Welcome to what is shaping up to be a very busy year. At the start of the 2015 school year we have a total enrolment of 29 students compared to 17 students at the end of last year. This is a very important number for Greenmount State School as this impacts on our teaching staff and teacher aide hours in the school. In relation to your children, this will only impact on them positively as we are able to provide more support for every student in our school.

A very warm welcome to Mrs Lawson as she joins our team in 2015 as a part time teacher working in the year 3-6 classroom. With the employment of Mrs Lawson I will be released from class for 2 days to complete the administration tasks of the school. Mrs Lawson will be teaching Science to the upper class and art across the school on a Thursday and a Friday. During this time Mrs Saal will be receiving non contact time.

This year Greenmount State School will hold it’s QSR (Quad School Review). During this planning cycle I will send out a survey to each parent to complete so I can gauge what you would like to see changing at the school. Please be aware that this survey is voluntary but we would appreciate your input.

I can not stress the importance of open communication at our school. The teachers are very approachable at our school and the teacher aides are also highly considered as a part of our team. If you do not understand or simply need clarification on an element of the school can you please contact the school or the teacher concerned. We all work as a team. Sometimes a staff member may not know the answer to your question but they will simply direct you to the correct person who can help you.

We have placed a new order for school shirts. Please be aware that these shirts can take up to 6—8 weeks to be made and delivered. I will keep you posted as to the arrival of these shirts. Andrea Moy

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From the Principal
Welcome to all of our new students!

Happy snaps!
Hello all and welcome back for 2015. For those who don’t know me, my name is Karl Pumpa and I am the school chaplain here at Greenmount State School. I’m at the school on Mondays and Wednesdays, the other three days are spread across Pittsworth SS and Pilton SS. The official tagline for my role is to support students socially, emotionally and spiritually. Basically there are four facets to my role

I run programs to support students, such as Brekky Club in the morning, Friends for life which was run last year on Monday afternoons and Jupiter Jumpers on Wednesday lunch time. I am always learning new programs so we can run the most effective ones for the needs of the students.

I give one on one and small group pastoral care for students dealing with any issue you can imagine

I give classroom and extracurricular support to students as much as possible. I help out in class however I can.

There is also a Role Modelling aspect to my job; I love to run around with the students in the playground as it helps build a rapport with them which lets me support them better.

If I haven’t met you yet, I hope I will soon.

Chappy Karl

As a bonus, here’s a joke to make your kids eyes roll

Q: What did the green grape say to the purple grape?
A: "Breathe, stupid!"

Clifton Ladies Social Tennis will commence at 9am on Tuesday, 3rd March at the Clifton Association Tennis Courts. The cost to play is $3. Compulsory membership to the Association is $50 per year, which includes insurance with Queensland Tennis.

The Ladies Social Tennis has teams organized to play fixtures each Tuesday (excluding School Holidays), but it is very social and you don’t have to be a Sam Stosur to play. If you have young children, you are assured of plenty of babysitters!

Remember, the more you play, the more you improve your game, and it’s all about having fun and friendship.

Please contact Janett Frahm on 46 964 541/ 0409 495 514 or Shirley Erhardt on 46 663 470/ 0427 509 065 by 21st February. All ladies welcome and invited.
Smoking banned 5 metres around school grounds

Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend to businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school.

Smokers are asked to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.


Get your family active and eating well

The healthy lifestyle program for families called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health – is taking registrations now for a group to start in Toowoomba in term 2.

The FREE program is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life.

It consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Some of the topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit [www.peachqld.com.au](http://www.peachqld.com.au)