

GREENSBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL - 2062

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Friday 8 February 2019	Interschool Sports Competition – Away – Streeton PS
Tuesday 12 February 2019	School Banking Commences
Thursday 14 February 2019	Hockey Clinic – Grades 1 to 4
Friday 15 February 2019	Interschool Sports Competition – Away – Watsonia Nth PS
Monday 18 February 2019	School Council Meeting – 7pm
Tuesday 19 February 2019	Cyber Safety Evening "Think U Know!" – 7pm
Thursday 21 February 2019	District Swim Meet – 9.30 am to 12.45pm
Friday 22 February 2019	Interschool Sports Competition – Home – Norris Bank PS
Tuesday 26 February 2019	Twilight Sport Event – 6pm (Barbeque starts at 5pm)
Wednesday 27 February 2019	Division Swim Meet
Friday 1 March 2019	Interschool Sports Competition – Home – Watsonia PS
Tuesday 5 March 2019	Drum Workshop – 9am to 12pm
Wednesday 6 March 2019	2019 Camp Information Evening – 6pm
Friday 8 March 2019	Interschool Sports Competition – Away – Bundoora PS
Monday 11 March 2019	Labour Day Public Holiday – Student Free Day
Thursday 14 March 2019	Cricket Clinic – 9am to 11am
Friday 15 March 2019	Interschool Sports Competition – Home – Watsonia Heights PS
Sunday 17 March 2019	Banyule Arty Farty Fest – GPS Drumming Team in Grand Parade
Monday 18 March 2019	School Council & Election – 7pm
Tuesday 19 March 2019	Northern Regional Swim Meet
Thursday 21 March 2019	Cricket Clinic – Grades 1 & 2 – 9am to 11am
Friday 22 March 2019	Interschool Sports Competition – Away – St Marys CS
Thursday 28 March 2019	Cricket Clinic – Grades 1 & 2 – 9am to 11am
Friday 29 March 2019	Interschool Sports Competition – Make Up Round / Finals
Thursday 4 April 2019	Cricket Clinic – Grades 1 & 2 – 9am to 11am
Friday 5 April 2019	Last Day of Term 1 Easter Bonnet Parade Easter Egg Hunt and other fun activities Early Dismissal – 1.30pm
Tuesday 23 April 2019	First Day of Term 2

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Principal's Report

We warmly welcome new students and families to Greensborough Primary, especially our Preps who are very excited to be embarking on their school journey. We're sure you'll enjoy your time with our excellent community and we look forward to getting to know you and your children better. We also welcome several new and returning staff members: education support staff, Jasmine and Kasi, and class teachers, Jesse Stephens and Jane Byrne.

I'd like to congratulate everyone on the very smooth start we have had to the year. Our students have quickly adapted to the new routines of their classrooms, especially the Preps, and teachers are building relationships and getting to know the new personalities in their grades. Our familiar programs of Visual Arts, Library, STEM, Coding and Physical Education have resumed much to the students' delight and all classes are involved in the T.E.A.M (Together Everyone Achieves More) program. This is where class and school values are discussed, procedures and processes to achieve optimum learning are put in place, and team work and social / behavioural protocols are established. Staff are applying Inquiry teaching strategies into class programs and Student Voice is being built into all aspects of our work, resulting in increased engagement, enjoyment and learning outcomes.

Whilst we have a restful break over the holidays, we also take the opportunity to complete some regular maintenance and new school ground improvements, and this year was no different. We are absolutely delighted with the resurfacing of the basketball court and very grateful to Parents and Friends for their major contribution of funds to complete this task. New carpet was laid in Grade 1/2A which means that all classrooms and corridors have had the flooring replaced and modernised in the last eighteen months. Painting surfaces were retouched and new families and visitors to the school are very complimentary about our school's appearance. Wayne and Geoff were once again hard at work improving our outdoor areas and we are grateful for their ongoing support.

Staff returned to school during the holidays to set up their classrooms, plan together to ensure consistency in the delivery of teaching and learning programs across grades, and ensure a smooth start to the year for our students. Our Pupil Free day last Tuesday was very productive as staff worked through the list of all students enrolled at the school to ensure there is understanding and consistency with important medical, social/emotional and academic information. We also completed our First Aid update, so overall it's been a busy but very productive few days!

A very big thank you to the Brain, Sinclair and McKee families who looked after our chickens and rabbits over the holidays. Words can't express our gratitude for their generous donation of time and expertise to ensure the chooks and rabbits were kept nourished and safe over the break.

We have a very strong student leadership group this year and last Thursday we met to discuss their roles for 2019. They had terrific ideas for further enhancing our school and environmental footstep. When asked what they would like to achieve this year, common themes were to plan activities to increase the enjoyment of younger students during recess breaks, help create a positive learning environment across the school and further develop our sustainable practices. In next week's newsletter our student leaders will introduce themselves to our community.

This term we have a host of extra-curricular activities planned. As well as our regular events such as Twilight Sports, we have 'Drum Out' which is part of our inclusion in the Banyule Council, Arty Farty Festival. Janet Troy, our Visual Arts teacher, has included information about this exciting event later in the newsletter. Erin Donaldson, our eSmart coordinator has organised a presentation for parents on Cyber Safety on Tuesday 19th February and will be sending home a note with important information for parents/carers. Daniela Darling has booked hockey and cricket clinics for students and of course we'll have our Easter Hat Parade on the last day of term. I encourage all families to regularly check the calendar on the first page of our newsletter so you can stay abreast of school events.

My Skoolbag App

'My Skoolbag' App is a way to help us communicate more effectively with our school community. The app can be used to send parents reminders for school events the night before they occur, permission forms and information notes for events, students' homework or school newsletters. The app is available for iphones and android devices and we ask parents to download this app. Please see Mehgan at the office or your child's class teacher if you need assistance.

Parent Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions and Student Support Group Meetings

A note went home earlier this week with organizational details for our first Parent/Teacher Meeting which will be held next Tuesday 12th February. This meeting will provide an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's new class teacher to share information about their child and discuss any relevant issues. Information about class programs, organisation and learning goals will also be provided to parents at this meeting. Reply slips confirming appointment times will be sent home tomorrow.

Some parents of students who participate in Student Support Group meetings have indicated they no longer require these additional meetings, so at the "Meet & Greet" class teachers will clarify this with parents.

Swimming Carnival Trials

Yesterday our swimming trials were held to select the students who will represent Greensborough PS at the Watsonia District Swimming Carnival on *Thursday 21st February 9.30 – 12.45*. Thank you to parents, Karen, Tanya and Kelly, and work experience student Cody, who walked to Watermarc with the students and assisted Erin with supervision and team selection. Thank you to Daniela and Erin for their organisation for this event. Once the team is finalised, notes will be sent home with all relevant details.

Camp Information Night

This year's Grade 3-6 camp will be at Mt Evelyn from May 22nd – 24th. Camp information notes will be given to parents/carers at the Parent/Teacher 'Meet and Greet' night next Tuesday 12th February. On Wednesday March 6th at 6pm, Jane Byrne will hold a Camp Information Night. This night will run for 20-30 minutes and Jane will answer any parent queries.

Medical forms for Camp will be sent home closer to the date and we ask families to return these promptly as it takes considerable time to collate them and staff often need to contact parents to clarify instructions.

Permission for Excursion and School Sport

Thank you to everyone who sent back the permission form for excursions, sport training and sporting events. As this form covers both local walking events and those requiring public transport, it is extremely important that it is returned promptly, especially for students competing in Inter school Sport.

Twilight Sports

Don't forget to put the date of our Twilight Sports Night into your diary! This annual event will be held on the oval on Tuesday 26th February. This is a terrific night where students come dressed in their House Colours and compete in their grade levels in House Teams, cheered on by their parents and family members. Dinner can be purchased from the Parents and Friends' Barbeque or families may bring a picnic with rugs and chairs. Our Grade 5 and 6 students run various stalls to raise money for Graduation, including Face Painting, Hair Spraying, Nail Polishing in House Colors and much more, so please bring along your gold coins! The barbeque will begin at 5pm and sporting events at 6pm. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

Relay For Life – Save The Date!

This 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 in next week's newsletter, however if you would like to become involved in the relay you can go online and register your support at diamondvalleyrfl@cancervic.org.au

School Council Elections

One of the major tasks for first term is the election of the 2019 School Council. There will be four parent positions available for nomination for a two year term of office and a one year position to fill a casual vacancy. I would urge all families to consider involvement in this important aspect of school management. The current Parent Representatives on School Council at Greensborough Primary are:

Parent Member	Term on School Council Commenced	Term on School Council ends
Ros Murfet	March 2017	March 2019
Simone Wilson	March 2017	March 2019
Kim Hill	March 2017	March 2019
Tanya Ferraro-Munday	March 2017	March 2019
Vacancy- 1 year	March 2018	March 2020
Nicole Ronald	March 2018	March 2020
Tracey Herbert	March 2018	March 2020
Shareen Bottrell	March 2018	March 2020
	March 2018	March 2020
Community Members		
Wayne Robinson	March 2017	March 2019
John Fitzgerald	March 2017	March 2019

Those parents whose two year term on School Council have come to an end have the opportunity to renominate for subsequent terms on School Council. School Council involvement incudes two x two hour School Council meetings per term, and involvement in a School Council subcommittee.

Parents can either nominate themselves for School Council or they can be nominated by another person. Nomination forms will be available at the office from today Thursday 7th February and need to be returned to the office by Thursday 21st February. If the number of nominations matches the number of vacancies, then the parents who have nominated are automatically on School Council. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies there is an election process.

Notice of Election and call for nominations	Thursday 7 th February 2019
Closing date for nominations	Thursday 21st February 2019
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Monday 25 th February 2019
First Council meeting to elect office bearers and co- opt Community members.	Monday 18 th March (To Be Confirmed)

School Council provides a pivotal role in the effective management of the school. If you have any further queries about School Council involvement please do not hesitate to contact either Margaret or myself or a current School Council member.

Angela Morritt

Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

Tea-Towels

We have a small number of tea-towels left with the portraits of all students in the school last year. It will be a few years before the school completes a teatowel again so if you wish to have this lasting memento, please see Mehgan at the office. The cost of the tea-towels is \$10.00

Silver Coins

It has been an interesting development in the teaching of Number that, because most family financial transactions are conducted by card, children have very little experience of handling coins and understanding their value. For the lower Magic Maths groups we like to have a tub of silver coins for students to handle, count and complete transactions with. If anyone has any loose change to spare to go towards class sets it would be most appreciated. All coin donations can be left at the office with Mehgan.



Gardens

We have been very fortunate to secure the services of a horticulturist to assist up with getting the vegetable gardens, orchard and Japanese garden up to scratch. We are extremely appreciative that some parents have volunteered to assist and continue Dan's good work once he finishes up. If there is anyone else who would like to assist with planting or garden maintenance please let us know. We would LOVE to hear from you.

Curriculum Update

For families new to the school please find below an overview of the curriculum programs implemented at the school and the reasons why these programs are assisting students to achieve strong academic outcomes.

Spelling Mastery

Spelling Mastery is a researched based program which sequentially introduces spelling concepts and skills and enables students to build up a bank of known words and strategies to accurately spell new or unknown words. All students in Grades Three to Six are assessed for their Spelling Mastery ability levels and have three Spelling Mastery sessions per week.

Magic Maths

Magic Maths is a program we have developed at GPS to ensure that all students are working exactly at their level of Mathematical ability and that there is a strong focus on the development of number skills and on continuous and strong improvement. Students from Grades One to Six are assessed for their skill levels in the area of Number and allocated a Magic Maths group where, three times per week, there is intensive instruction on the development of skills and understandings. On Monday students bring home Number homework which is essentially revision of the content of the previous week's classes. If the homework has not been returned by the Friday of that week students complete this work at lunchtime in the Homework Club.

Corrective Reading.

Within every grade students are working in focussed groups based upon their reading ability however there are some students who require additional support to learn reading decoding skills and these student are involved in Corrective Reading sessions. Corrective Reading is another research based direct instruction program and we have had extraordinary success with student outcomes from this program.

Margaret Hirth
Assistant 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. DVCS is located at Shop 378a Level 3, Greensborough Plaza. Ph: 03 9435 8282 / 03 9435 5440.



Take Home Books

Research tells us that daily Reading practice at home is a crucial component in improving reading ability. Reading at home each day supports the classroom program by enabling students to practise reading strategies, build on their comprehension skills and develop fluency.

This week our Home Reading program commenced for all students in Prep – Grade 6.

In addition to their 'Take Home' book, students were provided with a Reading Diary that will assist them to keep track of their daily reading.

Students will need to have each section in their Reading diaries completed with the appropriate information- date, title of book and a comment. Classroom teachers will check Reading diaries throughout the week and students will attend a Homework Club on Monday if diaries are not completed.

Please see additional details for Home Reading in Classroom Newsletters.

Thank you for supporting this important part of your child's education.



Anne Loney

Literacy Coordinator



2018 School Banking

We would like to let all our keen Greensborough Primary School Savers know that Tuesday 12 February 2019 will be our first day for school banking for this year. Please note if you sent in your deposit book last Tuesday we have them stored securely for next week.

From all the parents on the School Banking team,

Elena B



Pupil of the Week

Term 1 ~ Week 1 Week Ending 1 February 2019

Prep	Rydah B	For displaying beautiful manners and following instructions so well in his first week of school! Well done!
Grade 1/2A	Justis T	For working so hard during his first week at GPS.
Grade 1/2 B	Kashton T	For a great start at GPS. Welcome to 1/2B.
Grade 3/4 A	Ayris T	For an excellent start at GPS. Welcome!
Grade 3/4 B	Gabriel V Taegan Mc	For the exceptional transition they have both made to life at GPS.
Grade 5/6 A	Tasz G	For an excellent start to Greensborough Primary School!
Grade 5/6 B	Heath W	For a positive start to the school year, keep it up!
Art	Isaac W Prep	For working so hard in his first Art session at GPS!
Student Wellbeing	Reece W 3/4B	For being a terrific Big Sister while the Preps were settling in.

Library News

Welcome back to all our families at Greensborough Primary School. We are all looking forward to another exciting and enjoyable year at G.P.S, with lots of borrowing and reading taking place.



Opening Hours

This year I am teaching on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The library will be open Wednesday before school 8.45am – 9.00am and after school on Tuesdays. Please feel free to drop in if you have the time. Children are always welcome.



Class Borrowing/ Class Lessons

Tuesday – Grade 5/6A, 3/4 A and 3/4 B
Wednesday – Grade 5/6B, 1/2 A, 1/2B and Preps

Preps will begin library sessions the first week of March as at present they do not attend school on Wednesdays.

Children in Prep and Grade 1/2s borrow books for one week. Children in Grades 3/4 and 5/6 borrow books for two weeks.

Children can renew books if they do not finish reading them in their borrowing period. Children in Grades 3-6 also borrow books for their class book boxes.

Library Bags

It would be appreciated if all children in **Grades Prep – Grade 4** have a named library bag to protect their library books. It is also a handy way of keeping track of the books when they bring them home. The bag can be fabric or strong plastic. I have spare bags at school if someone forgets their bag or requires one. If you have any old library bags that you would like to donate to the library they would be greatly appreciated.

Lost Books

We still have had quite a few books that have not been returned from 2018. The school policy is that we request a **50**% contribution towards the replacement of the book, but you can always pay for the total cost if you prefer. If the money is not received then the cost of the book is to be added to school accounts.

I will be sending notes home to alert those parents whose children's books were not returned in 2018. It would be appreciated if all lost books could be paid for as soon as possible. Please feel free to come and have a chat to me if you feel that your child has returned the book/s.

Book Club

Once again the school will be offering the school community the chance to order books through Scholastic Book Club. We will be giving parents the opportunity to purchase books during Term One, Two and Four. We will holding our annual Book Fair during Term Three. The Book Club flyer for Term 1 has now been sent home.

I would like to extend my thanks to Abby McKee for once again coordinating the Book Club. All purchases allow us the opportunity to redeem rewards points and purchase books for the Library, Grade 3-6 class literature sets and our class literacy programs.

Parent Helpers

Last year I had some wonderful parents who either helped with covering books at home or with the class borrowing. If you would like to help cover books or assist in other ways in 2019, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me via the office if you would like to help in any way.

It would be fantastic if there is anyone who would like to assist with returning books on either Tuesday or Wednesday morning or with the Prep borrowing at 2.30pm. Or maybe, you would like to help with shelving as that would also be appreciated.

Once again I would like to extend an enormous thank you to Joan Robinson, my Monday helper who has returned, to shelve books and tidy the library on a weekly basis.

Happy Reading,

Jew Farley
Librarian

Junior School Council

Over the past week classes have been busy undergoing the nomination and election process for their grade's, two Junior School Councillors for 2019. Students nominate themselves and are then asked to present a speech to their class outlining why they would be good for the role. Students are then voted in by their peers. By Friday we will have all results and successful students will be officially congratulated at assembly on Monday 11th February.

In the meantime Evie C (our JSC President for 2019) and I have been brainstorming a way to bring the 'Icey Poles' back! In 2018. Icey Poles were sold last year from the canteen on Fridays by the JSC, however rubbish became a big school ground issue. So through discussion with Evie, we would like to trial Icey Poles on a stick (rubbish removed in the canteen) to see if this can reduce the waste in the yard that was coming with the Zuppa Duppa plastic. This will mean an increase cost of \$1.00 per Icey pole and students will be asked to buy 1 Icey pole only. Sales will begin on Friday 15th February and if successful continue until the end of Term 1. All money raised will go toward future projects initiated by the JSC in 2019.

I look forward to working alongside the JSC president Evie, to see the students' visions and projects take place in 2019.



From the Art room...

A big hello to everyone in the school community and welcome to the 2019 school year!

Thanks to those students who allowed us to retain their artwork from last year so that we could return from holidays with some lovely displays already up around the school.

This year, I am working at GPS on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and the Art timetable is:

Tuesday	Wednesday
9am Prep	10am 5/6A
11.30am 5/6B	11.30am 1/2B
12.30pm 3/4B	12.30pm 1/2A
2.30pm 3/4A	2.30pm Art Extension

VISUAL DIARIES

The majority of student work in Art is completed in a visual diary, which is retained in the Art room. This book lasts for around 2 to 3 years and is an excellent way of acknowledging and keeping a record of each student's work. Once their first visual diary is full, the student can bring it home and will be provided with another one. If you would like to see more of what your child is achieving in Art, you are most welcome to come to the Art room and view their Visual Diary. They are located in labelled tubs on the bench just inside the Art room door.

SMOCKS

The Art room now provides smocks for students, so there is no need to purchase a smock. This means that every student has access to an appropriate long-sleeved waterproof smock for occasions when we are working with paint, clay or other messy media.

ART FOCUS FOR TERM 1

This term's focus is Construction. Grades 1 to 6 will be exploring many different techniques using, paper, cardboard, wood and recycled items to create 2D and 3D artworks. The Preps will be introduced to the Art room and become familiar with the materials and equipment that we use. Line and shape will be explored through the mediums of drawing and painting.

PERCUSSION WORKSHOP & GRAND PARADE - SAVE THE DATE!

To link in with the theme of the Kid's Arty Farty Festival Grand Parade on Sunday 17th March in Heidelberg, all students will create a percussion instrument during their regular Art session. We hope that all school families can attend this event. You can find more information at

https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Arts-and-Events/Banyules-Major-Festivals-and-Events/Kids-ArtyFarty-Fest

In addition, a group of 30 students will participate in a special free 'Drum Out!' workshop on Tuesday 5th March. This workshop involves making special instruments and learning musical routines from the 'Fun Arts' performers, then leading the massed school group down Burgundy Street during the Grand Parade. Please see the other article in this newsletter for more information about the Drum Out workshop and Grand Parade.

Janet Troy
Art Teacher.



*DRUM OUT' WORKSHOP - APPLICATIONS OPEN

The 'Drum Out!' involves a workshop at our school with creative arts company 'Fun Arts' on Tuesday 5th March. This is being offered to our school free of charge by Banyule City Council and is limited to 30 places for students in Grades 3 to 6. Students will make and decorate an instrument from a collection of recycled materials such as plastic buckets, tin cans, empty drink cans and exhaust pipes. 'Fun Arts' performers will teach students musical routines and choreography during the workshop and lead the massed school group down Burgundy Street on the day of the Grand Parade.

To attend the workshop, it is essential that students are also available to attend the Grand Parade on Sunday 17th March 2019 at 10am in Heidelberg.

To apply to be part of the 'Drum Out!' workshop, please fill in the form below and return it to the office. The first 30 students who return the completed form will be selected to participate in the workshop.

GRAND PARADE & KIDS ARTYFARTY FEST – SAVE THE DATE!

All GPS families are invited to attend on Sunday 17th March, 2019.

10am – 11am Grand Parade down Burgundy Street, Heidelberg.

11am – 4pm Kids ArtyFarty Fest at Sills Bend – Warringal Parklands, Beverley Rd, Heidelberg.

The Kids ArtyFarty Fest is a magnificent event that gives children the opportunity to experience and explore arts practice in all its various forms. Activities, workshops, food, performances, storytelling, games and more... All set in a quiet patch of bushland alongside the Yarra River. The Festival kicks off with the Grand Parade, marching down Burgundy Street Heidelberg, and continues with a day of creativity and entertainment in the park at Sills Bend.

Janet Troy
Art Teacher.

Drum Out! Workshop - Application

I would like to apply for my Grade 3-6 child / children to participate in the free percussion / music workshop at GPS on Tuesday 5^{th} March. As numbers are limited to 30, places will be allocated to the first 30 students who return this form to the office.



I confirm that my family will be available to attend the Grand Parade on Sunday 17th March from 10am – 11am. Please note that children must attend the Grand Parade with a Parent or Guardian and you will be required to arrive earlier to meet up and get organized.

Student Name:	-
Student's Grade:	
Student Name:	-
Student's Grade:	
Signature (Parent / Guardian):	
Contact Phone Number:	

Parents & Friends

Meeting: Our first meeting for the year will be next **Monday 11**th **of February**. It will be held in the staff room straight after assembly (9:30am).

It would be great to see some new faces as some of our parents are nearing the end of their time at GPS. Thank you to those who have returned the volunteer form sent out on Monday. If you haven't returned the form but are able to assist, please leave your name and contact details with the office.



2:30pm-4:30pm

Twilight Sports + Bunnings BBQ



Twilight sports will be held on **Tuesday 26th February**. As part of this event, P&F run a BBQ. We will require volunteers to help assist with the BBQ.

This year's Bunnings' BBQ is on **Saturday 9th of March.** We will be needing volunteers to help assist with this event on the day. If you can spare a couple of hours, we would greatly appreciate it.

Attached to the end of the newsletter is a slip for those who can help to fill in and return to the office. A notice will also come home next week asking for volunteers.

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

8:30-10:30am

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Name:			Phone Number:		
Child's Name:			Child's Class:		
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BBQ	Money	Selling Drinks	No P	reference	
Time:	setup (3pm-4r	om) 4pm-5pm	5pm-6pm	6pm-7pm	Clean up (7pm-8pm)

12:30-2:30pm

10:30am-12:30pm