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Borough Bulletin

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Friday 21 December 2018

Last Day of Term

Tabloid Sports 9.20am to 10.30am

Ice Cream Truck visit

Final 2018 Assembly 1.10pm

1.30pm Finish!

Monday 7 January 2019 to
Tuesday 28 January 2019

OHSClub Holiday Program

Tuesday 29 January 2019

Teachers and staff commence

Wednesday 30 January 2019

First day of Term 1 2019 – all students
2019 Preps First Day of School



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

Principal's Report

We are having a terrific ending to a very successful 2018 school year and I'd like to thank everyone in our community for your support. Students, staff, parents and family members have all contributed to the positive and inclusive culture we have at GPS. This was especially evident on Monday night when we had our end of year picnic and Kaboom! A great night was had by all and it was lovely to see so many families, including those new to the school this year, sitting on the edge of the oval in the shade of the gum trees, watching their children enjoying the games. I'd like to thank Parents and Friends for funding Kaboom!, and also for organising a bunch of hard working parents to man the barbeque.



There is much to celebrate when we look back on what has been achieved in 2018, from the combined efforts of everyone in our community - Parents and Friends, staff, students, families, caregivers, volunteers and Kids' Hope Mentors. Our classroom, specialist, wellbeing, intervention and extension programs have achieved excellent results. Parents and Friends have funded many resources for our students and we are very appreciative of their efforts and support. We're looking forward to 2019 and continuing our school improvement agenda in both curriculum areas and student learning, and also buildings and grounds projects.

Last Thursday night we celebrated our Grade 6 Graduation and it was a magnificent evening! Our graduates have been exemplary students at Greensborough Primary and whilst we are sorry to see them leave us, we are confident they are more than ready to begin the next stage of their education at secondary school. They have been excellent role models for our younger students and demonstrated strong leadership skills. As I mentioned at Graduation, one of their strengths has been their passion and commitment to make GPS a great school for younger students, and they'll often come to us if they've identified something that could be improved and have a plan for how they can achieve it. The many parents and family members who attended were impressed by the speeches they made and their confidence in speaking in front of a large audience. I'd like to thank Maria and Emma, who worked extremely hard in the planning and rehearsal stages to ensure the night provided a great memory for families and ran without a hitch. They couldn't achieve this without the support of parents and siblings who generously gave their time to make this night a success. I'd like to thank the hardworking band of parents for setting up the magnificent decorations and making the hall look very festive and then packing them carefully away the next day, especially Natasha P and Kelly S. I'd also like to thank parents and students who assisted with serving the dinner and cleaning up afterwards. Molly S was an excellent DJ and the photo booth was a source of much hilarity on the night.

It's not only our graduates who are moving on to exciting new beginnings next year, there are also several staff members who are exploring new options. We congratulate Nick Crowe on his new teaching position and also Odette Strickland on her fulltime music teaching appointment. Nick and Odette have been valuable additions to our staff this year and we wish them both all the best as they embark on their new career opportunities and adventures.

On Tuesday, students spent the morning with their 2019 classmates and teachers, and spent time getting to know each other. Everyone had an enjoyable time and both teachers and students are looking forward to learning together and engaging in class programs next year.

Ice Cream Truck and Tabloid Sports

To celebrate students' achievements and efforts this year we are ending on a high on Friday. The teachers have organised a morning of fun tabloid activities between 9.20 and 10.30, followed by a visit by the Ice-cream van. 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.

We will have our final assembly for the year Friday, commencing at 1.10 pm where we will say our final farewell to the graduating class of 2018. I'd like to thank everyone for supporting our school programs, especially Parents and Friends who have worked tirelessly to raise funds for terrific resources for our students. I'd also like to thank the staff for their ongoing support this year.

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and peaceful holiday break. We are looking forward to catching up with everyone for the 2019 school year.

Angela Morritt

Principal

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 OHSClub will be open for the Pupil Free Day on Tuesday 29th January, please contact OSHClub directly or speak to our coordinator, Jacqui before or after school.

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

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 that 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.



Pupil of the Week

Term 4 ~ Week 9 Week Ending 7 December 2018

Prep	All Preps	For illustrating their Narratives so beautifully with their Buddies.
Grade 1/2A	Fitzroy F	For always being a helpful class member in 1/2A. Thank you!
Grade 1/2 B	Evelyn B	For designing the front cover for our Prep – 2 Games booklet.
Grade 3/4 A	Roxana B	For always working at her potential and putting in 100% effort!
Grade 3/4 B	Adam S	For being so honest and trusting when he handed back the money he found in the bag area.
Grade 5/6 A	Lachie B	For his excellent School Captain speech. Well done!
Grade 5/6 B	Will S	For his excellent contributions during the Wellbeing Leader Training.
Art	Oscar S 5/6B	For always being a great role model and putting in 100% effort.
Chinese	Thomas H Prep	For his excellent effort in completing written tasks.
PE	Tristan P 5/6A	For always being respectful and responsible throughout the 7 week swimming program. Well done!

Term 4 ~ Week 10 Week Ending 14 December 2018

Prep	Isla H	For being such a great friend to all of us this year!
Grade 1/2A	Hollie-Rose C	For doing a great job presenting her group's game. Well done!
Grade 1/2 B	Nala K	For her presentation of her group's game 'Number Switch'.
Grade 3/4 A	Nathan S	For showing improved confidence when presenting his Information Report.
Grade 3/4 B	Bailey W	For showing great care and empathy when helping a student out with Meghan on Wednesday. Well done Bailey!
Grade 5/6 A & Grade 5/6 B	All of the 2018 Grade 6's	For an outstanding Graduation. You are all ★★★★★ 's!
Art	Zoe C 1/2B	For being a helpful and responsible student in the Artroom. You're a star Zoe!
Chinese	Sacha L 1/2B	For being a fantastic helper when packing up the classroom.
PE	Riley A 5/6A	For doing a great job with his underarm throwing during 'Connect 4'



Parents & Friends

A huge thank you to everyone who assisted on Monday night. It was a fantastic evening and it was great to see all the kids having fun with Kaboom Sports! Our Christmas Picnic and Raffle raised just over \$1,500 from the night which is amazing.

Congratulations to those who were the lucky winners in the raffle:

★ Amy Walsh ★ Fox Family ★ Sedgman Family ★ Katrina Smith ★
★ Tammy Cove ★ Beryl Beggs ★ Emma ★

We hope you enjoy your prizes!

It has been a wonderful year and I would like to take the time to thank everyone who has assisted with our events over the year. Through helpers volunteering their time; to people buying raffle tickets; or purchasing food on our special food days; to turning up to our Disco Bingo night; or helping cut fruit; we greatly appreciate it. Also, a big thank you to the staff of GPS for supporting us this year.

We have raised over \$20,000 for the year which is fantastic! The money has leased laptops for our Grades 5/6s; purchased a defibrillator for the school; contributed \$2,000 towards the art room extension and the remaining balance (around \$14,000) will be going towards the much-needed resurfacing of the basketball court! It will be fabulous to see the new court next year and I know the kids will love it!

Finally, I just want to wish everyone a happy and safe end of year. Merry Christmas!

Thank you

Kim Hill



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 send Meghan an email at greensborough.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with the subject line 'Borough Bulletin Opt In' together with your child/ren's name.

Thank you,

Meaghan Uren

