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Borough Bulletin

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Friday 7 December 2018	<i>Swimming Program – Week 7 – Final Session</i> <i>All Library Books must be returned today</i>
Monday 10 December 2018	<i>2019 House Captain Speeches</i>
Tuesday 11 December 2018	<i>2019 Year 7 Orientation Day</i> <i>Last day for 2018 School Banking</i>
Thursday 13 December 2018	<i>Grade 6 Graduation</i>
Friday 14 December 2018	<i>Reports to go home</i> <i>Baker's Delight Day Fundraiser</i> <i>Pedal 'n Blend – Fruit and Smoothies</i>
Monday 17 December 2018	<i>5.00pm Barbeque – Christmas Picnic</i> <i>5.30pm – Kaboom Sports</i>
Tuesday 18 December 2018	<i>Students meet their 2019 Teachers – 9am to 11am</i>
Wednesday 19 December 2018	<i>Grade 6 Big Day Out</i>
Friday 21 December 2018	<i>Last Day of Term – 1.30pm Finish</i>



Your Teatowels are here

for collection!

**If you have placed an order please see
Mehgan as soon as possible to finalise
payment and collect your wonderful
teatowels**

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Principal's Report

Thank you to Kim H. and all the volunteers who manned the Election Day sausage sizzle, and baked items for the cake stall. We appreciate you generously giving your time to fundraise for us, especially on the weekend and at this very busy time of year. Instead of taking a well-earned rest, Parents and Friends have continued their fundraising efforts with the Baker's Delight special lunch day last week and organising the barbeque for our end of year celebration on Monday 17th December. If anyone is able to spare some time to assist with the setup, cooking or pack-up for this event, please fill in the form P&F have included at the end of the newsletter.

The school is still a hive of activity, with only two weeks to go until the end of term. There is often a perception that schools start to wind down at this time of year, however the reality is very different. Class teachers are doing last minute assessments and tweaking reports to give students every chance to reach appropriate benchmarks or extension milestones. Class programs are still well underway, and whilst Magic Maths and Spelling Mastery have ended this week, Literacy and Numeracy programs will continue in each grade. We are also in the midst of extensive planning for next year and helping students make a smooth transition to 2019 classes. Class teachers are meeting to give a thorough handover of student information to 2019 teachers, and students will have a chance to meet their new classmates and teachers on Tuesday the 18th December. Transition sessions for our delightful 2019 Preps have been finalised and Laura is visiting our new students at their kindergartens. We look forward to them joining our Greensborough Primary community next year.

Wayne and Geoff are also still working hard to improve our school grounds and complete the new learning area outside the art room. **They would greatly appreciate assistance with painting the beams** for this project, so if any family members are able to help out please contact the office. If anyone can assist after hours or on the weekend please let me know and I can organise a gate key and/or meet them at school.

Christmas Carols at Woolworths



Tomorrow, Friday 7th December at 1.00pm, our choir will be singing Christmas carols across the road at Woolworths supermarket. Our music teacher, Odette Strickland, has rehearsed songs with the choir in preparation for our end of year picnic and this will be another great opportunity for them to perform in public. Maria Grima and several parent helpers will be accompanying the choir and parents are welcome to attend to assist with supervision as students cross the road and then stay and enjoy the singing. A note was sent home Tuesday informing families of this event.

2019 Staffing Updates

Congratulations to Odette Strickland who will be leaving GPS to take up a fulltime music teacher position next year. Odette has been a terrific addition to our staff this year and we will miss her expertise, and kind and caring personality. We wish her all the best in her new role.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Jesse Stephens was the successful applicant for the recently advertised Family Leave vacancy. Jesse is a past GPS School Captain and is greatly looking forward to returning to his roots and giving back to our fantastic community. Jesse will teach Grade 3/4B and will be attending next week for induction and to have a thorough handover of information about the students in his grade. Jesse will return on Tuesday 18th December for the "Meet the 2019 Teacher" session from 9-11am.

2019 Banyule Art Festival

We have been invited to participate in the 2019 Banyule Art Festival Parade as part of a massed-schools percussive street performance, using recycled materials as instruments – **'Drum Out'**. As part of the lead up to this event, a costumed entertainer from 'Fun Arts' will attend our school assembly next Monday 10th December, playing a wearable drum kit and performing a condensed version of what will be taught and performed at the parade.

Late Feb / early March 2019 – 'Fun Arts' will return to our school to deliver a 3 hour 'Drum Out' workshop with approximately thirty students who will participate in the parade. More information on *Drum Out* can be found here: <http://www.funarts.com.au/Drum-Out.html>

Camp 2019

More information about our 2019 camp will be sent home early Term One next year, however I'd like to give families advance notice that the Grade 3-6 camp will be from Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th May. An information evening will also be held to give families further details about the camp and have an opportunity to ask questions.

Christmas Foodshare

Thank you to everyone who has brought items along for the Diamond Valley Foodshare Christmas appeal. The caring community spirit of GPS is very evident at the moment as donations are being left in the office foyer. Next Friday 14th December is the last opportunity for items to be dropped off as they will be collected by Foodshare on the following Monday morning.

Graduation

We are looking forward to the graduation celebrations for our Class of 2018 next Thursday. Our graduates have been heavily involved in preparations for this event, which is a major milestone in their educational and personal journey from primary to secondary schooling. Our Grade Six students have been exemplary role models of our school values for students in younger grades and will be sorely missed by all of us, especially their Prep Buddies. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to set up the decorations and assist on the night and thank you to Emma and Maria for their efforts in preparing students for this very special occasion.

Christmas Picnic and Kaboom!



A reminder that our annual Christmas Picnic and end of year celebration will be on Monday 17th December. Families are welcome to bring a picnic or buy dinner from the Parents' Club barbeque from 5.00pm onwards. Students and families will be participating in fun activities organised by 'Kaboom'. Events will commence at 5.30pm, followed by Christmas Songs sung by grade areas at 6.40pm. This will be a great way for our community to end the year and we thank Parents' Club for sponsoring this wonderful event.

Class PE Equipment

Next week you may notice all the PE storage units from classrooms lined up in the corridor, as we audit current stock and place orders to replenish class sets. These new supplies will be labelled and balls will be pumped up ready for students on the first day of term next year. For the remainder of term, we will place a variety of balls and bats in baskets in the school foyer so students will still have access to sports equipment during recess breaks. *If any parents would like to help with the audit and restocking please contact the office.*

JSC Icy-poles

Icy poles sales at lunchtime by JSC will conclude on Thursday 20th December. I'd like to thank JSC members and Maria Grima who have organised the purchase and selling of icy poles to raise funds to support JSC initiatives. Student Voice is very important to us at GPS and I'd like to thank Maria and JSC members for their efforts and organisation in raising money in order to fund projects students have requested.



Ice Cream Truck and Tabloid Sports

To celebrate students' achievements and efforts this year we are ending on a high on Friday 21st December. The teachers have organised a morning of fun tabloid activities between 9.15 and 10.30, followed by a visit by the Ice-cream van at 10.45.

The cost of the ice-creams will be covered by 2018 Subject Contributions, therefore any families who haven't paid their account and wish their child to receive an ice-cream will need to send \$6 along. We do not wish any students to miss out on having an ice-cream, however we also need to ensure parents are paying costs they are responsible for.

Vacation Care

OSHClub will begin Vacation Care on Monday 7th January next year. If any families would like to use this service and haven't already registered they can go to oshclub.com.au to register. For queries about Vacation Care and whether OSHClub will be open for the Pupil Free Day on Tuesday 28th January, please contact OSHClub directly or speak to our coordinator, Jacqui before or after school.

Carparking

At this very busy time of year, sometimes we have less patience and tolerance for things that normally wouldn't bother us. So I ask parents and family members to remember that when we have wet or very hot weather, the number of cars in Horonda Street increases at pick up time and we may need to be patient as cars turn around in the street. Carparking at Woolworths or in Lorimer Street may be a better option.

Relay For Life – Save The Date!

Next year Greensborough Primary will participate in the Diamond Valley Cancer Council Relay For Life on Saturday, 23rd March, 12.45pm Sat to 10am Sun, at Willinda Park, Beatrix Street, Greensborough. More information will be sent out early in the year, however if you would like to become involved in the relay you can go online and register your support at diamondvalleyrfl@cancervic.org.au

Students Reports and 2019 Grades

Finally, a very big thank you to staff who have worked diligently over the last month to write student reports that accurately reflect students' achievements and their areas for future learning. Whilst reading reports it has been very rewarding to see the high number of students who are performing above the expected standards in Numeracy and Literacy – a testament to the effectiveness of Magic Maths and our high expectations and consistent protocols for both Literacy and Numeracy. Student reports will be sent home Friday 14th December along with the class your child will be in next year.

Angela Morritt

Principal

Diamond Valley Community Support Financial Assistance

Diamond Valley Community support (DVCS) is an independent not-for-profit organisation that provides direct aid, assistance, support and information for people who live in the Banyule City Council area and have an address showing on their Centrelink card in one of the following suburbs: Briar Hill, Bundoora (part of), Eltham North (part of), Greensborough (part of), Lower Plenty, Montmorency, St Helena and Watsonia.

DVCS services currently include a Back to School Program, which provides eligible families a cheque for **\$100 per child** (up to \$500 per family). The cheque will be made out to the school, and is to be used for educational purposes, i.e. Subject Contributions, camps, excursions, and so on. **The program will close on 14th December 2018 and will recommence from Tuesday 8th January 2019.** DVCS is located at Shop 378a Level 3, Greensborough Plaza. Ph: 03 9435 8282 / 03 9435 5440.



Assistant Principal's Report

Tea-Towels

Our wonderful 2018 tea-towels have been delivered and orders are waiting at the office to be collected when the \$10 per tea-towel payment is made. We have a SMALL number of additional tea-towels for families who hadn't pre-ordered and these will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

Pedal 'n Blend

On Friday 14th December Banyule Council is sponsoring a Pedal n Blend initiative at the school where students provide the pedal power to blend fruit and make smoothies. There will be one large bike for the Grades 3-6 students and a smaller bike for the Prep-2s. The time-table to make smoothies will commence at 9.05 after the morning aerobics and I am hoping that a few parents will be able to volunteer to assist with the addition of fruit and pouring of smoothies. Please leave a message at the office if you can help.

Election Day Raffle and Cake Stall

Thank you so much to all the families who supported the school by providing cakes and time and energy to man the cake stall on Election Day. All funds raised will be going towards the resurfacing of the basketball court with artificial turf in January. A site meeting to confirm the start date for works is taking place this week and I will forward on exact details as soon as I have them.

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the raffle:

First prize: Heidi S

Second Prize: Alison H

There will be a final raffle for the year at the Christmas Picnic on Monday 17th December and I hope everyone can support this so we can raise the last funds required to pay for the basketball court redevelopment.

Holiday Building Projects

Over the holidays a host of projects will be completed at the school. On January 22nd new carpet will be laid in 1/2A which is the last area in the school to get new floor coverings. I am hoping there will be some adult assistance available on the last day of school to assist with moving the furniture from 1/2A into the vinyl areas so the carpet layers will have clear access. In addition painting will be taking place and ongoing work on the undercover area outside of the library will continue.

Swimming

I would like to congratulate all students on their excellent behavior and effort in the 2018 swimming program. The progress made and enjoyment experienced has been very obvious and I hope this will keep everyone aware and safe near water over the Christmas break. Thanks also to the parents who have assisted with the walk to and from the pool, especially Natasha P who has done multiple trips each week to provide additional supervision and support.

2019 Curriculum Programs

Groups for the 2019 Magic Maths and Spelling Mastery programs have been finalized and student resources for all programs have been ordered and will be delivered this year. Many thanks to those families who have paid their 2019 Subject Contributions as this assists our cash flow with the significant orders of student resources required for the start of the school year.

Margaret Hirth

Assistant Principal

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Library News

End of Year Procedures

Just a friendly reminder that as the year draws to an end we would like all library books returned to the library as soon as possible. This week all borrowing has ceased and I will send home notes to remind you of any overdue books that your child has and I would appreciate it if you could help them to have a search for them.



If books have been lost a note will be sent home as per school policy that requests 50% of the cost of the book. You are most welcome to pay the full amount if you so desire. I am very sorry but lost books are very expensive to replace – a hard cover picture story book is between \$25 and \$30, whilst fiction books can range from \$10-\$20. Some of the non-fiction books are even more costly.

Thank you to those people who have contacted me regarding lost books. I understand that books can be misplaced or left at other relative's homes. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns regarding your child's lost books.

If your child or family is leaving Greensborough Primary at the end of the year can you please make sure to return all of their books. If you have an outstanding account for lost or damaged books we would appreciate settlement of the account.

Premiers' Reading Challenge

Next year promises to be an exciting year for the PRC. I am a member of the advisory committee for the PRC and this year the committee has been involved in the development of new IT PRC Application. As part of this process three of our students took place in a webinar to give feedback on the new system. It received the thumbs up from all of three of them. The new system is very user friendly and engaging for the children. We are lucky enough to have been given the opportunity in 2019 to trial the new system and begin the PRC early before it officially open to other schools. We will give you more information as it becomes available.



Book Sales

Thanks to all those people who purchased books from the library book sale and also on Election Day. We still have more books left if anyone would like to purchase more. Please feel free to contact me at school and I can show you what we have left.

2019 Prep Picture Books

At my recent PRC meeting we were shown the four picture story books that all the 2019 Preps will be getting in their bag of goodies from the State Government. This is a new initiative and the books that the children are receiving are all excellent titles from Australian authors and illustrators. They will be wonderful books to share with your children.

Happy Reading,

Jen Farley

RACV INCURSION

On Thursday the 29th of November the Prep-2 students enjoyed the RACV Street Scene Incursion with our safety educator Lisa. This program links with our Health unit and covers vital areas of safety as pedestrians, cyclists and passengers.



Limitations children have in using roads safely:

- Children have a lack of knowledge and understanding of traffic and the road environment
- Their sight and hearing are not the same as adults
- Judging speed and distance accurately is difficult
- Some words and concepts are difficult to understand, such as "left/right" and "kerb/gutter"
- Concentration is limited to one thing at a time
- Perception, attention, memory and co-ordination are not yet fully developed



Sciencemaker Faire – Polytechnic Excursion

On Tuesday the 27th of November the 4, 5's and 6's took a bus ride to Melbourne Polytechnic. To begin our day we started with the 3D printing room, where we saw creations such as moveable fabrics, castles and robots. In this room you had the choice of making cards or water marble art. Next we arrived in the technology area where we got to design a shape or letter with the 3D printing pens, box robot battles or controlling robots and the other choice was to make straw rockets.

Then we sat outside and ate our lunch. After, we went into the presentation room we listened to Erica Hediger where she told us about how her battlebots career started from being sick in bed. Finally we entered the last room where there were music stations, balloon and cup air generators, and an activity where we created paths for the robots to follow. All in all, it was an enjoyable day, filled with fun and laughter and we cannot wait for our next science excursion!

By Violet and Amelia

2018 School Banking

We would like to let all our avid Greensborough Primary School Savers know that Tuesday 11 December 2018 will be the last School Banking day for this year. Please note we will be returning all submitted bank books by the end of the day. Thank you to all the students who have participated in School Banking this year and we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a profitable New Year.

From all the parents on the School Banking team,

Elena B



Parents & Friends

I would like to thank everyone who baked goods for the cake stall or volunteered on Election Day. We raised over \$1300 for the school and all that money will be going towards the new basketball court.

Food Days – Friday 14th November

Our last food day for the year will be a Baker's Delight day. Order forms have been sent home, however extra ones are available up at the office. Orders need to be back by Tuesday 11th of November.

Baker's Delight Christmas Fundraiser

This year we are selling Christmas cakes and tarts from Baker's Delight. We will be selling them for the same price as they are in store. Order forms are due back Friday 14th, with delivery on **Tuesday 18th December**. Additional order forms are available up at the office.

Christmas Picnic & Raffle – Monday 17th of December

Raffle prizes are still being sourced – if you would like to donate something for the office, please let the office know. We will be needing helpers to assist with setting up, cooking and selling sausages and packing up for our annual Christmas BBQ. A roster will be available at the office early next week, a slip is enclosed below for people to fill in if they are able to assist.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 10th of December at 9:30am (after assembly) in the staffroom. Siblings welcome.

Thank you

Kim Hill

On behalf of P&F





Pupil of the Week

Term 4 ~ Week 7 Week Ending 23 November 2018

Prep	<i>Patrick D</i>	For his imaginative Narrative that he wrote during class. You are so creative!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Sandi R</i>	For trying her best during class time. Well done!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>James B</i>	For enthusiastically and cooperatively participating in the Renegades Cricket Clinic.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Abbey C</i>	For her outstanding effort and improvement to her writing. Amazing
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Sofia S</i>	Her additions to classroom conversations are always mature and wise beyond her years. Great job bringing great insight into 3/4B!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Xavier B</i>	For his outstanding achievement in writing this semester, showing his ability to explain how the Allies won WWII. You have an amazing talent in writing.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Stephan V-P</i>	For working consistently to improve his application to reading tasks. Great work!
Art	<i>Joel J Prep</i> <i>Mounina C Prep</i>	For an excellent job with making their Healthy Fruit Baskets
Chinese	<i>Emily H 3/4A</i>	For always being respectful and excellent role model for others.
Library	<i>Aidan H Prep</i>	For doing an absolutely FANTASTIC job with his non-fiction sentence about the chickens!!
PE	<i>Ella F 3/4B</i>	For excellent concentration during the basketball drills in PE. Well done!

Term 4 ~ Week 8 Week Ending 30 November 2018

Prep	<i>Cody C</i>	For his enthusiasm when reading his 'Little Learners Love Literacy' book. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Olivia W</i>	For a fantastic effort in picking up rubbish without needing to be asked.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Sienna N</i>	For her detailed recount in last week's Cold Write Assessment.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Sienna W</i>	For her outstanding attitude and dedication. You are AMAZING.
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Willow H</i>	For epitomising Respect for others in the classroom and for always assisting those in need!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Willoughby J</i>	For providing interesting words, pictures, word puzzles and entertaining writing.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Olivia H</i> <i>Celeste P</i>	For helping with the graduation dances. You are stars!
Art	<i>James S 3/4B</i>	For always being an excellent role model and showing our school's value of Respect.
Chinese	<i>Maisie G Prep</i>	For working hard and applying herself at all times.
Library	<i>Willoughby J 5/6A</i>	For working with great concentration in library. Well done.
PE	<i>Ruby F 3/4B</i>	For displaying an excellent attitude during the basketball clinic and always trying her best. Well done!

Fish Minders Wanted



We are in need of a family to help mind our pretty fish for a short period of time during the Summer school holidays. If you are available at any time could you please contact Mehgan to find out more details. The upkeep is small and the benefits of watching our playful pets are very rewarding.

Domestic & Family Violence Assistance Program

If you or someone you know is in an unsafe domestic violence situation, and you have been with the Commonwealth Bank for more than 6 months, you have access to a Domestic and Family Violence Grant.

You receive \$1000 in VISA cards to use for accommodation or bond for a new place of residence and \$500 Coles voucher for food and a little phone to put your sim in.

Access the program by calling 1800 222 387 between 8am – 8pm Mon-Fri (Sydney/Melbourne time). It is a confidential service run by independent, specialist trauma counsellors. These counsellors are not bank employees. The Commonwealth Bank will post information to any SAFE address you give them, and they will also get you in touch with counselling services. This could potentially save a life, so please share this information with the people that you know.



I can help at the **Christmas Picnic on Monday 17th December**

☐ 3pm-4pm (setup) ☐ 4pm-5pm ☐ 5pm-6pm ☐ 7pm-8pm (pack up)

Parent/Family Name: _____ Contact number: _____

Child's Name: _____ Class _____



1ST Greenhills
Scout Group

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE



Fri 30th Nov - 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Sat 1st Dec - 8.30 am to 4.30 pm
Sun 2nd Dec - 10.00 am to 3.30 pm
Sat 8th Dec - 8.30 am to 4.30 pm
Sun 9th Dec - 10.00 am to 3.30 pm
Sat 15th Dec - 8.30 am to 4.30 pm
Sun 16th Dec - 10.00 am to 3.30 pm

Direct from the Scout Hall at Community Drive or at the intersections of Community Drive, Mountain View and St Helena Roads in GREENSBOROUGH

Come and select your own tree for Christmas 2018 from the Greenhill Scout Centre and help our fundraising effort to send our Scouts to major events in 2019.

EFTPOS FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Greensborough Primary School is going green...

Help us save the trees

Currently we supply a black and white copy of the Borough Bulletin to each school family. You can also find a colour soft copy of the Borough Bulletin on the Greensborough Primary School website and on the Skoolbag communication app.

From **December 2018** we would like to distribute the Borough Bulletin via email only.

Your task, should you choose to accept it, is to provide your current email address. You can either send Mehgan an email at greensborough.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with the subject line 'Borough Bulletin Opt In' together with your child/ren's name or fill in the section below and return to the office as soon as possible.

Don't worry, if you do not have an email address, we will still ensure you child brings home a copy each fortnight.

Thank you,

Mehgan Uren



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Date: / /

I agree to be sent the fortnightly Borough Bulletin to my email address which is listed below:

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Signed: _____

