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<b>Borough Bulletin March 1st 2018</b>	
<b>Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>ISS Away vs Watsonia Heights</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Grades 5-6 City Excursion</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Grades 1-2 Excursion Ian Potter Garden</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>ISS Away vs Watsonia. <b>Bakers Delight</b></b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Labour Day – Public Holiday</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Camp Information Night. 6.00pm</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>ISS Home vs Bundoora</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Southern Cross Recycling</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>ISS Home vs Streeton. <b>Bakers Delight</b></b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>ISS Finals</b>
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Easter Bonnet Parade, Activities, Egg Hunt Last Day Of Term One. 1.30 Dismissal</b>

### Principal's Report

It was lovely to see so many family members and past students who came to support our Twilight Sports on Tuesday night. The evening was made memorable with everyone dressing up in their House colours and adding accessories for extra effect. The Grade 5/6 students did a magnificent job spraying hair, painting faces and nails, and adding to the evening's fun. Congratulations to all the competitors who performed to the best of their ability, especially those in Grevillea for being the overall winning House for 2018. A special mention to Charlie P., Emma, Oscar, and Alexandra for winning the 'Best Dressed' in their respective Houses from very difficult fields. The weather was excellent and new families commented on the lovely community atmosphere as parents enjoyed the shade of the trees on their chairs and rugs, and enjoyed picnics brought from home or the sausages and hamburgers from the Parents and Friends barbeque.



I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to make this night so successful: Parents and Friends who organised the barbecue, everyone who helped out on stalls, or as scorers and marshals, our House Captains and Vice Captains who were magnificent assistants on the Start/Finish lines, Gemma Pearce for being an excellent MC, parents for dressing their children in House colors and supporting the fundraising stalls, and all the staff who supported our Twilight Sports Coordinator, Erin Donaldson. Twilight Sports really showcases what a terrific community we have at GPS! Our Grade 6 students would like to thank the Nguyen family for baking and selling cupcakes and raising \$160, and everyone who visited their stalls and raised \$107.50 for their Graduation celebration in Term Four.

One of the highlights of Twilight Sports is seeing the children in House groups cheer each other on, encourage their teammates and take genuine delight in celebrating everyone giving their best efforts. These sportsmanship qualities were also evident at the District Swimming Carnival last week, where several of our competitors swam in above age relays and were outstanding in their efforts. Our squad may have been small in number but were loud in their cheers for each other. Thank you to Alison Gibson and the parents who attended and congratulations to all competitors, especially Willoughby who will compete at the Divisional Swimming Carnival.

### Enviro Club

Our new staff member, Nicholas Crowe, has a passion for our environment and has begun an Enviro Club at school. Nic met with interested students across the school this week and they began to formulate their plans for the vegetable patch. Some of the Grade Five students suggested writing

to Bunnings for donations of seedlings, etc. and enthusiastically put pen to paper. We're looking forward to hearing more about the initiatives they have in mind.

### **Parent Teacher Meet and Greet**

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who attended the Parent/Teacher meetings last week. These meetings are a great opportunity for teachers and parents to further develop the relationship between home and school and ensure we are all working together to enable your children to achieve success and optimise their outcomes. Any parents who were unable to attend this meeting are encouraged to make an alternate appointment with your child's teacher.

### **2019 Prep Enrolments**

If any families know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please encourage them to register their details as soon as possible, (this includes siblings of current students). We have already had a number of enquiries and school tours for places in 2019 and the sooner we get a sense of our intake for next year, the sooner we can start planning for grade structures.

### **Coles Sports For Schools – Class Competition**



There is a very fierce competition amongst the grades at the moment with students collecting Coles vouchers and contributing to their class tally. On Friday JSC members in each grade will count their vouchers and record their results on the poster in their classrooms. Weekly winners will be celebrated at assembly and the overall winning class will be awarded a prize chosen by Junior School Council.

The more vouchers collected the more sports equipment we can earn, so thank you to everyone for shopping at Coles and sending vouchers to school.

We were very pleased this week when our resources arrived from Woolworths Earn and Learn program. Last year families supported the school by collecting Woolworths vouchers and we have received two book trolleys for Home Reading. Our junior classes find these trolleys a very practical way to access our Home Readers, so we are very pleased the Grade 3/4s will now have their own trolleys to store books. We also received storage containers for our Robotics kits, purchased by P&F last year. Once again, a very big thankyou to families for supporting our school.

### **Southern Cross Recycling Tuesday March 27th**

Each term we encourage families to recycle their unwanted household goods by having a collection day at school. This day is usually the last Tuesday of each term, except for fourth term when it is held in Recycling Week in November. Our unwanted items are recycled in communities that will benefit from them and our Grade 6 students also benefit as we are paid a small amount per kilogram and the monetary proceeds are placed in the Grade 6 Graduation Celebration budget.

So clear out your cupboards and send along manchester, kitchen goods, toys, clothing, shoes, books...in fact anything except electrical goods are acceptable. Signs and tables will be placed inside the door near the hall from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March for you to drop off your goods.

### **Camp Information Night**

On **Thursday March 15th at 6pm**, Gemma Pearce will hold a Camp Information Night for parents of students in Grades 3-6 who will be attending Camp Weekaway from April 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. This night will run for 20-30 minutes and Gemma will answer any parent queries.

Medical forms for Camp have been sent home and we ask families to return these promptly as it takes considerable time to collate them and staff often need to contact parents to clarify instructions.

### **Egg Cartons Needed**

Diamond Valley Food Share is very grateful for the egg cartons donated by school families. They receive a large supply of eggs from the supermarkets which they distribute to families in need in Diamond Valley. Cartons are needed to pack the eggs for distribution. So please continue to send along any cartons that can be re-used and place in the tub in the school foyer.



### **\$125 Financial Assistance For Parents - Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)**

A reminder for parents who have a valid means-tested concession card - the Victorian Government is providing funding assistance for Camps, Sports and Excursions, so please contact the office for a copy of the form. This funding could be put towards next term's camp or the cost of any excursion, including swimming in Term Four.

### **Late Arrival To School**

We are very concerned that a number of students are regularly arriving late to school. This is very unsettling to students as they miss the very important introduction to class programs and it also disrupts the learning of the class, as the teacher has to interrupt their teaching time with their group to explain the Learning Intention and activity to be completed.

The best time for students to arrive at school is at 8.45am when a teacher is on yard duty and classroom doors are opened for students to enter, unpack bags, put drink bottles in classrooms and follow their grade's morning routine. Once this is done, students are free to go outside to play until the music begins or stay inside and chat with their peers and class teachers.



### **Parents and Friends**

If any parents are able to donate some time to support Parents and Friends' initiatives it would be greatly appreciated. Many of our regular helpers 'graduated' with their students last year and we are looking for new parents and family members to assist with various fund raising events. All money raised is spent on resources for our students, e.g. i-pads or the outdoor learning area near the Library. Please leave your name at the office if you are able to help out when required.

### **Oz Child School Counselling Services**



As most families are aware, at Greensborough Primary our students are able to access counselling provided by the OzChild organization. This is a great service to families as it means there is very little disruption to the students' day as there is no travel time and parents don't need to take time off work. In order to receive counselling families need to obtain a Mental Health Care Plan and a referral letter from your GP and return them to school and we will forward them to OzChild

We have been very fortunate to have had excellent health professionals provided to us and the current counsellor Sarah Elliott is no exception. If any families would like further information about this service please contact Margaret or myself at any time.

*Angela Morritt*

**Principal**

## **Library**

### **Parent Helpers**

It would be wonderful to hear from any parents who would like to offer some time to the library, helping with covering books at home or with the class borrowing. If you would like to help cover books or assist in other ways in 2018, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact me if you would like to assist in any way or speak to the staff at the office. It would be fantastic if there is anyone who would like to assist with returning books on either Tuesday or Wednesday morning or with the Prep borrowing at 12.30.

If you would like to help with shelving that would also be appreciated.



*Jen Farley*  
**Librarian**

# District Swimming and Interschool Sports



It was my absolute pleasure to take a 16 strong swim team to Watermarc last Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to represent Greensborough Primary School in the Watsonia District Swimming Carnival. The students put on an excellent display, modelling great swimming technique and amazing persistence and sportsmanship. It was wonderful to sit with our Greensborough students and see and hear the encouragement they provided each other. Mrs Morritt was also able to witness this when she popped by and I am sure I can speak for both of us when I say how proud we were of our Greensborough Primary School students. A big congratulations to Willoughby for placing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Backstroke and Freestyle. Willoughby will be competing at Divisional level next Wednesday and we wish him all the best. Thank you to our big support network of parents on the day, Kelly S for marshalling and Simone for the celebratory icy poles.



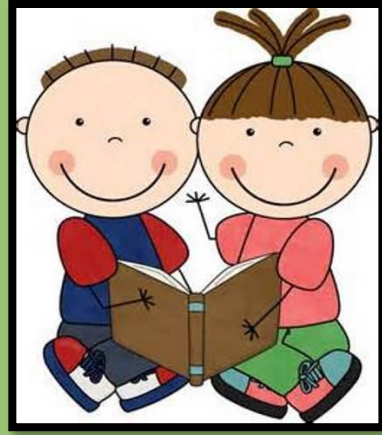
**Front:** Stephan, Tristan, Nate, Lachlan, Harvey and Oscar  
**Middle:** Sienna, Alysha, Amelia, Celeste, Monique  
**Back:** Ethan, Adrian, Oliver, Aiden and Willoughby

After such a great day at swimming on Thursday, Friday also gave us reason to celebrate with success for all Interschool sport teams against Norris Bank. All coaches are reporting excellent sportsmanship and outstanding mentoring from our older students. This week we play our second away game, against Watsonia Heights Primary School and, as always, encourage spectators and helpers to come along. Good Luck Teams!

Kind Regards,

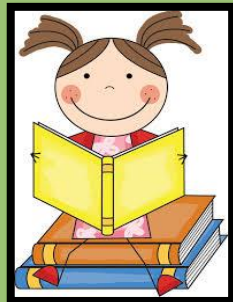
*Alison Gibson*  
Sports Co-ordinator

# Starting to Read



Commencing on **Monday 19th March** from **9.30am-10.30am** and running for four weeks (26th March, 16th April and 23rd April). This program will introduce children commencing school in 2019 to the concepts of:

- Sound /symbol relationships
- High frequency words
- Reading strategies



Sessions will be interactive, promoting confidence and excitement with reading and each week children will leave with a take home activity or book.

For enquiries or bookings please contact Greensborough Primary School on 94351496.



Be sure to put your name down at the office to book your child in as places fill up fast. The Learning to Read Program is such a wonderful opportunity for your child to engage, learn and familiarise themselves with the school. A head start to an exciting year for students who begin at Greensborough Primary School in 2019.

## School Banking

We are still seeking 2 helpers to volunteer their time assisting with school banking every Tuesday morning from 9.00am-10.00am. No experience necessary and a fantastic way to get involved, enjoy a welcoming atmosphere, there is always time for a chat, with a guaranteed cuppa and bickies at the end. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please let the friendly staff at the office know as soon as possible if you are interested.

Many thanks  
*Odette Strickland*



# Pupil of the Week

## Term 1 ~ Week 1 Week Ending 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Prep ~	Reese ~	For always “having a go” at unfamiliar tasks.
Grade 1/2 A ~	Reece ~	For her outstanding assistance during our “Big Write” buddy editing session. Keep up the great work
Grade 1/2 B ~	Hugo ~	For his exceptional effort during “Big Write”. Well Done Hugo!
Grade 3/4 A ~	Emily ~	For her effort in “Big Write” this week. Keep it up Emily.
Grade 3/4B ~	Lolita~	For being a supportive student
Grade 5/6 A ~	Xavier ~	For his outstanding work on the South Australian Spelling Test. You’re a Star!
Grade 5/6B ~	Jackson ~	For his wonderful effort during “Big Write”. What a Star!
Chinese ~	Starr ~	For her active participation in class activities.
Library~	Emma~	For her excellent contribution to our discussion about the book, “One step at a time”. Well Done.
PE	Kleio & Emily	For their amazing efforts in softball. Some amazing shots and running between bases.
Music~	Celeste~	You are a Star in choir. Well Done.

## Term 1 ~ Week 2 Week Ending February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018

Prep ~	Zac ~	For adjusting so well to school and making many new friends.
Grade 1/2 A ~	Olivia ~	For her outstanding effort in writing. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 B ~	Jonathon ~	Jonathon works co-operatively in small groups, often praising others for their efforts.
Grade 3/4 A ~	Nathan ~	For his fantastic effort in Reading all week. You are awesome!
Grade 3/4B ~	Milly ~	For giving her best in all tasks she undertakes.
Grade 5/6 A ~	Tristan ~	For his fantastic effort during swimming and ISS. You are a Star!
Grade 5/6B ~	Dan ~	For stepping up into his role of Vice School Captain, becoming a more organised and mature student.
Chinese ~	Evie ~	For her excellent concentration and effort in class.
PE~	Jaxon~	For his excellent persistence and maturity during PE. Well Done Jaxon, keep up the great effort.