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| <i>Friday 22nd June</i> | <i>Reports and P/T Meeting Confirmation Sent Home ISS Make Up Away v Watsonia Basketball P-2</i> |
| <i>Wednesday 27th June</i> | <i>Parent Teacher Interviews</i> |
| <i>Friday 29th June</i> | <i>Basketball P-2 Last Day Of Term, 1.30 Finish</i> |
| <i>Monday 16th July</i> | <i>First Day Term 3, Students Return</i> |

Principal's Report

I'd like to congratulate everyone on the excellent ending to the term we're having. Often schools find students get tired at the end of term, and their ability to remain focussed in class and problem solve in the yard, are reduced. This hasn't been the case at GPS, and students have remained on task and highly engaged in class programs, and are showing great cooperation and friendship during recess and lunch activities. It's been a delight to be on yard duty and see the students across different grade levels playing together in the many active and passive play areas of the school.

We were very pleased to accept an invitation from Woolworths for our choir to sing at their opening



launch today and they also invited us to paint 30 canvases with representations of fruit and vegetables to be displayed in the store for three months. Both invitations were very last minute and I thank Odette and Janet for their enthusiastic response and putting their programs on hold to complete these tasks with students. Both

opportunities will showcase the talents of the students and teachers. The choir were given the opportunity to have a 'behind the scenes' tour of Woolworths and a showbag take home. Unfortunately Odette had a prior CRT booking so Maria attended with the choir after having a thorough handover with Odette. This newsletter is published prior to the actual performance so I am looking forward to watching our students sing the National Anthem and other songs selected by Odette. The canvases painted by Grade 5/6 students were very impressive and I encourage parents to drop into the store and view them.



Last week, Margaret and I attended a two day Principal Forum on June 12-13th "Achieving Greatness Together". Whilst we normally don't like spending so much time away from the school, on this occasion we were very pleased with the calibre of the speakers and thought provoking presentations. There were several 'take-aways' that inspired us to reflect on how we could use them to help us achieve the existing goals of our Annual Implementation Plan in the areas of Literacy, Student Wellbeing and Student Voice. We managed to find time to draft an implementation plan including resource acquisition, professional development for staff and information sessions for parents. Our new initiative will further expose our students to good quality literature and encourage their love of reading - which in turn, will improve their writing outcomes. Watch this space for more information next term when the program begins.



Staffing

Several staff have indicated they will take Leave in Term Three: Class teachers, Anne Loney, Gemma Pearce, Alison Gibson and Integration Aide, Sarah Krupa. As is our usual practice, replacements will be staff familiar with our students and school programs wherever possible.

In all cases a thorough handover will be given so that there will be a smooth transition for teaching and learning programs. Kylee Anderson who assists in the office, has accepted another position for Term Three and will not be available to produce the newsletter during this time. We wish Kylee all the best as she endeavours to expand her expertise in office administration.

Assessment & Reporting:

Thank you to the staff for their diligence and hard work in evaluating student results and writing reports. Staff spend many hours on this process and whilst it is a normal part of their role as teachers, they have demonstrated their deep knowledge of the students they teach and reported accurately to parents so that our students' social and academic progress can be celebrated. Areas for improvement and future learning were also identified and these will be the focus for future learning in Semester Two.

Reports for students in Grades One -Six will be sent home tomorrow, Friday 22nd June, along with meeting times for Parent/Teacher Interviews which will be held next Wednesday, 27th June. As Laura will be on Leave from tomorrow, Prep Parent/Teacher Interviews were held yesterday.

Lorimer Street School Crossing

Banyule Council has investigated if the number of pedestrians using the Lorimer St crossing warranted a supervisor at the beginning and end of the school day. The number of pedestrians was counted on three occasions, both before and after school and unfortunately the number of users did not qualify the crossing for a supervisor. Council stated the crossing already has signs advising drivers that children are crossing and has agreed to repaint the lines to make them more visible. I will contact DET regional office to see if they can assist us to pursue this matter further.



2019 Prep Enrolments

Next term we will begin planning in earnest for staffing and grades for 2019. So if you know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please advise them to register their details as soon as possible, (this includes siblings of current students) as we will be finalising numbers in the Prep class.

Enrol Now

This will be the final newsletter of the term and I wish families a safe and happy holiday period, The term ends at 1.30 pm next Friday 29th June and resumes Monday 16th July.

Angela Morritt
Principal

Interschool Sports Update

It was great to see all our students smiling and eager to play sports last Friday. We finally got a dry day, making our way to our home grounds to play against Watsonia North Primary. Sadly we came away without a victory, but all students' reported their games were great fun.

After the District meeting on Tuesday we have been informed of the decision **that this Friday (22nd June), will be the final week of Interschool Sports** for this year. This decision is based on many of our other district schools not wanting to play on the last day of term. Although we are sad to see the end of I.S.S, the 3-6 students can now look forward to attending PE with Mrs Darling and getting in some Athletics practise prior to our trials on 14th August.

Lastly, a big congratulations to Petar for his participation in the Division Cross Country. This is an amazing achievement.



Alison Gibson
Sports Co-Ordinator

Prep-2 Basketball

The students in Grades Prep, One and Two are currently participating in a four week basketball program. Greensborough P.S applied for a sporting grant through Sporting Schools so we have been able to provide the program during PE classes for all P-2 students. With the help of Coach Nicole (Romeo Basketball), they are learning the skills associated with basketball and building their confidence each week. It's great to see the students practising their basketball skills out in the yard.



Mrs Darling
PE Teacher

Building Community Links

You've probably noticed the renovations happening across the road at Woolworths Greensborough. Recently, our school was invited to be involved in the launch of the new Woolworths store which occurred today, Thursday 21st June at 9.30am. GPS students were involved in two ways... the school choir sang the National Anthem at the launch and some fabulous artwork was unveiled. This was created by many of the Grade 5/6 students last week. Woolworths supplied 34 canvases and the students completed some excellent paintings of fruit and vegetables. These will be displayed in Woolworths over the coming months, so drop in and have a look next time you're shopping!

After the launch today, some of our students had the opportunity to have a behind the scenes tour and made and tasted some doughnuts. They each received a showbag as well. Thanks to Odette

Strickland, Maria Grima and Janet Troy for their contributions to help make this day an exciting local opportunity for the students and our school.



Library News

CBCA Book of the Year 2018



Each year across Australia, the CBCA brings children and books together celebrating Book Week.

Book Week is the week when the Children's Book Council of Australia announces the winners for the best of Australian children's literature that was published in the previous year. During this time schools,

libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian children's literature in many different ways.

Book Week this year will be celebrated at G.P.S from Monday August 20th – Friday August 24th.

I will send home more information about our Book Week celebrations at the beginning of Term Three. One of the activities that we hold every year is a **Book Fair** organised through Scholastic. We have booked a Book Fair that will run from the afternoon of **Tuesday 22nd August** until the afternoon of **Friday 24th August**.

As we are holding a Book Fair we will not send home a Book Club flyer will not be sent home next term.

This year's theme for Book Week 2018 is *Find Your Treasure*

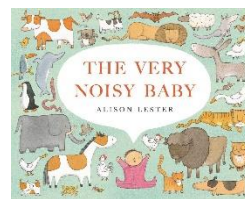
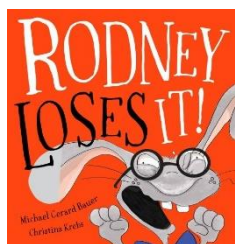
With the wonderful assistance of Mrs Troy the Art teacher, we will have a display up outside the library early in Term Three.

Shortlisted Books

During Term Three the children will be investigating the shortlisted books for 2018. These books are considered to be the best of Australian children's literature published in 2017. There is a list of all the shortlisted books on the **CBCA website cbca.org.au** and further information about Book Week.

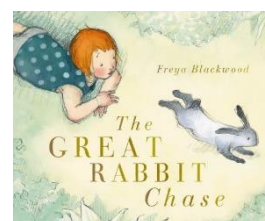
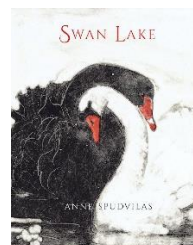
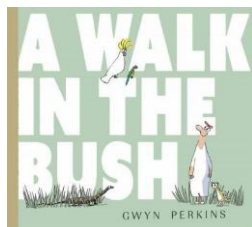
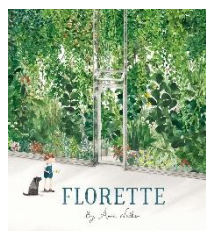
Early Childhood

books can be books of fiction, drama, poetry or concept books. They are for children who are pre reading or early stages of reading. They may be picture story books or texts in which illustrations play a substantial part in the storytelling or concept development



Picture Book of the Year:

Awards are made to outstanding books of the Picture Book genre in which the author and illustrator achieve artistic and literary unity or, in wordless picture books, where the story, theme or concept is unified through illustrations



Premiers' Reading Challenge 2018

Congratulations to all those children who have taken up the Challenge. It's still not too late to take up the Challenge as it does not close until the 7th September. If you still want to take part in the Challenge just start reading and log in with your password. If your child has misplaced their password they can come and see Ms. Storey and she can give them a copy. There is a folder in the Library which has lists of the books that our children can read. Children can also read some of their own choice books.

Returns

A reminder that books can be returned at any time into the class library tub or the green box outside the library. The children do not have to wait until their library lesson to return their books.

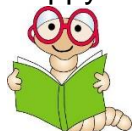
Holiday loans

Children are able to borrow for the school holidays. If you do not want them to borrow can you please tell them know.

Term Helpers

If you are able to assist next term in the library with returning books on either a Tuesday or Wednesday morning could you please leave a note at the office and I will contact you next term when I return from leave. You would only need to be in the library from 9.00 am - 9.30. I will give you a lesson on how to use the borrowing system on the computer. All offers of assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Happy Reading



Jen Farley
Librarian

Legoland Excursion

On Tuesday the 14th of June the Grade 3/4s headed to Chadstone shopping centre to Legoland. The excursion allowed students to use their design and creativity skills to use gears to build models following instructions.

The students were able to race cars they built, play in a soft play area, watch a 4D movie where they ended up wet!, go on interactive rides as well as go into toilets that were deemed "cool"- I can't wait for Greensborough Primary to follow suit!

The students explored Miniland which is mini Melbourne so it was great to see the Eureka tower and Luna Park made out of lego and the students won the Melbourne Cup (I can't wait to back that horse in November).

Thank you to Tegan, Natasha and Narelle for coming along assisting the staff on the day, as well as placement students Dan and Chelsea.



Subway Sounds

As we are coming to the conclusion of term three I have a few things to pass on. Firstly, preps are able to join the keyboard program for term three and enrolment forms have been placed in all prep children's communication folders. If you didn't receive a form or have some questions about the program please do not hesitate to contact me on 0407 160 191. Secondly the reports are being finalised and will be sent out with term three invoices which will be sent home at the conclusion of the term.

A big congratulations to Ethan W. for answering the most Chess Challenges in the Chess Club for the first half of the year.

Christian Duboudin
Subway Sounds



Parents & Friends

It has been a busy term for us, with many different fundraisers occurring. So far we have raised around \$12,000 for the school, which is phenomenal. So thank you to everyone who assists, whether it is by volunteering time, donating items or purchasing goods.



Food Day's - Baker's Delight

This Friday will be our last food day for the term. A big thank you to Ros M., Karen M., Karinda R. and Casey S. for assisting with the food days.

Pie Drive – with Tony's Pies

Thank you to everyone who purchased pies, we raised around \$600. They will be ready to collect this Thursday – if your child is away from school, please let the front office know.
Thank you to Cassie F. for organising it all.



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 www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/189481

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

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be Monday 25th of June at 9:30am in the staff room. We will be planning events for the next half of the year, including Bunnings BBQ. Newcomers are more than welcome to attend, as are younger children.

Thank you

Kim Hill

On behalf of P&F

Community Corner

Wool Donations



We are planning to decorate/yarn bomb the Friendship Tree and would love your help!

If you have any spare wool that you would like to donate to the school, or help with knitting, please see Ros M. or Simone W.

Any wool donations can be placed in the box in the foyer
Thank you

Simone Wilson

Boomerang Bags

Boomerang Bags works to reduce the use of plastic bags by engaging local communities in the making of Boomerang Bags – community made, using recycled materials.

Boomerang Bags provide a free, fun, sustainable alternative to plastic bags.

By getting involved, you are participating in a global movement, celebrating a grassroots initiative focusing on community building and sustainability.

To support our aim of using recycled and donated materials we are in need of old pillow cases, material, sewing cotton and material scissors.

Donations can be put in the box in the school foyer.

There is also a local event at Watsonia Library if you would like to assist further.

Thank you for your support.

Megan C.

Watsonia Library Boomerang Bag Sewing Bee

Monday, July 16, 2018 (6:30 pm – 8:00 pm)

Help Watsonia go plastic bag free. Learn to up-cycle pre-loved fabrics destined for landfill, into re-usable, shareable shopping bags. No sewing experience necessary. Have a sewing machine or overlocker? Feel free to bring it along, but if not there are lots of other things to help out with on the day.



Pupil of the Week

Term 2 ~ Week Week Ending 8th May 2018

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| Prep~ | Xavier~ | For his big effort to improve his handwriting. You're doing a great job. |
| Grade 1/2A~ | Stella~ | For always trying her best in all areas of learning. |
| Grade 1/2 B ~ | Cleo~ | For her impressive effort in Big Write. Your information report on a mythical unicorn was fantastic. |
| Grade 3/4 A ~ | Will D.~ | For his focus and effort whilst completing his diorama plan. |
| Grade 3/4 B ~ | Kaitlyn ~ | For her beautiful nature, always making 3/4B the place to be! |
| Grade 5/6 A ~ | Petar~ | For his excellent result in Cross Country. Well done! |
| Grade 5/6 B ~ | Liam S.~ | For helping Mrs Pearce learn all about congruent shapes. |
| Art~ | Tiffany N.~ | For amazing focus and achievement in Art. Well done. |
| Chinese~ | Patrick~ | For being polite and treating others with respect. |
| Library~ | Cody~ | For doing an excellent job with his 'What's in the river?' activity. Well done. |
| PE~ | Nala~ | For doing a great job with her basketball skills this week. Well done! |

Term 2 ~ Week 9 Week Ending 15th June 2018

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| Prep~ | Maisy~ | For being such a caring friend to a student who was hurt in the yard. |
| Grade 1/2 A ~ | Zac ~ | For his positive attitude towards all areas of learning. Keep it up, Super Star! |
| Grade 1/2 B ~ | Evie~ | For taking initiative by adding extra detail to her kite design brief. |
| Grade 3/4 A ~ | William B.~ | For his excellent effort and concentration at Legoland |
| Grade 3/4 B ~ | Zoe~ | For being a great Environment Club ambassador and cultivating the plants with great care. |
| Grade 5/6 A ~ | Charli ~ | For her mature and detailed responses during Guided Reading. |
| Grade 5/6 B~ | Ryan~ | For his excellent work comparing and contrasting historical recounts. |
| Art~ | Bailey~ | For a great effort with his sewing and being helpful to his classmates during Art |
| Chinese~ | Kayleigh ~ | For coming to school with a positive attitude and always prepared to have a go at something new. |
| PE~ | Amber ~ | For a big improvement in her fielding in Softball. Well done! |



PATHS Compliment Board

Congratulations to Petar Kovacevic on his excellent effort in the Division round of cross country!

Thank you to Kelly Smeath for going out of her way to buy our fruit for our Friday fruit platters

Thank you to the Brain family and the chicken monitors for ensuring our chickens are always well fed and looked after

If you know of someone in our school community that we should acknowledge, please let Mrs Grima know.



Football Star Academy

Football Star Academy will be performing a Holiday Camp program at Doncaster Gardens Primary. The program is the perfect way to keep your child active and playing football during the holidays.

Please follow the link below to find out more and register your interest!

Link: <http://bit.ly/HolidayCampsDoncaster>



Diamond Valley Community Support is an emergency relief, support, information and referral agency. We are community based and not-for-profit and support families and individuals in the Banyule area.

Our services are free, confidential, impartial and independent. We respect everyone's right to make their own decisions.

Our Services include:

- Provision of Emergency Aid
- Personal Counselling
- Financial Counselling
- Information & Referral

Tax Help

- You may be eligible for FREE help with your tax return.
- 24th July – 30th October 2018
- Contact details below



Diamond Valley Community Support Inc.

- Shop 378a, Level 3
Greensborough Plaza
Greensborough 3088
Telephone: 03 9435 8282

Banyule Council

Sustainable Greensborough, as a part of the Transition network of groups in Banyule, has been working with Banyule Council for the past 6 weeks on a Notice of Motion that asks Council to investigate what it can do to step up its response to Climate Change, in partnership with the community. This motion will be tabled at the Council meeting on:

Monday June 25th 2018

6.45pm for a 7pm start

Council Chambers, Ivanhoe Town Hall
First floor, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road,
Ivanhoe

We are at the stage of needing to show Council that there is a lot of community support for them to take further action on Climate Change, and so we invite you to add your voice to the discussion by contacting your local ward councillor this week, to tell them to support the motion. If you would like to participate, email myself, Megan Cassidy, at sustainablegreensie@gmail.com, and I will send you the Notice of Motion, the contact details for the councillors, and a sheet with some possible talking points for when you contact your councillor.

If you know any other people who would like to be a part of this, please give them the details above, and encourage them to express their support too! This is our, and our children's future that we are working hard for after all!

In summary, please contact your ward councillor this week, come to the meeting next Monday, and show your support!