-readers are to be changed daily or every second day unless your child is currently reading their own text at home, i.e. 'Harry Potter' – just let me know.

Miss McInnerney

MP1 (Year 4)

The students began their literature circles last week and have begun to have discussions about the books they are reading. The book they have brought home has been taken out in their name from the library for the entire

term. The groups negotiate the amount of chapters they will read each week and most groups agreed on two chapters for this week. The students choose a different role to explore each week and have the opportunity to share what they have discovered about the novel. This activity is designed to improve the students' comprehension of texts, to have the opportunity to think deeply about a text, read an enjoyable novel and hear other students' point of view. Literature Circles are every Wednesday and the students need to bring their novel and workbook to school on this day.

[Mrs Young](#)

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MP2 (Year 4)

In English this week we are all very excited to be planning, writing, editing and publishing our new chapters for the Twits. We have also constructed a joint success criteria to help us evaluate our own work.

In mathematics we are using units of measurement to investigate time, length and temperature. We are also solving problems involving fractions.

In science we are examining erosion; its causes, effects and solutions. We will be looking for erosion problems around the school and brainstorming possible solutions.

In HASS we are exploring James Cook's first journey as we examine the inquiry question: What were the impacts of European discovery and settlement on Australia's First Peoples, and how have Australian cultures, identities and laws changed since that time?

[Mr Papamanolis](#)

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MP3, MP4 & MP5 (Year 5/6)

Well, camp was a great success. The students had an amazing time with many highlights from cabins, Red Faces, meal times, hiking, canoeing and camping out. Students worked together and developed greater group work skills and a greater sense of community. Some students have written a brief account of camp which is included in this newsletter.

The students are currently working towards writing their short story which will be due in Week 8. In maths, classes are moving onto data topics which involve constructing graphs and interpreting data. Remember, homework is due on Thursday morning. Students receive new homework on Friday morning. Please ask your child if they are completing their homework. If there are any problems completing homework, please let the class teacher know. Would you also please help your child be organised for school. That is, help them to organise themselves and have all items needed for school.

[Mr Castle, Mr McCallum, Miss Rankin](#)

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Specialists news

LIBRARY

Our first Book Fair of the year begins on March 14 and runs until March 20. This pop up shop offers a

wide range of books for all ages and everyone is welcome to come in and browse through the selections. Invitations will be going home this week. If you are unable to attend the Fair you may wish to choose from the books in the invitation and pay in advance using online payment at www.scholastic.com.au/payment and choosing **Book Fairs** then bring your receipt number to the library to collect the books. Every purchase that is made earns learning and literacy resources for the school. From our last Book Fair reward points, we were able to purchase a Robot Mouse Coding Activity set to support Digital Technologies along with many other resources for the library and classrooms.

[Mrs Pierce](#)

VISUAL ARTS

The art room is in need of some donations to cater for some of our current units, such items as: buttons, wool, branches/sticks, small pebbles/rocks etc. On Thursday there will be a container placed outside the art room for any donations. Thank you in advance.

With the current focus on STEM, or STEAM as I prefer to call it, I attended a workshop on 'Microscope Drawing: An approach to interdisciplinary learning'. The day's focus was on the strong connection between science and art. The session was prepared by the wonderful people from 'scale free network: art-science collaborative'. I found the following quote very interesting...

"How often people speak of art and science as though they were two entirely different things, with no interconnection. An artist is emotional, they think, and uses only their intuition; he/she sees all at once and has no need of reason. A scientist is cold, they think, and uses only his/her reason; he argues carefully step by step, and needs no imagination. That is all wrong. The true artist is quite rational as well as imaginative and knows what they are doing; if he/she does not, the art suffers. The true scientist is quite imaginative as well as rational, and sometimes leaps to solutions where reason can follow only slowly; if he/she does not, his/her science suffers."

Isaac Asimov (1983) – The Roving Mind

'I am looking forward to implementing many of the engaging tasks covered on the day within the art room.'

[Ms Sheedy](#)

School news

STUDENT ABSENCES – HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The school is using the same day absence notification process which means that if your child is away and you haven't previously contact the office, you will receive a text message.

How can you help?

- Ring the absence line (3421 2366) or text the school on 0428 680 815 before 9.15am on the morning your child is away or going to be late.
- If you receive a text message, please reply as soon as possible.
- Let us know every day your child is away. If they are sick one day we will not assume they are sick on subsequent days.

- What are some of the reasons your child may be absent? Illness/ Holiday/ Sport or Excursion/ Other (ie cultural, appointment etc)
- If you advise your child's teacher of the absence, please do so in writing via a note or email (and also let the office know)
- Ensure your mobile number is up to date

Did you know?

- The school is charged 6.5 cents per text message.
- Advising us of a child's absence before 9.15am will save the school time and money.
- If you haven't given us a reason for your child's absence it will appear as an 'unexplained absence' on your child's report card.
- You can also call the absence line or text the school if your child is going to be late.
- If your child arrives at school after 9am or is leaving before 3pm you need to visit the office first.
- If your child is going to be absent for more than 10 school days you must apply for an exemption from compulsory schooling well ahead of time. Please see Kerry at the office for more information on this.

Parent Information Session (Reading)

When: Friday 10th March

Time: 9:30-11:00am (after Assembly)

Venue: Music room

Who: Parents of students in Prep-Year 2

Mrs Cifuentes will offer an information session on Reading and Literacy development. Topics will include: reading strategies, comprehension, sentence making, grammar, spelling, writing and sight words.

This will be a "hands on" workshop where you get to do the daily literacy activities!

YEAR 5/6 CAMP UPDATE

This year's camp was held at Maroon Outdoor Education Centre. It was an exciting and challenging experience for all who attended. We participated in activities such as kayaking and canoeing, swimming, rock climbing, high and low ropes, group activities and orienteering. These activities were challenging but helped us develop leadership and teamwork skills.

At the camp we had a group of Year 12s staying at MOEC. One night we got to meet, get to know and play games with them. This was an exciting and fun start to the night. We then did Red Faces - everyone's acts were great and we had a lot of fun. As well as Red Faces, we did 'Minties Moments' where we nominated someone who we thought did something great!

One of the most fun but challenging activities was the camp out. Group 1 and 2 camped at the waterfall and group 3 and 4 camped at the lease. At the campsites, we put up our tents and cooked our own food. Unfortunately for group 2, it rained while they were putting up their tents so it was a rather soggy experience. When we got back, we were in charge of cleaning up our gear and putting it away.

At the end of the week we were all quite tired but we had a great time.

Lily, Jacinta & Eliza

PLEASE TIE DOGS UP AWAY FROM THE GATE

If you are tying your dog up on the fence outside school during pick up or drop off, would you please make sure to leave ample clearance for families to come into the school grounds. We remind families that animals are not allowed on school grounds.

SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Next term we are moving away from providing parents with a printed copy of the school newsletter.

If you do not have a device on which you can receive the newsletter (ie smart phone, tablet or computer), please let us know. We will continue to print a small amount of newsletters for families who are unable to access the newsletter online.

Please email newsletter@greensloss.eq.edu.au if you are not already receiving the newsletter via email.

P&C news

P&C NEWS

The P&C AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be held next Wednesday, March 8 at 6.30pm in the OSCA building. All positions will be made vacant at this time, and new appointments made. This is the only time you are able to join the P&C in absence. All P&C members are emailed the monthly meeting minutes which is a great way of staying informed.

We look forward to seeing you at the Welcome BBQ this Friday (3 March), from 4.00-6.00pm.

Mrs Anning (P&C President)

OSCA

Concerns, complaints and suggestions:

If you have any concerns, complaints or suggestions, please speak to the Coordinator. If this is not satisfactory, our Management Committee will handle complaints. The happiness and well-being of your child is our top priority and we are continually striving to improve the quality of care we provide to families.

Other avenues of communicating your suggestions or concerns are via the 'Suggestion Box' at the signing desk, at regular P&C & Management meetings or via regular surveys conducted through the newsletter.

However, please feel free to discuss any issues at any time. We value and encourage your participation in our Service as we believe it enhances the service we provide.

Mrs Andric

TUCKSHOP

Just a reminder if you need to cancel your tuckshop order, you have until 8am on Thursday to do this via Flexischools. Or if you can please give the school a call and I can cancel over the phone. By doing this, it saves us making food that is not needed, and looking for the children to see if they are at school once we have the bag ready.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents that have volunteered their time to help out and make weekly specials – this had been much appreciated. Also a big thank you to all the parents that come by and volunteer their time – even ten minutes help is really appreciated on a Thursday morning.

Mrs Hansen

UNIFORM SHOP

A quick update on stock - we are currently waiting on the delivery of quite a few sizes of polo shirts. We expect this stock to arrive mid-late March. In the meantime, we thank you for your patience and understanding.

Ms Lin & Ms MacDonnell

FUNDRAISING

Our **Welcome BBQ** is this Friday 3 March from 4-6pm. We would love to see every school family along for a great afternoon of fun activities. It is a great chance to meet other families if you are new to the school and get a taste of our wonderful community. As always this event needs lots of helpers. A volunteer sign-up sheet is on the P&C noticeboard located under the main building opposite the children's toilets. If you are able to spare some time to give us a hand please put your name down. If an hour block is too long please sign up as a team with someone else and split the shift. If you have any questions please speak with Ellen King at school or by email:

greenslopesfundraising@gmail.com

Finally a big thank you to everyone involved in the IGA BBQ on 18 February. We made \$230 profit for the school while getting many more people signed up for a myIGA card or eager to assign us their points on their existing card. We look forward to seeing the benefits of this in our IGA community benefits account soon.

If you don't have a myIGA or if you aren't sure if you have assigned Greenslopes State School to receive your community benefits point, then drop by the IGA stand at the Welcome BBQ.

Mrs King & Mrs Harland

RAISE MONEY BY SHOPPING!

Greenslopes State School has entered the Homemaker Fortitude Valley school rewards competition which runs from Friday 24th February - Saturday 8th April. We are one of 10 schools enrolled and winners are determined on the number of points earned. 1st prize is \$4000, 2nd prize is \$2000 and 3rd prize is \$1000. There are over 30 stores at the Valley Homemaker including Harvey Norman, Forty Winks, Freedom, Outdoor Furniture Specialists plus many more, so if you are needing any new items for your home (or your family / friends) think about Homemaker The Valley. The customer that enters the most points will win a \$1000 gift card. Visit www.homemakerschoolrewards.com.au to register and upload receipts. Happy shopping!

Open Day Friday 10 March

Information Evening Wednesday 8 March
(6:30pm in C Block)

Venue: Mansfield State High School
Corner Broadwater and Ham Roads
Enter by the Broadwater Road car park

Contact: Mr Kerin Gordon
Head of Department, Languages
Phone: 3452 5356

Community news

MANSFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL

French Immersion Program

Invitation to interested parents and students

