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Borough Bulletin

24 October 2018

Thursday 25 October 2018	Grade 2 Sleep Over Ceres Student Leadership Workshop
Friday 26 October 2018	Swimming Program commences
Monday 29 October 2018	School Council Meeting – 7pm
Friday 2 November 2018	Swimming Program – Week 2 Student Food Day Fundraiser
Monday 5 November 2018	Curriculum Day (Pupil-free Day)
Tuesday 6 November 2018	Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)
Wednesday 7 November 2018	Headspace Incursion for Grades 5 & 6
Friday 9 November 2018	Swimming Program – Week 3 / 2019 Prep Transition – Session 1
Tuesday 13 November 2018	Southern Cross Recycling Pick up
Friday 16 November 2018	Swimming Program – Week 4 / 2019 Prep Transition – Session 2 Student Food Day Fundraiser
Tuesday 20 November 2018	Volunteer Morning Tea
Friday 23 November 2018	Swimming Program – Week 5 / 2019 Prep Transition – Session 3
Friday 30 November 2018	Swimming Program – Week 6 / 2019 Prep Transition – Session 4 Student Food Day Fundraiser
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 Student Food Day Fundraiser
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
Friday 21 December 2018	Last Day of Term – 1.30pm Finish

Principal's Report

As I return from a week's long service leave I am excited to see the initiatives teachers have implemented since our Inquiry Curriculum Day on 11th November with Kath Murdoch. Some of us have taken small steps (I have tried to include student voice in my Spelling Extension Group) and some have taken bigger actions, however we are all enthused and committed to working together to embed the Inquiry process into our teaching and learning programs.

I'd like to thank Anne Loney and Jen Farley for all their work, both liaising with Kath before the curriculum day to ensure our school's specific needs were addressed and also continuing to work with staff to ensure we have ongoing and long term improvement in teacher and student learning.

We're looking forward to the journey ahead as we help our students become 21st century learners and we'll keep you updated to the challenges we face and the successes we have.

"...to cope with the demands of the 21st century, students need to know more than core subjects. They need to know how to use their knowledge and skills by thinking critically, applying knowledge to new situations, analysing information, comprehending new ideas, communicating, collaborating, solving problems, and making decisions." - **Kath Murdoch**

Remembrance Day

Each year Grades Prep - Six gather on the netball court and our student leaders conduct a Remembrance Day service, which is always respectfully observed by our students who remember the men and women who have served Australia. This year however, Remembrance Day falls on a Sunday, so we will have our service after swimming at 1.15pm, Friday 9th November. We invite family members to join us if they wish.

On Sunday 11th, our School Captains, Olivia and Hudson will represent our school at Watsonia RSL at 10.45 am, and lay a wreath on behalf of our school community.

2019 Staffing and Grade Structure

Our 2019 grade structure and staffing reflects our planned transition for several teachers to take on new roles, as well as recent changes. Emma Bainbridge, who has been replacing Gemma while she is on Parental Leave in Grade 5/6B, has been offered a leadership position at her base school for the start of 2019, therefore she will finish at GPS at the end of the year. I congratulate Emma on her new role and wish her every success for the future. I thank Emma for her sharing her friendship, expertise and work ethic at GPS this year. Erin Donaldson is resuming her full time position and we welcome back Jane Byrne from parental leave.

I am now able to publish the proposed grade structure and staffing based on all the information we currently have.

GRADE LEVEL	2019 STAFFING
Prep	Laura Tillotson
Grade 1/2A	Claire Storey 0.5 and Alison Gibson 0.5
Grade 1/2B	Rebecca Gauci
Grade 3/4A	Daniela Darling 0.6 and Jane Byrne 0.4
Grade 3/4B	To Be Confirmed
Grade 5/6A	Maria Grima
Grade 5/6B	Erin Donaldson

As part of our Performance and Development process, staff have the opportunity to request a move to another grade level as they wish to expand their knowledge and experience for their professional growth. This is also a good opportunity for them to share their expertise with different colleagues and students. Staff have expressed their excitement about the moves and we're looking forward to a terrific year in 2019. Anne Loney

will continue to plan Literacy with all teams and Margaret will continue to coordinate the Magic Maths program, ensuring consistency across all grade levels.

Teachers have asked students to nominate friendship groups for 2019 so we are now beginning the process of allocating students to their 2019 grades. This process includes teachers' consideration of students' friendship groups, school data on academic abilities and needs, and parent input on specific requests for their children.

Due to the above changes I have extended the deadline for parent requests to **Friday November 2nd**. Grades will be finalised on the curriculum day, therefore if you do have any specific requests for next year it's very important that parents and caregivers send in their requests **by Friday November 2nd** and this will be factored into decision making.

Notification of 2019 grades will be sent home with reports on Friday December 14th and students will meet their 2019 teachers and spend the morning with them on Tuesday 18th December.

Southern Cross Recycling - November 13th

Don't forget that our last Southern Cross Recycling Day for 2018 is Tuesday 13th November, to fit in with National Recycling Week. So if you have a free moment before then, you might like to 'spring clean' your cupboards and send along toys, manchester items, books, etc. to raise funds for Grade 6 Graduation. Prior to collection, if any families spy a 'treasure' in the recycled goods they would like to take home, just contact the office to make a donation. As we are paid by weight, a gold or silver coin donation would be sufficient.

Curriculum Day November

A reminder that the day before Cup Day, Monday 5th November is a Curriculum Day and students will not attend school on this day. Staff will use this day for moderation and analysis of student work for report writing.

SunSmart

We have a small number of students who are regularly forgetting their hats at home and are therefore required to play in the fully shaded areas of the school during recess breaks. Whilst we have many undercover areas around the school to accommodate students, we recognise that not wearing a hat limits them in their choice of play options, locations and social groups. I ask parents to check that your child has a hat at school, so that they can avail themselves of all the recreational options during break times.

Angela Morrìtt

Principal

Swimming

Swimming begins this Friday and runs until Friday 7th December. Please find below the time-table for when the different grades will be having their lessons. As is always the case, students will be placed in ability groups for the first session, assessments will then be conducted and any adjustments required will be done for Week Two of the program. The walk to and from swimming and the valuable lessons about road safety are also an integral part of this program. Along with Friday morning breakfasts and aerobics and the student First Aid sessions in Week One of this term we are working towards the common goal of keeping all students safe and healthy.

Swim Schedule	Leave School	Lesson Time	Leave Pool	Return School
Grades 5/6 A & B	9.00am	9.30am – 10.15am	10.30am	10.45am
Grades 3/4 A & B	9.45am	10.15am – 11.00am	11.15am	11.30am
Prep Grades 1/2 A & B	10.30am	11.00am – 11.45am	12.15am	12.30am

2019 Subject Contributions

At next Monday's School Council meeting the 2019 School Charge will be approved. This charge covers all items and experiences which, by the Government's Parent Payment Policy, are the parent's responsibility for payment. It covers start up Booklist items and mid-year replenishment of individual student supplies, student workbooks for programs such as Spelling Mastery, individual Mathematics subscriptions, Friday Fruit and a range of incursions and activities including special events such as when the ice-cream truck comes to school. Once School Council has approved the 2019 charge, statements will be sent home, as we know many families appreciate the opportunity to commence payment this year before the expenses of Christmas and the New Year kick in.

Tea-Towels

Thank you to those families who have submitted their orders for 2018 tea-towels. We are expecting the layout design of student portraits by the beginning of next week and, once approved, the delivery of tea-towels will be three weeks after that. Because we are not in a position to carry excess stock of the tea-towels we will only be ordering the amount requested by parents so, if you are wanting this memento of the 2018 school year, please put in your Tea-Towel Order form to the office.



Cake Stall

This is advance notice that we will be having a cake stall at school on November 24th when the school is a polling booth for the state election. We are hoping as many families as possible can send along some baking, either on the afternoon of Friday 23rd or on Election Day. The guidelines for Cake Stalls are that produce has to be packed or covered and must not contain fillings made from fresh cream or uncooked eggs. The cakes or biscuits need to be labelled with the list of ingredients used to make them. To make selling easier on the day, we will be having a \$2, \$3, and \$4 table for the baking. If you would like to nominate the price you would like to be put on your baking, please let us know otherwise it will be at the discretion of volunteers on the day.

We are trying to accrue enough funds to have artificial turf laid on the basketball court in the January school holidays and any profits made from both the sausage sizzle and cake stall on Election Day will go towards this. We have a supply of cellophane bags and sticky labels if anyone would like these to package their baking in.

Buildings and Grounds

I hope everyone has had a chance to admire how beautiful the school grounds are looking after a Corrections Crew worked last Sunday and a gardener created order in the garden areas outside of the library on Monday. We are incredibly fortunate to have such extensive green areas around the school but the management and maintenance of these spaces brings a few challenges. We are very focused on moving the large mulch pile on the oval before summer as this can easily become a fire hazard and, if anyone has some time to assist, it would be most appreciated.

Margaret Hirth

Assistant Principal

Headspace Incursion

On Wednesday 7th November the Grade 5/6 students will be attending a workshop run by Headspace Greensborough. The workshop will focus on dealing with emotions in response to change as young people head towards transitioning to high school. The interactive workshop activities are aimed to give young people the opportunity to work through scenarios and develop some strategies to respond to worry and anticipation around new situations, friendships and environments such as high school.



Mrs Bainbridge

Ceres Student Leadership Workshop



Today the Grade 5s participated in a free school leadership incursion with Alexandra Hoffman from CERES through our school's partnership. Greensborough Primary School is aiming to be a 5 star Resource Smart school.

The Grade 5s attended a full day interactive learning experience. The transformational program supports students to let their inner-leader shine and enables them to plan and carry out environmental projects at school.

The program will be working towards gaining accreditation in our waste and energy stars. In our next newsletter we will have an update from the Grade 5s with the plans and actions they have from the day. To find out more about Resource Smart please visit <https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/schools>

Nicholas Crowe

On behalf of the school's Environment Club

Premiers' Reading Challenge

Colin Brooks Visit

This year saw an increasing number of Greensborough Primary School Students complete the Premiers' Reading Challenge. On Monday 29th October, State Member for Bundoora, Colin Brooks, shall present certificates to these students at school assembly. Again, congratulations to all students who completed the challenge and a special thank you to all parents and caregivers who have continued to support students in developing their love of reading.



Thanks,

Claire Storey



Curriculum Day

Designing for Learning through Inquiry

On Thursday 11th October the GPS staff were extremely fortunate to take part in a Curriculum Day led by Kath Murdoch. Kath Murdoch is an experienced teacher, author, university lecturer and consultant who has worked for many years in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Asia, America and Europe. She is widely respected for her work in the field of inquiry based learning and integrative curriculum in which she has taught, researched and published for well over 20 years.

The staff had a very productive day as we investigated the culture of inquiry, practices and strategies we can use in our classroom and effective units of inquiry. We also spent time looking at how 'student voice' can be incorporated into our classrooms. The staff have already put into practices some of the learning that took place. One of these is the 'split screen' approach to learning intentions.

During and after the Curriculum Day there was a lot of productive discussion about "where to from now". Kath is a generous presenter who allows all staff to correspond with her regularly to receive clarification over their planning. Look forward to hearing about and seeing Inquiry in action at Greensborough Primary School.

Jen Farley and *Anne Loney*

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

Prep and Grade 1 Breakfast

Last Friday, the 19th of October the Preps and Grade Ones had Breakfast at school, as part of our Junior School Camping Program. We all arrived at school in our pyjamas, found our placemats and sat down with our cutlery. All the students were waited on by the teachers with cereal, toast and juice. The students' manners and behaviour were exceptional and the day was a huge success. Well done to all the students and teachers!



Thanks,

Laura Tillotson



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3-6 PE Classes

Pies in Schools

Over the last two weeks, the students in Grades 3-6 have participated in the 'Pies in Schools' program. Joe and Declan from the Collingwood Football Club ran an AFL clinic that focused on the main skills of the game: handballing, ground work, kicking and marking. The students were very engaged in the mini games they took part in and enjoyed working together in teams.

Joe and Declan said they really enjoyed teaching the students from Greensborough P.S and they were very impressed with their behaviour throughout the program. Well done!

Thanks,

Daniella Darling

PE teacher



Regional Athletics Event

We would like to congratulate both Amihan L and Willoughby J for their efforts at the Regional Athletics Event last Wednesday 17 October 2018. Willoughby competed in High Jump and Amihan in 100m sprint. Both students represented Greensborough Primary School to the best of their abilities and it is a sensational achievement to get that far.

Well done,

Alison Gibson



ART NEWS

Montmorency Secondary College - Arts Alive 2018

Congratulations to those Grade 5/6 students who entered artwork in the *Arts Alive 2018* Primary School Arts Competition at Montmorency Secondary College:

After a huge response to the competition, with a high number of quality entries, only twenty finalists were chosen from participating Primary Schools.

We are happy to announce that Tristan P's artwork has been selected to be on display at the College's *Arts Alive* Festival. He and his family have been invited to attend the Exhibition and Awards Night on Tuesday 30th October at 6.30pm in the College Gymnasium. Tristan also has the opportunity to attend a half day art workshop at Montmorency SC in November. Well done Tristan!

Coles Bag Design Competition

Congratulations to Charli D'Onofrio whose artwork has been chosen for entry into the Coles Bag Design Competition. Coles are giving all primary and secondary school students across Australia the opportunity to design the new range of Coles reusable shopping bags and win fantastic prizes. The new range of sturdy, multi-use shopping bags are great for the environment because they can be used over and over again. These bags are also great for our community because a portion of the proceeds from the sale of these bags will go to Coles community partners.

Each selected bag design will be rewarded with \$5000 for the school to spend on an environmental or sustainability project, plus a \$500 Coles Gift Card awarded to the student who created the winning design. No less than 7 amazing bag designs will be selected. Winners will be announced in March 2019... we wish Charli all the best for her competition entry!

Preps at work!

Our Prep students have been learning about texture in Art. Today they were outside amongst some of the lovely trees in our school grounds taking rubbings from the bark and leaves. We read the story "The Things that I love about Trees" and talked about why trees are good for the earth and for us.

Janet Troy





Pupil of the Week

Term 4 ~ Week 1 Week Ending 12 October 2018

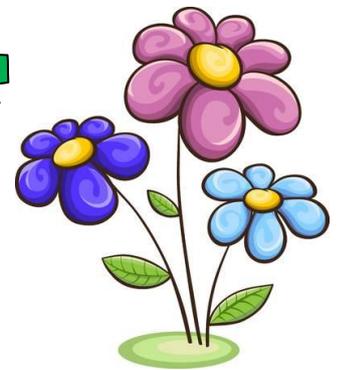
Prep	<i>Adam C</i>	For always sitting beautifully and following instructions! You are a star!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Vanessa G</i>	For working so hard during handwriting. Keep up the great work!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Riley M</i>	For taking his time when publishing his narrative text.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Manraj S</i>	For putting effort into his learning tasks.
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Darcy M</i>	For ensuring the safety of a bird and allowing it to get back to full health!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Willoughby J</i> <i>Amihan L</i>	For their amazing achievements at the division athletics event! Best of luck at regionals.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Evie C</i>	For being an active listener and contributing to class discussions.
Art	<i>Sienna N 1/2B</i>	For always achieving outstanding results and concentrating well in Art.
Chinese	<i>Sienna W 3/4A</i>	For beginning the term with such a positive attitude and a great smile.
Library	<i>Oliver W 3/4A</i>	For being such an enthusiastic student when learning how to use the library computer! Well done Oliver.

Term 4 ~ Week 2 Week Ending 19 October 2018

Prep	<i>Mounina C</i>	For her enthusiasm and always arriving at school with a smile!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Jesse A-D</i>	For working so hard during writing. Keep it up Jesse!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Zoe J</i>	For her wonderful work ethic. You are always keen and eager to learn.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Jennifer M</i>	For working hard to understand nouns, verbs and adjectives. Well done Jen!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Heath W</i>	For showing great resilience and persistence when reading and trying to get his pen licence.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Mahshad F-M</i>	For her fantastic work during Applied Maths and measuring angles.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Colin S</i>	Fantastic effort and persistence with his explanation about Tsunamis.
Art	<i>Caden T 1/2A</i>	For having a positive attitude and trying hard in Art this week.
Chinese	<i>Tahlia F 1/2A</i>	For her excellent effort in completing the written tasks this week.
PE	<i>Ermis M 5/6A</i>	For trying his best during the AFL Clinic.



COMMUNITY CORNER



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.



Thank you,
Simone Wilson

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 box in the school foyer.

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Where: HealthAbility, 917 Main Road, Eltham

When: Monday 3rd December

Time: 7pm sharp (finish 8.45pm)

Cost: \$20 per person (\$10 for health care card holders) or \$30 per couple

Bookings are essential, so to book or for more information contact healthAbility on 9430 9100.