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Monday 29 April 2019	Cross Country School Trials – Years 3 to 6 at War Memorial Park – 11.30am to 1.30pm
Friday 3 May 2019	Interschool Sports Event – Round 2 at home Greensborough vs. Streeton
Friday 10 May 2019	Interschool Sports Event – Round 3 at home Greensborough vs. Norris Bank Mother's Day Stall
Monday 13 May 2019	School Council Meeting – 7pm
Tuesday 14 May 2019	NAPLAN – Year 3 and Year 5 only
Wednesday 15 May 2019	NAPLAN – Year 3 and Year 5 only
Thursday 16 May 2019	NAPLAN – Year 3 and Year 5 only Interschool Sports Event – Round 4 at home - Start 1.30pm Greensborough vs. Bundoora
Friday 17 May 2019	School Curriculum Day – student-free day
Monday 20 May 2019	District Cross Country Event – Banyule Flats – Years 3 to 6
Tuesday 21 May 2019	Interschool Sports Event – Round 5 away Watsonia North vs. Greensborough
Wednesday 22 May 2019	School Camp – Years 3 to 6 – Mt Evelyn Camp
Thursday 23 May 2019	School Camp – Years 3 to 6 – Mt Evelyn Camp
Friday 24 May 2019	School Camp – Years 3 to 6 – Mt Evelyn Camp
Friday 31 May 2019	Interschool Sports Event – Round 6 away St Mary's vs. Greensborough
Saturday 1 June 2019	Trivia Night
Tuesday 4 June 2019	School Photo Day
Friday 7 June 2019	Interschool Sports Event – Round 7 at home Greensborough vs. Watsonia
Thursday 27 June 2019	Special Visitors Day – Prep to 2 – 9am to 11am

Principal's Report

I was very proud of our student leadership group yesterday when they represented our school at the Anzac Day service at War Memorial Park. Our School Captains and Vice Captains were joined by House Captains and Vice Captains, as they honoured our service men and women by laying our wreath. This was a very moving ceremony and it was terrific to see so many school students in attendance with their families to commemorate this very important occasion.

On Wednesday 24th, we held our school Anzac Day ceremony in the hall and Grades Prep - Six respectively listened whilst our student leaders did an exemplary job of explaining the origin of Anzac Day and what it

represented. They read The Prayer of Remembrance and The Ode and laid a wreath at the base of the flag. Parents should be very proud of the mature and respectful manner in which all students participated in the service, listened to The Last Post and observed a minute's silence at the end.



We have had a very smooth start to Term Two and it was great to welcome everyone back and hear about their interesting holiday stories. With two public holidays this week many families took the opportunity to extend their break, therefore we will commence our curriculum programs of Magic Math and Spelling next week. We're looking forward to pre-service teachers from RMIT joining us again this year to run a sequence of Science lessons with our students.

Extracurricular Programs

We have a diverse range of extracurricular programs at GPS and this term is no exception. We have Coding Extension classes continuing for interested students in Grades 3-6 and an exciting Jellybops Science incursion next Tuesday 30th April. See below for more details:

- **Moove and Groove with Energy – Prep - 2:** This show explores energy with visually dynamic demonstrations to show transformations of energy, with comic interplay between the characters, The Jolly Professor (Dr Popoff) and his humorous sidekick, Rusty the Robot.
- **Natural Phenomena and Energy – Grades 3 - 6:** This show delivers a barrage of high energy experiments, looking at air pressure, weather, magnetism and energy transformations including Bio-fuels. Students will learn about the explosive fuel of the future, hydrogen, see many items freeze and shatter under the stress and strain of the super cold liquid nitrogen, watch materials burn, watch air crush an aluminium can, learn more about the properties of solids, liquids.

Grade Six Egg Toss Champions

It was lovely to see all the family members who came to watch our Easter Parade and activities on the last day of term. Congratulations to all the students who made a special hat and contributed to the fun and color of the day!

A special highlight of this event is the Annual Grade 6 egg toss where pairs of students throw a raw egg over increasing distances until the egg is broken. Congratulations to Lachlan and Petar who won this year's event with their skillful throwing and deft catching! They even managed to throw further than the staff team of Maria and Erin.

NAPLAN

Grade 3 and 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) on May 14– May 16. Notes with more detailed information will be sent home to parents of Grade 3 and 5 students next Monday. NAPLAN provides one set of assessment data and contributes to the multiple forms of assessments teachers employ to determine what students have achieved and their areas for improvement and future learning.

If any parents have concerns or queries about their children participating in NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher or Margaret or myself.

Advance Notice of Pupil Free Days

Each year, schools are allocated four days they can set aside as 'pupil free' days to allow for professional learning opportunities for staff, curriculum development, etc. The day before students started school, was the first of these four days and two more will be held on Friday 17th May and Monday 4th November - both these days will focus on teacher moderation of student work samples for report writing. Students will not attend school on these days and if numbers permit, OHS Club will provide care for students – please contact them for more information.

Our fourth day has been set aside for a half day Inquiry Learning focus and the remainder of the day focusing on Cultural Understanding and Safety Training, mandated by DET for all staff, which is a key commitment in Marrung: Aboriginal Education Plan. We are currently waiting on confirmation of this date which will be in Term Three.

Attitudes To School Survey

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what children in Grades 4 - 6 think of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. Further information will be sent home with students in Grades 4 - 6.

Education Week Open Day

To celebrate Education Week we are holding a Family Activity morning in classrooms on Tuesday 28th May, 9.10 – 11am. The theme of 2019 Education Week is 'Celebrating Careers' and we're encouraging students to think about careers that interest them and come dressed in clothing representative of that workplace. We're looking forward to as many family members as possible joining in our activities between 9.15 -11.00am. We will commence the day with a parade on the netball court or in the hall, depending on the weather.

We will also be holding school tours for prospective future enrolments at 9.30 and 10.30am.

Bookings 9435 1496.

Year 6-7 Transition Information

Information packs will be sent home with Grade Six students next week giving parents all the relevant information about applying for Year 7 placement. Please contact Grade Six teachers, Erin or Maria, if you have any questions about this process.

School Council

Before the holidays we had the first meeting of the 2019-2020 School Council. School Council forms a vital and fundamental role in the management of the school and I would like to thank the School Council members for their willingness to commit time and energy to support school operations for the benefit of the students at the school. All School Council members are involved in sub committees which meet a fortnight before the School Council meeting and make recommendations as to what is required to support the focus of the specific subcommittee. If anyone in the school community would like to be involved and have input into any of the Sub Committees please leave a message at the office. Our sub-committees are: Buildings and Grounds; Education; Publicity and Marketing; Parents and Friends and Finance.

Our Office Bearers are: Executive Officer: Angela Morritt, President: Kim Hill, Vice President: Simone Wilson Treasurer; Margaret Hirth, Minute Taker: Meghan Uren. The schedule of meetings will be published in the calendar section of the Newsletter and any parents who wish to raise matters can send an email or letter to Kim or myself, or just drop in and speak to us in the office.

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Thank You

We have so many school family members who generously donate their time to assist with various aspects of school life: class programs, buildings and grounds and caring for our school mascots and chickens. I'd like to thank the McKee family for looking after our rabbits and chickens over the school holidays and Wayne and Geoff who continued to complete B&G tasks. Thankyou in advance to everyone for your support in Term Two.

Angela Morritt

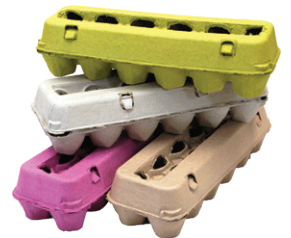
Principal

2019 Prep Enrolments

If any families know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please encourage them to register their details as soon as possible, (this includes siblings of current students). We have already had a number of enquiries and school tours for places in 2020 and the sooner we get a sense of our intake for next year, the sooner we can start planning for grade structures.

Egg Cartons for Diamond Valley Food Share

Thank you to families who are supporting Diamond Valley Food Share by donating egg cartons. DVFS receive a large supply of eggs from the supermarkets which they distribute to families in need in our community. Cartons are needed to pack the eggs for distribution. Please continue to send along any cartons that can be re-used and place in the tub in the school foyer.



2019 Premiers' Reading Challenge

Every year at GPS, we strongly encourage and fully support all our students to participate in the Premiers' Reading Challenge. Each and every book that a child reads continues to build their knowledge, wonderment, fluency in reading, vocabulary and comprehension.

Since the challenge began 15 years ago, Victorian children have read more than 45 million books- that is enough to fill nearly 11 Olympic swimming pools. This year children across Victoria will read at least another 4 million books, with more than 150 new titles added to the official book list.



We are excited and optimistic that our students at GPS could read a record number of books during the 2019 challenge. In the coming weeks, letters will be sent home to families that will provide further information regarding the Premier's Reading Challenge and these letters shall contain your child's Premier's Reading Challenge login and password alongside a special bookmark.

Last year, 77 students who completed the challenge were rewarded with a special 'fish and chip' lunch. We are looking forward to seeing even greater participation this year.

Claire Storey

Premier's Reading Challenge Coordinator



Junior School Council

The Junior School Council proudly donated \$206.00 to the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. Thank you to all those who donated on our casual dress day last term.

The JSC would also like to thank you for supporting Icy Pole Fridays. This has now finished and will return in Term 4.



Grade 1 and 2 Community Helpers Afternoon

The Grade 1 and 2 students enjoyed investigating community helpers during our Term 1 Inquiry. We discussed and researched different ways individuals, groups and professionals help to create a functioning and safe community. As part of this study the students decided they too could be community helpers, and from this an afternoon tidying up our school evolved. The students created and sent home invitations to their families asking for their assistance and were so pleased when so many family members arrived with rolled up sleeves ready to help!

The students and helpers collected data on how much rubbish and equipment was found within our school grounds, with an astonishing figure. We picked up more than 1000 pieces of rubbish and returned over 200 pieces of sports and sandpit equipment, uniform, lunchboxes and toys to their rightful places. We wish to thank all of the wonderful family members who generously donated their time to make the students vision come true. What wonderful community helpers our 1/2 students and their families are!

Thank you,

Mrs Gibson, Mrs Storey and Ms Gauci

1 / 2 Team



Camp Update

It was great to have so many parents come to the camp information evening at the end of last term. All students have now received their medical forms and details on payments. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their medical forms, if you are yet to do so please ensure these forms are returned to your classroom teacher as soon as possible.



Full camp payments are now also due and to ensure we are able to inform Mt Evelyn Camp of our exact numbers and plan for those students not going to camp please ensure these outstanding payments are made early next week (by Wednesday 1 May 2019).

Going home today is a list of 'What to bring' to camp so all campers can start getting organised for camp... Only 26 sleeps until we leave!

Wonderful 3 / 4!

What a terrific start to the year we have had in the middle years! It is hard to believe we are already into Term 2 – how time flies!

Both 3/4A and 3/4B have spent the term settling into new routines, designing and discussing classroom expectations as well as being part of building a community that celebrates and encourages personal achievement and success. In this sense we are *teaming for excellence*.



On the 28th & 29th of March our term's hard work culminated in 2 very special events for the students. Firstly, RACV attended GPS to give a wonderful incursion about bike and road safety. There was a deep message throughout about taking precautions and preventing serious accidents. We were introduced to the importance of wearing a proper fitting helmet to prevent serious brain injury. We also learnt about peripheral vision, reflex and being unable to multitask when focused. It was a fascinating session.

On Friday 29th we held a very special 'All about the Brain' morning. Students worked in groups to tackle mind bending illusions, learn hand-to-eye coordination through juggling, train their brains using brain training programs and work together to solve puzzles. Students have also designed brain inspired artwork that has been submitted to the Centre of Excellence for Integrative Brain Function Research at Monash University. This competition was part of Brain Awareness Week (March 11-17) recognizing the need to increase public awareness about brain research globally. Winning students and schools will be announced in May. We had some terrific entries! We thank Simone Wilson and Ryan Purdey for your generous assistance on the morning!

On a personal note we just want to say thank you to the wonderful Greensborough Primary School community for assisting with your children in settling into the middle years. It is a privilege to work with such inspiring, curious and empathetic students. All three of us are proud about what we have seen over Term One and we are so excited to keep up the momentum and team for excellence throughout Term Two and beyond.

Wonderful work 3 & 4 students!

Mr. Stephens, Mrs. Darling & Mrs. Byrne

3 / 4 Team





The **G.A.T.E.WAYS** Program

G.A.T.E.WAYS was established in 1994 to provide opportunities for highly able and gifted children with special educational needs. Like-minded students can participate in programs that will challenge them intellectually and help develop their individual talents. Both short and longer term programs in all areas of the curriculum are offered in Melbourne schools, 'On Location' and interstate.

25 years of
inspiration
and challenge

G.A.T.E.WAYS is an external provider of educational extension and enrichment activities. Information is sent to the school each term and students are identified with interests in the different programs. G.A.T.E.WAYS provides several programs throughout the year covering a wide range of topics incorporating all areas of the curriculum. A letter is then forwarded for parents to consider if they wish their child to attend. If the child is successful, parents will be notified and once enrolled, G.A.T.E.WAYS deals directly with the parent. A fee is charged for the child to attend. It is your choice whether you would like your child to attend.

The G.A.T.E.WAYS Team Challenge extends children's leadership and problem-solving abilities through a series of original, creative and exciting activities in four areas.

The G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge is a team based program that:

- ❖ Stresses teamwork, not individual prowess
- ❖ Provides all participants with an opportunity for leadership
- ❖ Is structured to help students learn to work together for a common goal or outcome
- ❖ Practises the fundamental skills necessary for competent performance
- ❖ Gives satisfaction from the activities themselves as well as the outcome
- ❖ Emphasises having fun with learning.
- ❖ Each year, Greensborough Primary School is represented by students from the 1/2 area, the 3/4 area and the 5/6 area. For more information: <http://www.gateways.edu.au/>
- ❖ Further programs will be available and as the year progresses students from year 1 to 6 will be invited to participate in these challenging and enriching activities.

Claire Storey

G.A.T.E.WAYS Coordinator

Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt



ANZAC Day



Grade 6 Excursion to Latitude



Woolworth's Earn & Learn Program

Woolworths Earn and Learn is coming back to your local store in 2019. Anyone who shops at Woolworths from 12.01 am Wednesday 1st May until on 11.59pm Tuesday 25th June 2019 can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers, while stocks last.



Greensborough Primary School is registered and we have a collection box at reception for any Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers you and your family and friends wish to donate to the school. Greensborough Primary School can redeem the Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for educational resources based on our specific needs, across all curriculum areas, including Maths, English, Science, Art and Craft, Digital Technologies, Sports and more. So, spread the word and help our wonderful school.

Parents & Friends

Entertainment Guide

Entertainment Guide is for sale again. A portion of each sale goes to Greensborough Primary School. To purchase an Entertainment Guide costs only \$70.00 and will entitle the member to discounts at associated venues throughout Melbourne. If you are interested, please see Meghan at reception.

Thank you

Kim Hill

On behalf of P&F



Pupil of the Week

Term 1 ~ Week 9 Week Ending 29 March 2019

Prep	<i>Conner</i>	For working with determination on his own alphabet chart.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Maisy R</i>	For her effort and improvement in reading. Keep it up Superstar!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Macy</i>	For working diligently during class and ensuring she is being a great friend.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Sandi</i>	For being a productive and positive class member during learning time. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Barbara</i>	For your amazing inference and literal comprehension work during reading.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Harvey</i>	For his fantastic effort and improvement in writing this term. Keep kicking goals!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Harry</i>	For his fantastic effort in Big Write this week. Keep it up!
PE	<i>Amihan 5/6A Evie 5/6B</i>	For helping the Netball Team to understand the rules.
Library	<i>Toby 5/6B</i>	For making some excellent responses to the Song / Book "Took the children away". Well done.
Art	<i>Charlotte 1/2A</i>	For always achieving great results in Art and being a fantastic helper!
Student Wellbeing	<i>Colin 5/6A</i>	For his excellent work calming down a hurt student in First Aid.

Term 1 ~ Week 10 Week Ending 5 April 2019

Prep	<i>All Preps</i>	For adjusting so well to life at school. You have all come so far!!!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Patrick</i>	For an exceptional first term in Grade 1. Keep up the great work.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Charlie</i>	For working so hard in Term 1. Well done, Charlie!
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Riley</i>	For working so hard during Term 1. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Hollie Rose</i>	For an excellent Term 1 in Grade 3! Well Done.
Grade 5/6 A		
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Will D</i>	For his great advertisement for 'Dino World' during 'Big Write.
Art	<i>Ezra 3/4A</i>	For a settled and focussed Art session. Great work Ezra!

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Multi Sport Program

- Fun sports including basketball, athletics, handball as well as frisbee, dodgeball and other fun sporty games
- This program will improve your child's general coordination levels as well as muscle tone

Day: **Wednesday**

Time: **3:40-4:40pm**

Start Date: **1st May**

Finish Date: **19th June**

Who: **Prep-Grade 4**

Cost: **\$90**



Soccer Program

- Introductory soccer skills
- Passing, shooting, heading, ball control, running with the ball and turning.
- Principles of attack, defence, passing play, 2-1 situations, crossing and finishing.

Day: **Wednesday**

Time: **3:40-4:40pm**

Start Date: **1st May**

Finish Date: **19th June**

Who: **Prep-Grade 4**

Cost: **\$90**



Dance Program

- Introduce children to the fundamentals of the dance
- Movement, space and energy.
- No Competitions, no uniforms
- Step to the beat in a number of sequences to learn a choreographed dance routine

Day: **Wednesday**

Time: **Lunchtime**

Start Date: **1st May**

Finish Date: **19th June**

Who: **Prep-Grade 4**

Cost: **\$90**



All our sports coaches are Australian Sports Commission Qualified (2 courses min)

All our dance instructors have Dance Teaching & Management Cert. IV Qualifications



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