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Borough Bulletin February 1st 2018	
Tuesday 6th February	Swimming Trials. Grades 3-6
Friday 9th February	ISS Home vs St Mary's
Friday 16th February	ISS Home vs Watsonia North
Wednesday 21st February	Parent Teacher Meet And Greet
Thursday 22nd February	District Swimming Carnival
Friday 23rd February	ISS Away vs Norris Bank
Tuesday 27th February	Twilight Sports 6-7 pm. BBQ 5pm
Friday March 2nd March	ISS Away vs Watsonia Heights
Friday 9th March	ISS Away vs Watsonia
Monday 12th March	Labour Day – Public Holiday
Friday 16th March	ISS Home vs Bundoora
Tuesday 20th March	Southern Cross Recycling
Friday 23rd March	ISS Home vs Streeton
Wednesday 28th March	ISS Finals
Thursday 29th March	Easter Bonnet Parade, Activities, Egg Hunt Last Day Of Term One. 1.30 Dismissal

Principal's Report

We have had an excellent start to the year and it's been lovely to see everyone's enthusiasm and excitement to begin a new school year! Greensborough PS community warmly welcomes our 2018 Preps and all new students and families to the school. It's a credit to both students and parents how well they have all settled in and begun building new friendships. I'd also like to welcome Daniela Darling who is sharing a grade with Erin Donaldson this year. Daniela is one of our regular CRTs and has already built great relationships with the students and staff. Welcome back also to Melanie MacDonald who has returned to teach Grade 3/4B for the first few weeks of term. Chris Blake informed me recently that he'd be taking Personal Leave this year and we are currently advertising for a classroom teacher. The response so far been excellent and we look forward to interviewing and appointing a teacher within the next few weeks. I wish Chris and his family all the best for 2018 and thank Melanie for returning and ensuring a smooth start to the year for the students.

Many of you have already met Meghan Uren, our new Business Manager and given her a very warm welcome to our school community. Meghan is a valuable addition to our staff and has already revamped the office area resources and equipment to a more 'user friendly' model. Meghan freely gave her time in the holidays to ensure she was familiar with our practices and systems at GPS and is quickly building strong relationships with parents, staff and most importantly, students.

Whilst we have a restful break over the holidays, we also take the opportunity to complete some regular maintenance and major tasks. This year was no different and as many of you have seen, we had the hall painted, new carpet tiles laid in the administration area and covered the display boards in the top and bottom corridors. All these additions look fabulous and complement the refurbishments and renovations completed last year.

Thank you also to the families of students, Sienna, Tahlia, Heath, Lachie, Emily, Sienna, Amelia, Flynn, Josh and Dan, who generously gave their time to attend the working bee last Saturday. They joined Wayne, Irene, Margaret and myself to tidy the school grounds in readiness for the students' return on Tuesday. Despite the very hot weather, this small group completed a huge amount of

tasks and we are very grateful for their efforts to whippersnip, weed garden beds, wheelbarrow new sand to the sandpit, new softfall under play equipment and new mulch in garden beds and the outdoor seating area near the gagaball pit. The result was that our buildings and grounds look magnificent and are in great shape for our students to enjoy.

As is their normal practice, staff members came in several times over the holidays to set up their classrooms and plan together to ensure consistency in the delivery of teaching and learning programs across grades. We are most appreciative of the staff's efforts to ensure a smooth start to the year for our students. Our Pupil Free day on Monday was very productive as staff worked through the list of all students enrolled at the school to ensure there is understanding and consistency with important medical, behavioural and academic information. We also attended Professional Learning sessions on Coding and CPR and began our First Aid update, which we will complete next Tuesday after school. It's been a busy but very productive few days!

Curriculum

We are very excited to announce Salima Osbourne will deliver a Coding /Digital Literacy class to our Grade 3-6 students this year, as well as her existing STEM specialist program. We are also in discussion with Digimaker to continue the extension coding class, if timetabling allows. Preps - 2 will also continue to build their coding skills to program the robotics kits purchased by Parents' Club last year.

During this first week of school all grades have been involved in the T.E.A.M (Together Everyone Achieves More) program. This is where class and school values are discussed, procedures and processes to achieve optimum learning are put in place and team work and social / behavioural protocols are established. In Week Two all grades will commence their usual class time-tables and our specialist, extension and intervention programs will also begin. Margaret will continue her teaching role in Magic Maths and I'll take a Spelling Mastery group which allows for smaller group sizes and ensures all students are working within their Zone of Proximal development.

We are looking forward to several extracurricular activities continuing this year. Jen Farley has once again organised BOLT (Bikes Over Lunch time) and this year the program has changed and girls may also participate. Jane Byrne has booked excellent programs funded by our Sports In Schools Grants beginning with gymnastics. Odette Strickland will form a school choir and along with our usual specialist programs and GATEWAYS, this promises to be another engaging and enriching year.

Twilight Sports

Twilight Sports Night Our annual Twilight Sports Night will be held on the oval on Tuesday 27th February. This is a terrific night where students compete in their grade levels in House Teams, cheered on by their parents and family members. Dinner can be purchased from the Parents and Friends' Barbeque or families may bring a picnic with rugs and chairs. Our Grade 5 and 6 students run various stalls to raise money for Graduation, including Face Painting, Hair Spraying, Nail Polishing in House Colours and much more! The barbeque will begin at 5pm and sporting events at 6pm. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

Class Newsletters

As is our usual practice, each grade level will have class newsletters which set out programs and planning for the next term. The Prep grades will begin the year with a fortnightly newsletter and then move to one per term as families become more familiar with school routines. Grades 1 - 6 have one newsletter per term which will be sent home in the second week of each term. Class newsletters outline most class and school administrative procedures but an important one is that if you will be picking your child up from school earlier than the usual 3.30 dismissal, it is extremely important that you first come to the office and sign your child out. Your cooperation with this safety procedure is very much appreciated.

Have you registered for MY Skoolbag App yet??

Skoolbag app is a great way to receive notices and reminders about school events. If you haven't already done so, please register today and tick for notifications for the 'whole school' and for the year levels of your children. Download the My Skoolbag App from iTunes or Google Play. Please contact the office if you would like further information or assistance to download the app.

Financial Assistance For Parents

Diamond Valley Community Support Back To School Program is aimed at assisting low income families to meet the costs of their children's education and is aimed at families with a Health Care or Pension Card, living in the Banyule area. Eligible families will be provided with a cheque for \$100 per child (maximum \$500 per family), payable to the school. This money will then be credited to family accounts to pay for uniforms or assist with Subject Contributions. The program runs until Friday 23rd February. Diamond Valley Community Support is located in Shop 378a Level 3, Greensborough Plaza, phone: 9435 8282 / 9435 5440.

School Council Elections

One of the major tasks for first term is the election of the 2018 School Council. There will be four parent positions available for nomination and I would urge all families to consider involvement in this important aspect of school management. The term of office is two years. The current Parent Representatives on School Council at Greensborough Primary are:

Parent	Term on School Commenced	Term on School Council ends
Luma Ziad Saqqa	2016	2018
Leanne Connochie	2016	2018
Michael Smith	2016	2018
Laa Cowan	2017	2018
Ros Murfet	2017	2019
Simone Wilson	2017	2019
Kim Hill	2017	2019
Tanya Ferraro-Munday	2017	2019

Those parents whose two year term on School Council has come to an end have the opportunity to renominate for subsequent terms on School Council. School Council involvement includes two, two hour School Council meetings per term and involvement in a School Council subcommittee.

Parents can either nominate themselves for School Council or they can be nominated by another person. **Nomination forms will be available at the office from Monday 5th February and need to be returned to the office by Monday 26th February.** If the number of nominations matches the number of vacancies then the parents who have nominated are automatically on School Council. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies there is an election process with the timeline as set out below.

Notice of Election and call for nominations	Monday, 19 th February 2018
Closing date for nominations	Monday, 26 th February 2018
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday, 28 th February 2018
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Monday 5 th March 2018
Close of Ballot	Monday 12 th March 2018
Vote Count	Tuesday 13 th March
Declaration of poll	Wednesday 14 th March
First Council meeting to elect office bearers and co-opt Community members.	Monday 19 th March (To Be Confirmed)

School Council provides a pivotal role in the effective management of the school. If you have any further queries about School Council involvement please do not hesitate to contact either Margaret or myself or a current School Council member.

Introducing the 2017 Team

Prep	Laura Tillotson, Anne Loney
Grade 1/2	Erin Donaldson, Daniela Darling, Anne Loney,
Grade 1/2	Rebecca Gauci, Anne Loney
P-2 Literacy Coordinator	Anne Loney
Grade 3/4	Mel MacDonald until new teacher appointed
Grade 3/4	Claire Storey /Alison Gibson
Grade 5/6	Gemma Pearce
Grade 5/6	Maria Grima
Specialists	Jen Farley: Library + Gr 5/6 Literacy extension
	Janet Troy: Visual Arts + Visual Arts Extension
	Jane Byrne: Physical Education and Inter school Sport
	Tanya Dulics: Chinese Grade P-4
	Salima Osborne: Science/STEM + Coding Gr 3-6 Odette Strickland: Music P-2
Education Support Staff	Bev O'Brien, Irene Cotton, Emilia Sacchetta, Kylie Freestone, Sarah McKie, Lynette Taylor
OHS Club	Jacqui Baker
ICT Technician	Alex Messinis
Business Manager	Mehgan Uren
Assistant Principal	Margaret Hirth
Principal	Angela Morrìtt

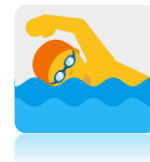
We're looking forward to another excellent year, achieving great outcomes for our students!

Angela Morrìtt

Principal

Swimming Trial & Interschool Sports

Summertime means swimming and sports for our 3-6 students. On Tuesday all students were asked if they could swim 50 metres and if the answer was yes, then they were offered the opportunity to participate in Greensborough Swimming Trials this coming Tuesday morning. If your child did nominate themselves please ensure that the payment and the permission form are returned by **Friday 2nd February**.



Interschool Sports are due to begin next Friday 9th February. Students will spend some time with their coaches and team training prior to this date and all information regarding uniform, payment and the fixture will be given to all Grade 4-6 students no later than Friday.

We look forward with excitement to these upcoming events.



Alison Gibson
Sports Co-Ordinator

CSEF 2018

Applications for CSEF 2018 are now available at the office. The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school students rate: \$125.00 per year

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary school must:

- Be an eligible beneficiary within the State Concessions Act 2004, that is a holder of a current Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be a temporary foster parent
- Submit application to the school by the due date

All applications must be submitted and approved before the closing date: **29th June 2018.**

Please feel free to contact the office for any further information or to collect an application form.



School Banking

We would greatly appreciate helpers to volunteer their time to assist with banking every Tuesday from 9.00am – 10.00am. No experience necessary just bring your enthusiasm.

If you are interested please let the office staff know as soon as possible.



Many thanks
Odette Strickland

Diamond Valley Food Share

Please remember to send in your unwanted egg cartons to the front office. The support from donations last year was greatly appreciated and we hope that your generosity will continue this year.

With thanks



THE KIDS ARE FINALLY BACK AT SCHOOL...NOW IT'S TIME FOR YOU!

Let this year be the year you become the best version of yourself.



Your local meeting is:
At Greensborough Primary School
Saturdays: 9am – 10am
Bring a friend and this ad and get a free food item 😊

