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Borough Bulletin March 15th 2018	
Thursday 15th March	Camp Information Night. 6.00pm
Friday 16th March	Hot Cross Buns, Order Forms Due Back Today ISS Home vs Bundoora
Monday 19th March	Starting To Read. 9.30am-10.30am
Tuesday 20th March	Southern Cross Recycling
Friday 23rd March	ISS Home vs Streeton. Bakers Delight
Monday 26th March	Hot Cross Buns Orders Arrive. Starting To Read 9.30am-10.30am
Wednesday 28th March	ISS Finals
Thursday 29th March	9.10am Easter Bonnet Parade, Activities, Egg Hunt Last Day Of Term One. 1.30 Dismissal

Principal's Report

Congratulations to our Prep students as they have just completed their first fulltime fortnight at school! It's always a delight to enter the Prep classroom and see their excitement at learning new skills, and their pride and enthusiasm to share their efforts. Further kudos to Willoughby for coming third at the Division Swimming Carnival and making it through to the Regional finals where he took fourth place. This is a magnificent achievement for Willoughby and we are very proud of his achievement.



Establishing partnerships with community groups and businesses is one of the goals of our four year Strategic Plan at Greensborough Primary, as we agree with the Education Department that 'educating our young people is the responsibility of the entire community, not just schools.' By forming partnerships and working together with businesses and community groups, we can share their resources and expertise, and further improve outcomes for our students. Currently we have close links with Banyule Council, Bunnings, Kids Hope and Uniting Care Youth Services who have supported the school with expertise, gardening resources, mentoring programs and B.O.L.T. (Bikes over lunchtime), as well as local businesses who support Parents and Friends' fundraising. In order to extend this network even further, Margaret and I have recently met with representatives from Greensborough Rotary Club and Buckingham's' Real Estate to discuss partnership options. Whilst talks are in the early stages, we have been impressed with their willingness to support our school and establish long term relationships. We are confident that by working together and developing strong, positive and effective partnerships our children's learning and development will be enhanced. I'd like to thank Simone W. who is on our Publicity and Marketing Committee for making the initial enquiry to Buckingham's Real Estate.

As well as local partnerships we have also been thinking globally and have been in discussions to host several Chinese primary students for a four week short term study program in Term Three. This program is approved by the Education Department and at Monday night's School Council meeting we will present information about the program which provides visiting overseas students with the opportunity to:

- gain new skills and knowledge through a combination of school-based learning and hands-on, educational excursions
- improve their English through lessons and practise in a variety of settings
- interact and learn with G.P.S students to develop friendships and intercultural understanding

- experience Australian culture and lifestyle

Importantly, it enhances our Chinese LOTE program and provides our students the opportunity to improve their Chinese, learn more about the culture and develop their leadership and interpersonal skills by acting as “school buddies” to visiting students.

Professional Learning



We encourage our students to strive to achieve their goals and challenge themselves to increase their knowledge and understanding and, as educators, it is important for us to model this behaviour and be ‘lifelong learners’ also. Under the terms of the recent Workplace Agreement, the Education Department is now funding one Professional Practice Day per term for teachers to develop their Professional Knowledge. Over the last

fortnight teachers have been engaged in various professional learning activities to further develop their skills in teaching Oral Language, Inquiry or Applied Mathematics, and several were mentored by Margaret focussing on Magic Maths. Several staff have worked onsite whilst others have organised professional learning sessions at different venues. All staff will meet with colleagues and collaborate to implement their new learning in the delivery of class programs. Our part time specialist staff or regular CRTs who know our students and school well, have taught grades while teachers attended these sessions, so regular class programs have continued to run smoothly.

Next Monday, Laura and Alison will attend a full day Professional Learning session focussing on resources and strategies to support students with learning difficulties, including dyslexia, and Margaret, Anne & myself will attend a half day workshop for school leaders focussing on embedding strategies across the school. Whilst we currently have excellent intervention and support programs in place, it is important to continue to build our skill base and stay abreast of latest research and evidence based programs.

Congratulations to our staff who have been recognised by several schools for delivering an exemplary writing program. Erin Donaldson, our VCOP/Big Write coordinator hosted teachers from several schools in our Region who used their Professional Practice days to observe writing lessons in our classes. The visiting teachers were high in their praise of not only our writing outcomes, but also our excellent facilities and atmosphere in the school, which are conducive to students achieving their best outcomes.

Anaphylaxis Management

Student safety is very important to us at Greensborough Primary and this week each class practised their management of assisting a student having an anaphylactic reaction in class. Teachers discussed procedures in a sensitive and age appropriate manner with their grades and we were very pleased with their sensible and prompt responses. Whilst collectively, none of the staff have ever had to administer an epipen to a student in our teaching careers, being prepared is always our best management option.

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.

Advance Notice of Pupil Free Days

Each year, schools are allocated four days they can set aside as ‘pupil free’ days to allow for professional learning opportunities for staff, curriculum development or similar. The day before students started school, was the first of these four days and the remaining dates and their focus are listed below:

Friday 18th May: Teacher moderation of student work samples for report writing

Wednesday 11th October: Inquiry

Monday 5th November: Teacher moderation of student work samples for report writing
Students will not attend school on these days and if numbers permit, OHSClub will provide care for students on these days – please contact them for more information. We are mindful that there are two days quite close together in Term Four, however this could not be avoided as it is the only day our presenter Kath Murdoch is available. We hope by giving families advance notice, there is enough time to make suitable arrangements for your child on these dates.

Coles Sports For Schools – Class Competition

Thank you to everyone who has sent along Coles vouchers, especially those who have been encouraging friends and family to support our school. Our JSC members are being kept busy counting each grade's tokens and keeping score to determine which grade will be our eventual winner. The more vouchers collected the more sports equipment we can earn, so please continue to shop at Coles!



School Council

Thank you to the parents who nominated for School Council, we are pleased to welcome our new school councillor, Nicole Ronald and Luma Saqqa who renominated for another term. They will join Tanya Ferraro-Munday, Ros Murfet, Kim Hill and Simone Wilson who are in the second year of office. We still have two x two year vacancies so if any parents would like to nominate for either of these positions please contact myself or Margaret. We look forward to the 2018 School Council members generously giving of their time and sharing their energies and extensive skill sets to provide positive outcomes for our school.

The first meeting of the new School Council to elect Office Bearers will be on Monday March 19th at 7pm and these positions, as well as a full list of School Council members will be published in the next newsletter.

Easter Parade

A reminder to families that on the last day of term, Thursday 29th March, we will have our annual Easter Hat Parade at 9.10 am on the netball court. This morning is a lot of fun, when students, and pre-schoolers wear their wonderful creations, each grade then has a special activity, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt on the oval. Our Grade 5/6 student leaders are planning for this special day and we hope many family members can join us.

A highlight of this day is the Grade 6 egg toss, where students in pairs try to throw and catch a real egg the longest distance without breaking it! As Gemma Pearce will be on Long Service Leave, Maria Plesa will nominate a teacher to join her in challenging our students for the overall title.

Thank you to the families who have donated eggs for the hampers Parents and Friends are making, as prizes for the Easter Raffle. Any families who would still like to donate items for raffle prizes may send them along to the office.



Camp Information Night

Thank you to Gemma Pearce for holding the Camp Information Night tonight at 6pm, for parents of students in Grades 3-6 who will be attending Camp WeekAway next term. 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.

Staff Long Service Leave

There are several staff taking Long Service Leave in the coming fortnight and a thorough handover has been given to our regular staff who will be replacing them. Gemma Pearce will be on LSL for the last two weeks of term (Monday 19th March – Thursday 29th) and will be replaced by Melanie MacDonald. I will be on LSL for the last week (Monday 26th – Thursday 29th) and will be replaced by Margaret and Alison Gibson. Claire Storey will extend her days to replace Alison in Grade 3/4. Anne Loney is currently on leave also. We are very fortunate we have expert staff with a wide skill set, who can step in and ensure all class and school programs run smoothly.

As this will be my last newsletter for the term, I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to hearing about everyone's holiday adventures next term. Margaret will write the next newsletter for the last day of Term One.

Angela Morrill
Principal

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 them in the tub in the school foyer.



Last Chance! Southern Cross Recycling Tuesday March 27th



This program was introduced to Greensborough PS in 2010 and has many benefits to our students. Families have a chance to have a clearance each term of unwanted goods. Our unwanted items are recycled in communities that will benefit from them and our Grade 6 students also benefit as monetary proceeds are placed in 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. Families can place items on or under the labelled tables in the corridor near the hall. If you spy a bargain you'd like to purchase, please make a gold coin donation at the office.

\$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.

Environment Club Update

Salima and I have been meeting with parents who are willing to help and support the growth of the environment at Greensborough Primary School. We have put together a wish list of products and objectives we would like to achieve in the short, medium and long terms. We have had volunteers offer to aid us in gaining financial support and value-in-kind sponsorship to help fund our vision. We are always willing to get greater parent/carer support in either labour or community connections who can help us grow our vision now and in the future.

With our plans we would like to plant and grow crops in the orchard that will need to be watered over the holiday break during Term 2. We would like interested parents, carers and friends to leave your name at the office or drop us a note, so we can organise a watering holiday roster for next term.



Thanks for your support

**Nicholas Crowe &
Salima Osborne**

1/2 Excursion Royal Botanic Gardens



Connecting To Country

The Royal Botanic Gardens rest on the land that for countless generations was a traditional and highly significant camping and meeting place for the local custodians of the area - **Boonwurrung** and **Woiwurrung** of the **Kulin** people. Our program was led by two Royal Botanic Garden teachers and provided us with an introduction to the Gardens, which has more than 100 species of plants used by Aboriginal people for food, medicines, dyes, fibre and fire making.

Experiences

Our group was welcomed by an Indigenous Guide through a Tanderrum Ceremony. Students then explored the ancient river landscape of the Gardens and were engaged through sensory exploration, story-telling and discussions. We looked at artefacts while exploring Birrarung (the Yarra River) wetland habitat at Long Island.

A favourite activity was the ochre-grinding and painting, which gave the students an opportunity to experience traditional painting methods whilst understanding the significance of communication in Aboriginal culture. By painting a personal journey they considered their own sense of belonging to land. The focus was on painting methods used by the Kulin people and the significance of ochre as a resource.



Thankyou

Thankyou to our parent volunteers Belinda, Cushla, Kerry, Maxine, Natasha, Susan and Tanya for their help and making the excursion such a great day.

Kind Regards,

Rebecca Gauci

Coles Vouchers Class Competition!

The competition is fierce between the classes at Greensborough Primary as we continue our Coles Voucher Competition. Vouchers are counted and collated each Friday and a tally is kept for each classroom. 5/6B is currently in the lead with over 1500 vouchers! There is still 6 weeks left so remember to continue bringing in those vouchers to help your class win the competition!

Happy shopping!

Maria Grima and Junior School Council



Lost Property

Have you lost a jacket, hat or other uniform items? Located in the room behind the sickbay is our lost property area. Please take a look and see if any of your lost items are there. Feel free to ask Mehgan in the office if your child has lost a personal item. We have a treasure trove of items waiting for their owners to collect them.



Parents & Friends

This year we are fundraising money to go towards assisting the school with leasing new laptops for our 5/6 students. We will also be raising funds for new playground equipment as well as contributing money for the art room extension.

Twilight Sports



Thank you to everyone who supported our BBQ and raffle. I would also like to thank the parents who gave up their time and assisted with the BBQ and also thanks to the teachers that helped! These events only occur through generous people volunteering.

A big thank you also to Karve It Up Butchery in Greensborough Plaza for their continued support through donating items for this event. Karve It Up supports our school every year and also donates prizes for raffles. You can find them on level 1 next to the post office.

Food Days

Thank you to everyone who supported our Bakers Delight day last Friday. I hope that the kids enjoyed it. Our next food day will be on **Friday 23rd of March**. Forms have come out already, if you haven't received one, there are extras available at the office. Just a friendly reminder that orders are due in by **Monday 19th of March** – this is to allow us time to count and collate all orders plus send through the order to Bakers Delight. Late orders make it difficult to ensure we order



enough, so we would greatly appreciate it if parents could ensure they are in on time.

Easter Raffle – donations needed!



Thank you to those who have donated items for our Easter Raffle. If you would like to donate, there is a prize donation box in the foyer of the school office.

Raffle tickets will be sent out next week, with the raffle being drawn on the last day of Term – Thursday 29th of March

Hot Cross buns

This year we will be selling Baker's Delight Hot Cross buns as our fundraiser. We sell these for the same price as in store however each pack sold raises \$2 for our school. Order forms and money are due back by **Friday 16th of March**, EFT payments can be made at the office.

- Hot Cross buns will be ready to collect on Monday 26th of March.



Disco Bingo Night – Save the date: **Saturday 26th of May**



Pop the date in your diary! After the resounding success last year, Dolly is back to help raise funds for the school. It promises to be a fun filled night, with lots of music! Ticket prices will be Early Bird \$20 and you will be in teams, so get yourself a group of friends for a table! Tickets will go on sale early Term 2.

“Dolly’s Disco Bingo is a hilarious alternative to trivia fundraising nights and will have your fundraising group tapping their dabbers, dancing like a maniac from Fame and singing in their seats”.

We will also be having a silent auction and a raffle for this event, so if you would like to donate items for the auction, or know businesses that would like to donate, please let the front office or us know.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on next **Monday the 19th of March**. It is held in the staff room straight after assembly, 9:30am. It would be great to see some new faces as some of our parents are nearing the end of their time at GPS. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to help (especially with sourcing donations for our Disco Bingo) please leave your name and contact details with the front office or email us at greensboroughprimaryparentclub@gmail.com

Thankyou

Kim Hill

School Crossing Supervisor Of The Year!

Every two years, School Crossings Victoria, holds an awards night to honour the dedication and hard work put into the Community by School Crossing Supervisors from all over the state. It is that time again where schools are asked to nominate the supervisor they feel is worthy of being recognised, and may even be judged Victoria’s School Crossing Supervisor of the Year. What an honour that title will be for one of our dedicated supervisors.



Nomination forms can be found at the school. Please ask to the friendly office staff for a form if you are interested in nominating and hand back to the office when complete.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.



School Banking

We are still seeking 2 helpers to volunteer their time assisting with school banking every Tuesday morning from 9.00am-10.00am. This position requires no experience and is 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 5 Week Ending 2nd March 2018

Prep ~	Ezara ~	For her beautiful manners and treating others with care.
Grade 1/2 A ~	Macy ~	For her positive attitude and encouragement during Twilight Sports.
Grade 1/2 B ~	Tyler ~	For a super effort and a huge improvement with his handwriting in 'Big Write'. Keep it up Tyler!
Grade 3/4 A ~	Lola ~	For working with enthusiasm and focus all week.
Grade 3/4B ~	Mason~	For being a positive role model by working with a new student at G.P.S. You are a star Mason!
Grade 5/6 A ~	Lachlan ~	For his fantastic effort during his 'Big Write', writing a very positive speech.
Grade 5/6B ~	Amelia ~	For putting her best effort into everything that she does!
Art~	Adrian.	For the amazing intricate detail in his 'X-ray', style drawing.
Chinese ~	Leen~	For always trying her best in class.
Library~	Jesse.~	For working very well on his class activity about call numbers. Well done.
PE	Holly~	For giving everything a super effort in our first week of gymnastics! Keep up the great work.
Music~	Zak~	Great actions and an amazing voice. Well done.

Term 1 ~ Week 6 Week Ending March 9th 2018

Prep ~	Ethan~	For his determination and perseverance during writing.
Grade 1/2 A ~	William~	For doing a great job answering questions during our excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens.
Grade 1/2 B ~	Elouise ~	For her excellent manners and behaviour during our excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens.
Grade 3/4 A ~	Sienna~	For always being a positive role model and superstar student!
Grade 3/4B ~	Adrian~	For diligence in his application to work and being able to self-reflect on his learning, ensuring his personal best.
Grade 5/6A~	Amihan ~	For her excellent behaviour and contributions during our excursion to the CBD.
Grade 5/6B ~	Oscar ~	For his wonderful effort during "Big Write". What a Star!
Art~	Evie~	For always achieving fantastic results in Art. Well done!
Chinese ~	Chloe.~	For always being respectful by showing good manners.
Yard Duty	Charlotte.~	For being such good friends to Elouise and helping her find her ball. Well done!
Teacher	&Tahlia.~	
Music~	Kelvin~	Fantastic leadership and vocal skills in choir.