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Friday 11th May	ISS Away v Watsonia
Tuesday 15th May	NAPLAN
Wednesday 16th May	NAPLAN. Art For Tiny Tots 9.30-10.30am
Thursday 17th May	NAPLAN. Prep. 1-2, Excursion To Taskworks
Friday 18th May	Pupil Free Day
Monday 21st May	Education Week
Tuesday 22nd May	Open Morning 9-11am, School Tours 9.30&10.30am Historical Dress
Wednesday 23rd May	School Photos. Art For Tiny Tots 9.30-10.30am
Thursday 24th May	ISS Make Up Game Away v Streeton
Friday 25th May	ISS Home v Bundoora
Saturday 26th May	Disco Bingo Night
Thursday 31st May	District Cross Country 10.00am Sizzling Science 9.30-10.30am
Friday 1st June	ISS Home v St Marys

Principal's Report

Congratulations to our music teacher, Odette, and the school choir on their successful performance at the Banyule Citizenship ceremony last Wednesday night at Ivanhoe town hall. They sang before a highly appreciative audience and from all accounts their singing was the highlight of the evening!

The mayor of Banyule, Cr Mark Di Pasquale, personally visited the school on Thursday to pass on the warm reviews the choir received. I'd like to thank Odette for her organisation of this event, the students for showcasing their talent and family members for their support. As well as making a vital contribution to this important community celebration, it was a great opportunity for our students to perform in public in a prestigious location.

Thank you to Parents and Friends for running the Mother's Day stall tomorrow. Our students are most appreciative of their efforts to give them the opportunity to buy a gift for someone special in their lives. Our parents are kindly completing a double shift, so that students attending interschool sport in the morning, will have the chance to buy a gift after lunch.

P & F have also worked hard to organise sensational prizes for the **Disco Bingo Night on Saturday May 26th**. This is a fabulous night and I hope everyone is gathering together a group of family and friends to come along. Not only is this our major fundraiser for the year, it is also a night filled with much fun and laughter. Tickets can be purchased from the office.

Save The Date - Community 140 year Celebration

On **Saturday 18th August**, we are inviting past and present students, teachers and families to join us as we celebrate historical Greensborough Primary school - 140 years of educational excellence! We have chosen the date to coincide with our art show, and our 140 years sub-committee has been working closely with Greensborough Historical Society to access photos and student work samples from their archives. We're planning to unearth the time capsule and bury a new one. More details will be released closer to the date via the newsletter and website.



Education Week: 140 year Celebration!

To celebrate Education Week and share our excitement for our 140 year celebrations, we are holding a Family Activity morning in classrooms on Tuesday 22nd May, 9.15 – 11am. Whilst our main celebration commemorating 140 years of education excellence at GPS is planned for Term Three, we are kickstarting this event on our Open Day with staff and students dressing in “olden style” clothing and participating in class programs commemorative of the times. We will also be holding school tours for prospective future enrolments at 9.30 and 10.30am. Bookings 9435 1496.

We're looking forward to as many family members as possible joining in our activities between 9.15 -11.00am. We will commence the day with a parade on the netball court or in the hall, depending on the weather.

Samples of colonial school wear to inspire your creativity.



Walk to School Day and Breakfast May 25th

We invite families to join us for Walk To School Day on Friday 25th May and then join us for breakfast on the netball court. Now in its 19th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event and all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. If students are unable to walk to school, parents may be able to park a short distance away, so that students can walk the final leg or complete a few laps around the inside of the school on arrival.

Our student leaders are organising breakfast for everyone courtesy of Kelloggs. Thank you to Simone W, who contacted Kelloggs to sponsor this event. If any parents would like to boil some of our free range eggs to add to the menu, please contact the office.

Anzac Day Ceremonies

Our School Captains and Vice Captains Olivia, Hudson, Charli, Monique and Dan proudly represented our school at the Anzac Day service at War Memorial Park on Wednesday 25th April and honoured our service men and women by laying our wreath. This was a very moving ceremony and it was terrific to see so many school students in attendance with their families to commemorate this very important occasion.

On Tuesday 24th, we held our school Anzac Day ceremony. Grades Prep - Six gathered on the netball court whilst our student leaders explained the origin of Anzac Day and what it represented. They read The Prayer of Remembrance and The Ode and laid a wreath at the base of the flagpole below the lowered flag. Parents should be very proud of the mature and respectful manner in which all students participated in the service, listened to The Last Post and observed a minute's silence at the end.



RMIT Science, (STEM) Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

We are looking forward to the pre-service teachers from RMIT once again visiting our school and running a series of STEM lessons with students in Grades Prep – Six. These sessions are highly

engaging for our students and also provide a great learning opportunity for the pre-service teachers. The program will run for three weeks, beginning next Monday 14th May.

Buildings and Grounds



Once again, I'd like to thank Wayne and Geoff for their expertise and hard work in ensuring our buildings and grounds are well maintained and enhanced regularly. Wayne and Geoff volunteer many hours each week to ensure our students have an excellent physical environment to work, play and relax in. They have recently finished a retaining wall and seating area outside the Grade 5/6 classrooms, providing another sunny location for students to sit and eat their morning snack or just chat to friends.

NAPLAN

Next Tuesday - Thursday (May 15– May 17) Grade 3 and 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN provides one set of assessment data and contributes to the multiple forms of assessments teachers employ to determine what students have achieved and their areas for improvement and future learning.

If any parents have concerns or queries about their children participating in NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher or Margaret or myself.

School Photos

A reminder that school photos will be taken Wednesday 23rd May. Envelopes have been sent home and are to be returned with correct money on photo day. Please contact the office if you require an envelope for a family photo of school students or if you have any queries.



Staffing

Congratulations to Lynette T. who was the successful applicant for the Integration Aide position recently advertised. We welcome Lynette to her ongoing position and value her contribution to our teaching and learning programs. Lynette joins our hard working Education Support Team of Irene, Bev, Emilia, Sarah and Kylie and we acknowledge that we are very fortunate at Greensborough Primary to have highly skilled and caring ES staff who support our students.

Reminder: Curriculum Day Friday 18th May

A reminder to families that next **Friday 18th May is a student free day**. On this day, teachers will meet to moderate student work samples for report writing.

Our remaining days for 2018 and their focus are listed below:

Thursday October 11th – Inquiry Learning for Integrated Studies Units

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– 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.

'Step Into Prep' Transition Programs

Following on from our engaging 'Starting To Read' and 'Stories At School' sessions, we warmly welcome 3-5 year old pre-schoolers to our fun and engaging Art and Science programs. See below for booking details.



Art For Tiny Tots

Wednesday 16th May
Wednesday 23rd May
9:30am-10:30am



Sizzling Science

Thursday 31st May
Thursday 7th June
9:30am-10:30am

Call early to book your place as numbers are limited in the programs .

For all bookings please contact:

9435 1496

2019 Prep Enrolments

We are currently finalising our numbers for our 2019 enrolments so 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). To assist us with planning our grade structures, it is important we have a sense of our intake for next year.

Last Chance for Coles Sports For Schools Vouchers!

Thank you to Kim H and her willing helpers who have been organising our Coles vouchers and everyone who has sent them along to support our school. We still have several weeks to send in our vouchers, so if anyone still has vouchers at home, it's not too late to send them along. The more vouchers collected the more sports equipment we can earn.



Egg Cartons for Diamond Valley Food Share

Diamond Valley Food Share are very appreciative of GPS support to donate egg cartons. DVFS receive a large supply of eggs from the supermarkets which they distribute to families in need in our community and need our cartons to pack the eggs for distribution. Please continue to send along any cartons that can be re-used and place in the tub in the school foyer.



*Wishing all our mothers and carers a very happy Mother's Day this Sunday 13th May.
Angela Morritt
Principal*

\$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.

Year 6-7 Transition Information

Information packs have been sent home with Grade Six students giving parents all the relevant information about applying for Year 7 placement. The application forms should be returned to Maria or Gemma by Thursday 17th May. Please contact us if you have any questions about this process.

Student Safety

Contact details: There are times when we will need to contact you, including if your child is absent and you haven't informed the school as to why. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on 03 94351496 or via our Skoolbag App so we can update our records. Please include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change.

Notify the school of your child's absence: *Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.*

Please remember to call the school on 03 94351496 or log your child's absence on Skoolbag App early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

Further information about the Department of Education's new protocols for notifying parents of unexplained absences will be included in the next newsletter.

A Day as a High School Student

Greensborough College

On Thursday the 3rd of May, the Grade 6 students attended 'A Day as a High School Student' at Greensborough College. They experienced a range of subjects like Art, Woodwork, P.E., Science and Food Technology. It was a wonderful day that the Grade 6s thoroughly enjoyed. We received magnificent feedback from the teachers at Greensborough College that our students were extremely well behaved and showed respect and kindness to each other and the teachers of the college.



María Gríma
PATHS Co-ordinator

Inter School Sports and Cross Country

We literally hit the ground running in the first round of Winter Interschool Sports, taking home wins for teams all teams against Norris Bank. Unfortunately the wet weather last Friday meant the district decided to postpone matches, which means we will play Watsonia North Primary in a make-up round on Friday 15th June.

Winter sports include Netball, Softball, Soccer and Football with all four teams being coached by our wonderful staff (Mr Crowe, Ms Pearce, Mrs Grima and Mrs Darling). A Winter fixture was included on this Terms ISS Update, and we welcome assistance and support at all games. Please also note that due to our Curriculum Day Streeton have kindly agreed to play us on the alternate date of Thursday 24th May.

Cross Country is another sporting focus this term for our Grade 3-6 students. On Monday 7th May our senior students were encouraged to try out for the cross country team by running 2km or 3km for our 12/13 year olds. Our successful participants will be notified by Mrs Gibson before Thursday 17th May, with our District event being held at Banyule Flats on Thursday 31st May at 10am.



Keep up the great sportsmanship, effort and skill everyone. It's so pleasing to see our students enjoying the sporting opportunities offered at GPS.

Alison Gibson
Sports Co-Ordinator

Choir

On Wednesday 2nd May, a group of children, performed at the Banyule Citizenship Ceremony, at Ivanhoe Town Hall. It was a great honour for our school to be invited to participate at such an event, and the children's behaviour and performance did our school proud. So much so that the Mayor personally came the next day to school, to congratulate our school for its contribution to the night. Thank you to all the families that supported this event, and to Sarah who also came to support our children as well.



Odette Strickland
Music teacher

Chinese 中文

The Prep students have settled into a routine in the language room. They have been learning numbers and Pinyin, the phonetic system of Mandarin Chinese. The Grade 1 & 2 students are learning a specific way of counting animals. After practising the 'Ten Little Dinosaurs' song, they made paper dice and used them to play Bingo games with a partner. The Grade 3 & 4 students have started learning to read Chinese characters that are symmetrical, such as: 中, 十, 田, 草. They folded a piece of square paper in half, drew half of the character, cut and unfolded the paper to view the whole character. They really enjoyed making the cut-outs as it challenged their problem solving skills.



Tanya Dulics

Chinese Language Teacher

Fun Facts about Greensborough



- Named after Edward Bernard Green, who was the local mail contractor for the district and also purchased 643 acres of land.
- It was previously known as Keelbundoora after the parish in which it is located
- In 1902 the railway line was extended from Heidelberg to Eltham, with a station at Greensborough. The township's estimated population was about 270.

<http://greensborough.vic.edu.au/about-us/#history>

eSmart

It is very important to all of us at Greensborough Primary School to ensure every one of our students are acting safely and responsibly when it comes to technology. At school we are very careful of the content students are viewing and strive to teach students about the importance of being eSmart.

I would like to bring to the attention of families, the importance of being safe when playing video games and ensure students are engaging in age appropriate games. As an eSmart school, we work alongside The Office of eSafety Commission and the Alannah & Madeline Foundation who advocate the protection of children, including gaming (on and offline). Below are a few resources families may find helpful when deciding on games and applications for their child to engage in:

Fortnite – Is your child hooked?

<https://www.familyzone.com/blog/is-your-child-hooked-on-fortnite->

Common Sense Media – look for ratings and suitability for different video games

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org>

Office of eSafety Commission

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Alannah & Madeline Foundation

<https://www.amf.org.au/>

Kids Helpline

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/get-help/webchat-counselling>



If you are wanting more information about child safety and being eSmart, please feel free to come and have a chat with me anytime.

Erin Donaldson

eSmart Coordinator

Parents & Friends

Food Day's - Baker's Delight Friday 25th of May

The next Baker's Delight day will be on Friday 25th of May. Order forms will be sent home next week.



Mother's Day Stall



We will be holding our Mother's Day Stall this coming Friday. Prices range from 50c through to \$6, with lots of different items up for sale. Please send money with your child in a **named** envelope/purse/bag as well as a plastic bag for the children to place their purchase in.

A big thank you to those parents who have volunteered to assist.

Entertainment Books

This year we are selling entertainment books. The purchase price is \$70, of which the school will receive 20%. A demo copy of the box is available at the office for those who would like to see what deals are available.

Hard copy books are available at the office or alternatively you can purchase a digital copy via

For further information, please contact Cassie Fox (mum of Josh in 1/2B) via the front office.

Disco Bingo Night – Saturday 26th of May in the school hall

Dress up in your favourite Disco Decade and come along to our Disco Bingo & Silent Auction night! After a fabulous event last year, we have invited Dolly back to help us raise funds for new playground equipment for the students.

Tickets are \$20 (early bird price – must be paid prior to event, otherwise \$25 on the night) and there are 10 people to a table. It promises to be an entertaining night, with lots of laughs and great goodies to bid on at the Silent Auction event.

The event starts at 6:30pm with the first round at 7pm. BYO drinks/food. So, get a group of friends together and come along and help support the school while having a great night! Don't forget to put your name down on a table (table list is at the front office). Payment can be made at the office either by cash or by EFT.

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 are also busy sourcing donations for the evening. If you would like to donate, or know someone who would, please let either myself, Simone or the office know.

We would like to thank the following businesses who have donated items for our event. We have sourced some wonderful prizes with something on offer for everyone!

Natio	Bulleen Art & Garden	Skaterz
Remed	Energetiks Ivanhoe	NRG Force
Balance Gymnastics	Lower Plenty Hotel	Quest Bundoora
Snap Fitness	Eltham Leisure Centre	Timezone
Watermarc	Quest Doncaster	Carmans
Clip n Climb Richmond	Readings Cinema	Pit Gym
Clip n Climb Williamstown	Greensborough Town Centre	IMAX Cinema
The Wiggles	Royal Melbourne Show	Intencity
Luna Park	Philip Island Chocolate Factory	Big 4 Wye River
Heidelberg Golf Club	Empire HB	Gumbuya World
Total Serenity Reiki	Enchanted Adventure Garden	Puffing Billy
Philip Island Nature Park	Strathallan Golf Club	Macleod YMCA
Bunnings Eltham	Foodworks Bundoora	Chris's Dips
Ivanhoe Hair Connections	Collingwood Children's Farm	Funfields
BP Greensborough	Greensborough RSL	The Tennis Guru
Doncaster Shaver Shop	We rock the spectrum	Faber-Castell
Yarra Valley Chocolatier & Ice Creamery		

Thank you

Kim Hill

On behalf of P&F

Viewbank College Friends of STEM Presents A Community Evening of STEAM

With Director of Additive Economics, Former Lab 22 Director for CSIRO and Ex-Viewbank College Student **Alex Kingsbury**

3D Printing Our Future- How New Technology Will Change Education, Jobs and the Economy 29th May, 7-8pm in the Viewbank College Library

Alex is a chemical engineer who specialises in bringing 3D Printing to market. Formerly the Director of 'Lab 22' at CSIRO - a 3D Printing centre for local industry access and training - she is now Managing Director of Additive Economics, a consultancy service to the advanced manufacturing sector. Alex holds a Bachelor of Engineering from RMIT University in Melbourne, and is a proud Viewbank College alumni, having attended between the years of 1994-1997.

LIMITED SEATS – Book your tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/VOWH>

Gold coin donation at the door.

Viewbank College. Warren Road, Rosanna



Pupil of the Week

Term 2 ~ Week 2 Week Ending 29th April 2018

Prep ~	Val ~	For bringing her bright and bubbly personality to class every day and making us smile!
Grade 1/2 A ~	Caden ~	For working hard in all areas of learning. Keep it up Caden!
Grade 1/2 B ~	Sienna ~	For her detailed predictions, observations and explanations of why particular objects sink or float.
Grade 3/4 A ~	Aiden ~	For consistently completing all his class work to an excellent standard.
Grade 3/4 B ~	Ruby & Lolita ~	For setting an outstanding example to the class by using the school values of respect and empathy. Well Done!
Grade 5/6 A ~	Luke ~	For his creative and entertaining narrative he wrote during Big Write. Keep up the great work.
Art~	Anne-Sophie & Charlotte	For fantastic attention to detail and colour with their birds. Well Done!
PE~	Holly M.~	For her outstanding improvement in softball. Keep up the great work Holly!

Term 2 ~ Week 3 Week Ending 11th May 2018

Prep ~	Aiden ~	For his active participation in all areas of our classroom. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 A ~	Flynn ~	For an excellent effort in Big Write this week.
Grade 1/2 B ~	Zoe J~	For her kindness with supporting her peers in 1/2B.
Grade 3/4 A ~	Magnus~	For effort and concentration during writing this week.
Grade 3/4 B ~	Precious ~	For her successful time at GPS. Good luck at your new school, we will miss you!
Grade 5/6 B ~	Evie~	For her persistence and effort while preparing for NAPLAN this week.
Art~	Liam~	For precision and detail in his scientific illustration of an insect.
Chinese~	William P.~	For always being polite and respectful towards everyone in class.
Library~	Jake~	For his excellent contributions to our discussion about how we choose fiction books. Well Done!
PE	Joel J.~	For being a fantastic participant during soccer.
Music~	All Performers.~	All students who performed at the Citizenship Ceremony, you did our school and your families proud. Your singing and behaviour were beautiful.