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Borough Bulletin

13 September 2018

Friday 21 September 2018	Last Day of Term – 1:30pm Finish Free Dress Day – Gold Coin Donation	
Monday 8 October 2018	Term 4 begins	
Tuesday 9 October 2018	World Teachers Day	
Wednesday 10 October 2018	Division Athletics Event – Meadowglen Epping	
Thursday 11 October 2018	★ Curriculum Day (Pupil-free Day) ★	
Friday 19 October 2018	Prep & Grade 1 Breakfast	
Thursday 25 October 2018	Grade 2 Sleep Over	
Friday 26 October 2018	Swimming Program commences	
Monday 29 October 2018	School Council Meeting – 7pm	
Friday 2 November 2018	Swimming Program – Week 2 / 2019 Prep Transition – Session 1	
Monday 5 November 2018	Curriculum Day (Pupil-free Day)	
Tuesday 6 November 2018	Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)	
Friday 9 November 2018	Swimming Program – Week 3 / 2019 Prep Transition – Session 2	
Tuesday 13 November 2018	Southern Cross Recycling Pick up	
Friday 16 November 2018	Swimming Program – Week 4 / 2019 Prep Transition – Session 3	
Tuesday 20 November 2018	Volunteer Morning Tea	
Friday 23 November 2018	Swimming Program – Week 5 / 2019 Prep Transition – Session 4	
Friday 30 November 2018	Swimming Program – Week 6	
Monday 3 December 2018	2019 School Captain Speeches	
Friday 7 December 2018	Swimming Program – Week 7	
Monday 10 December 2018	2019 House Captain Speeches	
Tuesday 11 December 2018	2019 Year 7 Orientation Day	
Thursday 13 December 2018	Grade 6 Graduation	
Friday 14 December 2018	Reports to go home	
Monday 17 December 2018	Christmas Picnic	
Tuesday 18 December 2018	Students meet their 2019 Teachers – 9am to 11am	
Wednesday 19 December 2018	Grade 6 Big Day Out – TBC	
Friday 21 December 2018	Last Day of Term – 1.30pm Finish	

Principal's Report

Last week, Margaret and I attended the two day Banyule/Nillumbik Conference on 6th – 7th September focussing on change management and striving to improve student outcomes. Dr Adrian Bertolini stood out among the presenters and his message of the importance of having a ten year vision for school improvement, affirmed our work at GPS since 2010, when there was a change in leadership and significant staff changes. During this time our vision was to make our students 'Literate, Numerous and Curious' and our learning community has been steadily working towards achieving this goal through our resource management, professional development and teaching and learning programs, and we are proud of our results. During our School Review next year, we will set the vision for the next ten years.

Supporting our students to be critical and creative thinkers, problem solvers and self-regulated learners was also highlighted by Dr Bertolini and again affirms the work we have begun in this area. This is a goal in our Strategic Plan and Maria has attended Student Voice workshops with our school student leaders and is working with them and the Junior School Council to develop Student Voice. JSC has been involved with practical fundraising, e.g. canteen sales of icy-poles in Term One and organising fundraisers, such as dress up days, organising the time capsule for our 140 celebrations and liaising with their classmates to choose targeted areas for funding. They have, however, recognised this is only one facet of their role and they would like to increase their contribution to our school. Maria recently led a staff professional development session on the DET initiative, 'Amplify', to enhance staff understandings of student voice, agency and leadership as the key elements that empower students. Whilst we recognise that staff need further professional learning in this area, several teachers were motivated to "dip their toes in the water" and the Grade 4-6 students were asked to analyse the results of their Attitude To School Survey and Janet is collaborating with Grade Five and Six students and allowing them to make decisions about what they learn in Art in Term Four. In both instances students enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to voice their opinions and we're looking forward to building their skills to make purposeful contributions in the future.

Student Voice in the learning program is also a focus for our Inquiry Curriculum Day in Term Four. On *Thursday October 11th* we have a student free day as Kath Murdoch works with staff to further build our capacity to plan and teach Inquiry units. Inquiry-based learning is a form of active learning that starts by posing questions, problems or scenarios—rather than simply presenting established facts. The approach is more student centred, with the teacher as a facilitator of learning. Students are more involved in the construction of knowledge through active involvement.

Congratulations to Grade 3-6 students who showed their athletic prowess at the District Carnival recently. We are very proud of not only their sporting efforts but also the excellent behaviour and sportsmanship they displayed. Thank you to Alison Gibson for organising the team and Nick Crowe for marshalling on the day. Alison has included more information later in the newsletter.

Curriculum Days Term Four: Thursday October 11th and Monday November 5th

A reminder to parents that we have two student free days in Term Four: *Thursday October 11th* and *Monday November 5th*. Our usual practice is to have one student free day per term, however Thursday 11th was the first available date we could book Kath Murdoch, our presenter for Inquiry. Kath is a leader in her field and whilst we have had to wait over a year for the booking, we are looking forward to Kath sharing her expertise and developing our skills, especially in giving students the power to direct and take responsibility for their learning.

Monday November 5th is the day before Cup day, and our focus for the day will be moderating for assessment and reporting in Term Four.

Cooperation **A**chievement **R**espect **E**mpathy



NAPLAN

The Grade Three and Five NAPLAN results were sent home with students on Monday. Students and staff approached the NAPLAN tests in a positive, supportive way and we are very pleased with the school results which show continuous improvement every year which is excellent. Our Intervention and Extension programs continue to show we are 'closing the gap' for students who are working below the expected level and also extending the students who are working above the expected standard.

SunSmart

Thank you to families who sent along their child's hat to school. From September 1st – April 30th the average UV alert is 3 and above and we are required to wear hats for outdoor activities. School hats are available at the office for \$11. Students without hats are required to play in designated areas with full shade.

Riding Scooters and Bikes to School

A reminder to students who ride their bikes or scooters to school each day that they are required to wear their helmets. A concerned community member recently rang to let us know that a group of students were scooting to school and their behaviour was exemplary, however their helmets were on their handles, rather than their heads. It's lovely to see many students riding to school each day and their safety is important to us.

Thank you!

A huge thankyou to Parents and Friends for their fund raising efforts this term, especially the recent Father's Day stall. The children greatly enjoyed buying a special gift for dad or a special person in their life, from the great selection available. It was lovely to see many helpers for this event as the P & F committee work very hard to plan and run events that raise money for school resources.

Thankyou also to everyone who gave up part of their weekend to assist at the Bunnings barbeque last Saturday. This day was hugely successful and over \$1850 was raised. Shoppers consumed 76kg of sausages, 17kg of onions and 45 loaves of breada very productive day!

Our gratitude also extends to Sean, father of Joel and Aidan, who generously gave his time and expertise to complete major maintenance work on the heritage building last week. This was a huge saving to the school and we greatly appreciate Sean's contribution to our buildings and grounds program.

We are also very appreciative of Wayne and Geoff's ongoing work to maintain and improve our school grounds. Recent works include installing edging around the garden bed near the basketball court, refitting hinges and handles on classroom doors, and a myriad of other tasks that ensure our facilities are in top condition.

2019 Grade Structure

Below is the proposed grade structure for next year, based on current information.

If you have any feedback or specific requests for next year, please pass them on via email, phone, hand written note or in person, to the office, Margaret or myself. We will be finalising grades earlier this year, so it's very important that parents and caregivers send in their requests by Friday 26th October.

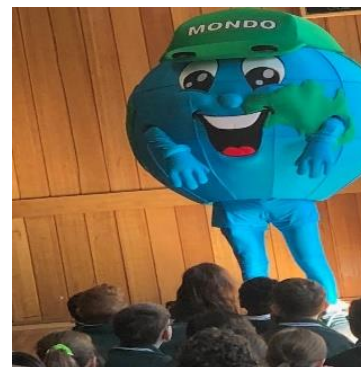
Grades	Year Level		Total Class Size
Prep	Currently 20 students enrolled		20
Grade 1/2	12 – Grade 1	12 – Grade 2	24
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Grade 3/4	11 – Grade 3	15 – Grade 4	26
Grade 3/4	11 – Grade 3	15 – Grade 4	26
Grade 5/6	11 – Grade 5	10 – Grade 6	21
Grade 5/6	11 – Grade 5	11 – Grade 6	22

2019 Prep Enrolments

We are 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.

Extra Southern Cross Collection

Last week Mondo visited us at Monday assembly and motivated our community to recycle for a better world. Several families were so busy having a major “clean out” that they missed the collection date last Tuesday. We are keen to encourage recycling so we are having another collection next **Tuesday 18th September**. Please drop off your pre-loved clothing, toys, manchester, cutlery, crockery, etc. by 9am. If you spy some ‘treasures’ amongst the recycled items, you can purchase them for a gold coin donation at the office.



Term Three Extracurricular Events

This is our last newsletter of the term and as we reflect back, we can see it's been an extremely busy term for us at GPS with many extracurricular programs and events occurring:

Science Week activities: Robotics Demonstration by Dr Chris McCarthy and Dr Lisa Mielke's presentation.

Art Show

Kinder Competition for Art Show

Kinder Buddy Program Grade 5 and Grade 4 groups

Book Week activities: Book Fair, Multi Age Day, Dress-Up Parade.

Poetry competition

G.A.T.E.WAYS: catering for children who are in the highly able to gifted range.

EYKLP - Intervention Literacy and Numeracy Program for identified Koorie students

International Chinese Student Program

B.O.L.T. (Bikes Over Lunch Time)

Athletics Carnivals

Extension of Literacy Home Reading Program

Mini Network Presentations: Erin – Writing & Salima – Universal Design

Parliamentary Convention – School Captains

Student Representative Council Workshops – School Captains

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Service

140 year Reunion and Celebration

Ex- students' presentations: "School Life In The Good Old days"

Choir and Class performances for 140 year event.

Transition to Year 7 Activities

Special Visitor's Day

Walkathon

Montmorency Secondary College Leadership Day and School Production Performance

Sports In School Program

Premier's Reading Challenge

Building of relationships with Woolworths (Fruit), Aussie Direct and Nelson Alexander Real Estate

'Just Kidding': Toy Trialling

Father's Day Stall

Baker's Delight lunch days

Scout' Raffle

Bunnings Barbeque

Entertainment Books Fundraiser

These programs are highly engaging for our community and enrich our students' learning, personal development and leadership opportunities, however they also incur an extra workload for all involved, much of which is behind the scenes but essential for the success of the programs. I'd like to thank everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm for ensuring these extracurricular programs are successful so that our students and community reap the benefits.

As this is the last newsletter of the term, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing term break

Angela Morrìt

Principal

District Athletics

On Thursday the 30st August, Mrs Grima and I had the privilege of taking our biggest team on record, of 35 students to Meadow Glen Athletics track, to represent Greensborough Primary School in the District Athletics. Although the day was wet and very cold our students demonstrated amazing resilience, great athletic skills and top sportsmanship which saw G.P.S come 6th overall. Congratulations to all our Athletes. You made us very proud and represented our school with great enthusiasm. Thank you to Mrs Grima for her excellent shot put umpiring and to Irene, Phoebe and Tanya for their assistance with managing our team. I would also like to thank our G.P.S parents who came along to cheer on all our students.

The following students came 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their events and will be representing our district at the next level (Division), on Wednesday 10th October 2018 at Meadow Glen. Congratulations and Good Luck to Jack, Amihan, Brandon, Violet, Cash, Kelvin, Willoughby, Alex and Holly.



Alison Gibson

3-6 PE classes: Team Work!

After a strong focus on Athletics to prepare the students for Athletics school trials and District Athletics, we have switched gears and have been focusing on team games during PE classes.

Team games involve different aspects such as communication, cooperation, respect and good sportsmanship. It is so important to reinforce these skills as it helps our students to develop their own ability to work as a team.

The first week, the students were placed into two teams to play a giant version of Connect Four. Besides working on their throwing skills, the students had to rely on their communication skills to work together so their team could be successful in the game.

The following week, the students participated in Tabloid Sports rotations in teams of 5. They worked together to score as many points for their team as they could. The different activities included: egg and spoon race, handball target, bean bag toss, skipping and ball between the legs race.



5/6 PE classes:

Basketball Clinic with Warrick Giddey

On Friday 7th September, Warrick Giddey (Wazza) from Melbourne United came to visit G.P.S to work with the 5/6 classes during PE. He travels around to various schools in Victoria and comes in for free to share his knowledge of basketball with primary school students.

The students participated in various fun basketball drills to work on their dribbling, passing and shooting skills. All the students were very engaged during the session and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Warrick even came with some Melbourne United goodies for the students including t-shirts for every 5/6 student.

Mrs Darling

PE teacher



Graduation Fundraiser

Free Dress Day

The Junior School Council together with the Grade 6 Graduation Committee are hosting a Free Dress Day! Please come to school in **free dress** or in your **favourite team's colours**. If you do choose to dress up, please bring along a **Gold Coin Donation**. All proceeds will go towards 2018 Grade 6 Graduation.

Thank you in advance for your support!

JSC and Graduation Committee



COMMUNITY CORNER

We are looking for any willing volunteers who enjoy knitting and crochet to help us decorate the friendship tree. We would love hand knitted or crocheted squares or rectangles of any size and colour to join together to cover our friendship tree.

Alternatively, any wool donations can be placed in the box in the school foyer



Artificial Flower Donations

Help us to decorate our lovely Library Courtyard with blooms that will never fade. If you have a collection of artificial flowers that you wish to part with, please leave them at reception at school.



A big thank you to Ros M (Maisey's mum) and everyone from the CWA for organising this fantastic project

I would like to thank all our generous families who have donated material for the Boomerang Bags Collection. If anyone has any unwanted fabric, bed sheets, pillowcases or tea towels etc., please place in the



Thank you,
Simone Wilson



WALKATHON 2018

and

Crazy Hat Day

The Walkathon held on Thursday the 6th of September was a great success and we would like to say a big thank you to all the students, teachers and parents (especially Belinda, Tanya, Kerryn, Ros, Tania, Vivian, Robert and Karen) who made it such an exciting and wonderful event. There were many crazy hats and it was particularly hard to select the best hat from each class, however, the winners were:

- ★ Prep - Maisie G
- ★ 1/2B - Elouise
- ★ 3/4A - Will D
- ★ 3/4B - Adrian
- ★ 5/6A - Charli
- ★ 5/6B - Christian P



If your child collected donations from sponsors for walking we would kindly ask that these be returned to the school by Friday 20th of September, so that we can begin purchasing new sports and sandpit equipment for the students as soon as possible.

Regards,

Rebecca Gauci



Special mentions: Milly and Holly

JSC Update

Prior to our 140th Celebration, the JSC were working behind the scenes with their classmates and teachers to create memories that could go into the Time Capsule. Earlier on in the term, the JSC met and established that 'Student Voice' was important in this matter and they would ask their classmates to come up with a list of items to go into the time capsule that was to be buried on Saturday 18th August. We compiled the list and shortlisted the following items to be buried:

- Enrolment list of 2018 students and teachers
- Historical Day dress-up photos
- A USB containing the anthem and some other videos and photos of the staff, students and school grounds
- Reading diary
- Reward Card
- 'A letter to my future self' or 'About Me' page from each student



Thank you to the School Captains, Hudson and Olivia, for assisting with the burial of our Time Capsule. Also a big thank you to Jennifer and Jonathon's dad, David, for digging and preparing the hole for us.

We are now in the process of organising a plaque to indicate where the Time Capsule has been buried and to assist with future retrieval.

We are excited to know that our small contributions will be uncovered in years to come!

JSC and Mrs Grima



Working Bee Saturday 6 October 2018

9:00am to 11:00am

We would appreciate as much assistance as possible to move the large mulch pile we have on the oval onto garden beds around the school on **Saturday 6th October from 9:00am until 11:00am.**

In addition, because so much mulch has been donated, school families are able to purchase a trailer load for \$10 a load.

Please contact the office for any further details regarding the working bee or purchasing mulch

Margaret Hirth





Pupil of the Week

Term 3 ~ Week 6 Week Ending 31 August 2018

Prep	<i>Joel J</i>	For making positive choices for his learning. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Vanessa G</i>	For working hard during reading and writing this week. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Cleo E</i>	For her positive attitude and focus during Literacy sessions.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Starr H</i>	For always trying her best and having an amazing positive attitude.
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Adam S</i>	For bringing humour to the 3/4 classroom and doing well in Applied Maths classes.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Willoughby J</i>	For his excellent effort and achievements in District Athletics. You're a Star!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Christian P</i>	For trying his best in the 100m and relay at District Athletics. Well done!
Art	<i>Milly S 3/4B</i>	For demonstrating all the school values when she is in the Art Room.
Chinese	<i>Jonathon M 1/2B</i>	For his active participation in the class games.
PE	<i>Cash H 3/4B & James S 3/4B</i>	For producing an outstanding 'Healthy Lifestyle' poster in PE. Well done!

Term 3 ~ Week 7 Week Ending 7 September 2018

Prep	<i>Charlotte C</i>	For consistently demonstrating the school values and being a great role model for others.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Hollie-Rose C</i>	For asking insightful questions during reading.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Elouise C</i>	For her creative, crazy hat she made for the Walkathon.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Ezra T</i>	For walking so sensibly and happily with his 'Crazy Hat' on during the Walkathon.
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Isaac P</i>	For his increased focus and effort he puts in to his classwork. Keep it up!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Holly M</i>	For displaying our school value of empathy.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Celeste P</i>	For helping Mrs B. to navigate a new school and classroom. Thanks!
Art	<i>Oliver W 3/4A</i>	For his excellent work on our PATHS Art activity this week.
Library	<i>Amihan L 5/6A</i>	For consistently producing excellent responses during library sessions.
PE	<i>Riley A 5/6A</i>	For doing a great job during the basketball clinic. Well done!

Parents & Friends

Following a successful Bunnings BBQ, Parents & Friends have raised over \$15,000 for the school for the year so far. All the funds raised go straight back to the school and the children. With this money, we are leasing brand new laptops for Grade 5 & 6, helped to purchase a defibrillator for the school, plus we are putting money towards the art room extension and resurfacing the basketball court.

Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 8 September

A huge thank you to all the people who gave up their time on Saturday to assist with the Bunnings BBQ. It was a successful day for us, with around 76kg of sausages sold. We raised just over \$1850 for the school, which is fantastic!

Food Day's – Friday 14 September

Just a reminder there is a Bakers Delight food day this Friday. Thank you to Casey S, Ros M, Karen D and Tanya M for volunteering to help run it.

If you have any suggestions for future fundraising ideas or are able to assist, please don't hesitate in letting me know.

Thank you,

Kim Hill

On behalf of Parents & Friends



Positive Partnerships Free Two Day Workshop for Parents and Carers

This is a 2 day workshop for parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum. Learn to foster productive school, family and community relationships to help support your child. The workshop will help you understand more about autism and develop practical strategies using evidence based resources to maximise your child's learning.



Venue:	Treacy Centre – 126 The Avenue Parkville VIC 3052
When:	Tuesday 16 October and Wednesday 17 October 2018 9.30am to 2.30pm (Registration from 8.45am)
Catering:	Morning Tea and Lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements upon registration
Register:	Online – positivepartnerships.com.au – registration opens Tuesday 14 August 2018 Register early as places are limited
Phone:	1300 881 971



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4pm – Kids aged 5 to 7
4.45pm – Kids aged 7 to 10
5.30pm – Kids aged 10 to 15
7.30pm – Cardio Tennis ages 16+
(and Adults)

9am – Kids aged 5 to 7
9.45am – Kids aged 7 to 10
10.30am – Kids aged 10 to 15
10.30am – Cardio Tennis ages 16+
(and Adults)

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Top Tips for Reducing Waste in your Household



Society's growing waste problem is one we can no longer ignore. Why is it so hard to be waste free? Where do I even start? Will my small household contribution really help the planet? Why isn't the government doing more? How can I get more involved? In this session, we will be addressing these questions and more.

So whether you want some ideas on where to start, or if you're already on the journey and have some Top Tips you'd like to share, come along and have a cuppa with us.

Sunday 16th September 2018, 2-4pm
Watsonia Library Community Room
4-6 Ibbotson Street, Watsonia, Victoria
(door is opposite the entrance to the library)

Light refreshments, tea and coffee will be available. We are family-friendly too!

For further details please visit our [Facebook](#) page or email Megan or Stella at: sustainablegreensie@gmail.com

Sustainable Greensborough: Developing a thriving community through positive local action



BUNDOORA PRE-SCHOOL PRESENTS ITS

HALLOWEEN MARKET

Watsonia Community Hall
35 Lambourn road, Watsonia

Wednesday October 31

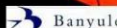
6-9 pm

Showbag full of goodies
for the first 100 families through the door

Kids can come
in costumes and trick or treat...

Gold Coin Entry per adult only!!
so many free activities for the whole family to enjoy...

• Market Stalls. • Food, drinks and refreshments
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Lost and Found:

Did someone accidentally throw out something precious?
We have found a small Bevilles Jewellery Box with something sparkly inside. See Meghan if you think it's yours.