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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
Saturday 18 May 2019	Australian General Election Greensborough Primary School – Polling Booth P&F Barbeque and Cake Stall
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 Walk To School Day
Tuesday 28 May 2019	Open Morning Dress Up – 9am to 11am Dress Up Theme: "What I want to be when I grow up"
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 13 June 2019	Parliament Excursion – Grades 5/6A & 5/6B
Friday 14 June 2019	Science Works Excursion – Grades 1/2A & 1/2B
Tuesday 25 June 2019	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Thursday 27 June 2019	Special Visitors Day – Prep to 2 – 9am to 11am
Friday 28 June 2019	Last day of Term 2 – Early finish 1.30pm

Principal's Report

We have had an exciting start to the term with Prep – Grade Six greatly enjoying the Science presentation by 'Jelly Bops' last week. It was terrific to see our students thrilled and engaged with the experiments performed by the Jolly Professor and Rusty the Robot, as well as some audience participants. The experiments explored energy transformations and properties of solids, liquids and gases. The explosive reactions that ensued along with the freezing and shattering of items exposed to liquid nitrogen were highly entertaining as well as thought provoking and aroused great curiosity amongst our young viewers.

We are looking forward to extending our curiosity with the pre-service teachers from RMIT once again visiting our school and running a series of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) lessons with



students in Grades Prep – Six. These sessions are highly engaging for our students and also provide a great learning opportunity for the pre-service teachers. The program will run for three weeks, beginning next Wednesday 22nd May for Grades Prep – Two and the week after for Grades Three – Six, when they return from Camp.

Chinese Homestay Student Opportunity

In Term Three, August 5th -8th, our school will be hosting approximately thirty Chinese students for a cultural immersion program. The students will attend our school every day working with a different group of students from grades 3 - 6. The students will take part in half-day enrichment activities in the mornings, including a variety of STEM, Arts, Drama or Sports based learning activities. These sessions will be provided free of charge by Kids Unlimited. In the afternoons, the Chinese students will work in the heritage building with their teachers focusing on English language and Australian culture, and our students will resume their usual class programs.

Kids Unlimited are giving school families the opportunity to provide homestay for some of the students during this time. The Chinese students are looking forward to an Australian family experience. A letter was sent home last Monday with more details and families are invited to express their interest or ask further questions by emailing David Cordover at david@kidsunlimited.com.au Families of students from Prep – Grade Six are invited to host a student. A copy of the letter is attached to the end of this newsletter.

You've Got To Be In It To Win It!

Congratulations to Sienna F. who entered the Beany Boos competition in the 'Just Kidding' magazine and won! Sienna and her family were very surprised to find a box of Beany Boos waiting for them when they returned home from school during the week. Sienna has generously shared the toys with her siblings, and also donated several to Parents & Friends for prizes for the Trivia Night or other events. Thank you to our Librarian, Jen Farley for organising the distribution of the 'Just Kidding' magazines, which are greatly enjoyed by the children.



Mother's Day

Thank you to Parents and Friends for organising the Mother's Day stall this Friday. Many hours are spent wrapping and preparing presents for our children to give to a very special person in their lives this Sunday and it's lovely to see the joy it brings them as they spy the perfect gift to give. I'd like to wish everyone a happy Mother's Day.

Jelly Bops Science Presentation



Cross Country

Thank you to Mrs Darling for organising the Cross Country trials last week and all the parents and staff who assisted her. The team will now compete on Monday 20th May in the District event at Banyule Flats. We know they will represent our school proudly. We wish them all the best and good weather on the day!

Curriculum Day Reminder

A reminder to families that next Friday 17th May is a Student Free day as teachers focus on moderation of student work samples for report writing. Students do not attend school on this day.

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 24 MAY 2019

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:



- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.
- Walk a few laps of the netball court, once you arrive at school

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Our student leaders are organising breakfast for everyone courtesy of Kelloggs cornflakes. Thank you to Simone W, who once again contacted Kelloggs to sponsor this event.

Education Week Open Day and Dress Up: What Do I Want To Be When I Grow Up?

Families are invited to join us on Tuesday 28th May, 9.10 – 11am, as we celebrate Education Week. The theme this year is 'Careers' and we're asking students to imagine what they would like to be when they grow up and dress accordingly.

We're looking forward to as many family members as possible joining in our activities and we'll 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, so if you have any friends or neighbours with pre-schoolers, please let them know. Bookings 9435 1496.

Buildings and Grounds

I'd like to thank Les for generously donating his time to spread mulch around our school garden beds and also planting out the garden boxes on the corner of the circuit. We know Les is enjoying his retirement, so we're very grateful he continues to care for our school and also allow us to enjoy his company.

The same applies to Wayne and Geoff who continue to donate their time and expertise to maintain our buildings and grounds to a high standard, as well as completing major school improvement projects.



NAPLAN

Next Tuesday - Thursday (May 14– May 16) Grade 3 and 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). 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.

Year 6-7 Transition Information

Information packs have been sent home with Grade Six students giving parents all the relevant information about applying for Year 7 placement, including the transition form to fill out outlining your preferences for secondary school. Please read all the information carefully, especially about school zones and contact Grade Six teachers, Erin or Maria, if you have any questions about this process.

School Photos

A reminder that school photos will be taken Tuesday June 4th. Envelopes will be sent home and are to be returned with correct money on photo day. Once individual envelopes are sent home, families can then contact the office if you require an envelope for a family photo of school students or if you have any queries.

Wishing all our mothers and carers a very happy Mother's Day this Sunday 12th May.

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.



Woolworth's Earn & Learn Program

Woolworths Earn and Learn is coming back to your local store in 2019. Anyone who shops at Woolworths from Wednesday 1st May until 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.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- School camps or trips.
- Swimming and school-organised sport programs.
- Outdoor education programs.
- Excursions and incursions.

\$125 per year for eligible primary school students.

Applications for 2019 are now open and will close on 28 June 2019 (end of term 2).

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. See Mehgan in the office if you have any questions.

Winter Interschool Sport Report

Rounds 1 and 2

The students in Years 4-6 participated in the first round of Winter Interschool Sport. Unfortunately the first round was a wash out (this will be the first make up round on June 14th) therefore their first game was Round 2 against Streeton P.S. The students were very excited to be playing their new sports of Soccer, AFL, Softball and Netball.

All of the students tried their best and had lots of fun along the way. It was a big learning curve for all of us and the students definitely made Greensborough Primary School proud.

Thank you to all of the coaches: Mrs Donaldson, Mr Stephens and Mrs Grima for their guidance and support on the day. Remember, all parents and guardians are welcome to attend to cheer on the students.

The results were:

Football: 128-0 (Streeton won)

Soccer: 12-0 (Streeton won)

Netball: 20-3 (Streeton won)

Softball: 14-4 (Greensborough won)

This week we play Home against Norris Bank P.S. They do not have a Softball or AFL team so if weather permits, training for those teams will occur on school grounds with their coaches. For this week only, Soccer will be played at War Memorial Park. Please ensure all students have their uniform requirements and safety gear ready for play Friday morning. We will need to leave promptly as games start at 9.30am.

Daniela Darling

Sports Coordinator

I can help at the ELECTION DAY BBQ (at Gree	nsborough Primary School), Saturday 18th May:
□ 8:00am – 9:00am □ 9:00am – 10:30am	☐ 10:30am – 12pm
□ 12pm – 1:30pm □ 1:30pm – 3:00pm	☐ 3:00pm – 4:30pm
Parent/Family Name:	Child's Class:
Contact number:	



Parent Helpers for Prep Art Sessions

The Prep children are learning to sew this term, so if you have a spare hour on Tuesdays from 9am to 10am and would like to help out, you'd be most welcome. It's a lovely way of being involved with your child's school life and your assistance would be highly valued. Please don't feel you have to commit yourself for the entire term! If you can help out only once, it's still a very worthwhile contribution.

If you are available to assist, please write your name on the roster on the Prep room window. On the day of your session, please sign in at the school office and arrive at the Art Room 5 minutes before the commencement of the session.



Parent Helpers for Grade 1/2 Art Sessions

This term the Grade 1 and 2 students are learning to knit and we would love your help!

Art sessions are on Wednesdays from 11.30am to 1.30pm. If you would like to assist, you only need to know the basics of plain knitting. Four to five helpers for each session is ideal and grandparents are welcome too!

- Wednesday 15th Ma 11.30am to 1.30pm
- Wednesday 22nd May Time to be confirmed
- Wednesday 29th May Time to be confirmed
- Wednesday 5th June Time to be confirmed

Before coming to the Art room, please sign in at the office and arrive at the Art Room 5 minutes before the commencement of the session. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Many thanks!

Janet Troy,

Art Teacher

Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition

Just a reminder to Grade 6 students and their families that the Transition Form sent home last week is due back to Mrs Grima by the 17th of May. If parents want to know more about the public secondary school options in our area try findmyschool.vic.gov.au Parents can also find more information on the department website www.education.vic.gov.au under the 'For parents' tab. If you have any queries, feel free to come and see me.

María Grima

Grade 6 Transition Coordinator



Pupil of the Week

	Term 2 ~ We	ek 1 Week Ending 26 April 2019
Prep	Anjali	For her impressive writing about our ANZAC Biscuits!! You have adjusted so well to writing on lines.
Grade 1/2A	Hugo	For having such a positive attitude to his learning. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 B	Lachie H	For a fantastic procedural text on how to borrow a book from the library.
Grade 3/4 A	Kaitlyn	For always working in a positive manner during class time. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	Hollie-Rose	For her amazing work on inferences.
Grade 5/6 A	Cash	For being a helpful classmate. Keep it up!
Grade 5/6 B	Jet A	For being a fantastic member of 5/6B.
Art	Bailey 5/6A	For his fantastic persistence and inventiveness with construction of his boat model.
Term 2 ~ Week 2 Week Ending 3 May 2019		
Prep	Lachie G	For his excellent observations during our first data lesson during Maths.
Grade 1/2A	Reese P	For always being dedicated, hard-working and happy. Keep it up Reese!
Grade 1/2 B	Hunter	For an amazing narrative on a castle mouse in Big Write. You are a Superstar!
Grade 3/4 A	Michael	For doing a great job reading the script with expression during Readers Theatre. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	Barbara	For your dedication and commitment to improving you handwriting. Well done!
Grade 5/6 A	Jennifer	For your excellent effort in our Writing this week. Your Big Writes were fantastic.
Grade 5/6 B	Ella	For working towards her learning goals. Keep up the fantastic effort!
Art	Adrian 3/4A	For his fantastic entry for the Colouring Competition. Outstanding work Adrian.
Library	Elvy Prep	For her fantastic effort with her drawing of a character. Well done.
PE	Shanon 3/4A	For never giving up during his first game of soccer at Interschool Sports. Well done!

Cooperation Achievement Respect Empathy

Thank you to Julie Jobson for regularly changing our school sign.

Thank you to all of the parent helpers that assisted during our Cross Country trials.

Thank you to the McKee and Sinclair families for taking over looking after our chickens.

Thank you to Parents and Friends for your ongoing support and fundraising efforts for our school.

If you know of someone in our school community that we should acknowledge, please let Mrs Grima know.

Parents & Friends

Food Day's - HOT DOG day this Friday 10th of May

There is a hot dog food day this Friday.

Mother's Day Stall - Friday 10th of May

We will be holding our Mother's Day Stall this coming Friday. Prices range from 50c through to \$6, with lots of different items up for sale. Please send money with your child in a named envelope/purse/bag as well as a plastic bag for the children to place their purchase in.

A big thank you to those parents who have volunteered to assist.

Election Day BBQ + Cake Stall - Saturday 18th of May

Our school is hosting a polling booth for the upcoming federal election. We will be holding a BBQ and Cake stall to help raise funds for our school. We are still after volunteers to assist with the event as well as some people to bake items for the stall, so if you have an hour or two spare on the day please let us know. If you are able to assist with the BBQ please fill in the slip at the back of the newsletter and send back to school.

All baked goods can be dropped off on the Friday prior (17th of May) or on the day. Cakes, biscuits or slices can be made – just as long as there is no raw egg or cream. All baked goods must have a list of ingredients.

We have bags available for people to place their cooked goods into – please see either Mrs Hirth or Mehgan for more information.

Entertainment Books

This year we are selling entertainment books. The purchase price is \$70, of which the school will receive 20%. A demo copy of the book is available at the office for those who would like to see what deals are available.

Hard copy books are available at the office or alternatively you can purchase a digital copy via www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/189481

For further information, please contact Cassie Fox (mum of Josh in 1/2B) via the front office.

Trivia Night – Saturday 1st of June in the school hall (Adult only event)

This year we are holding a Trivia Night as our main fundraiser. Our host for the night is Funky Bunch Trivia and it promises to be a fun filled night with trivia with a twist!

Tickets are \$20 (early bird price – must be paid prior to event, otherwise \$25 on the night) and there are 10 people to a table. It promises to be an entertaining night, with lots of laughs and great goodies to bid on at the Silent Auction event.

Doors open at 7:30pm with the first round at 8pm. BYO drinks/food (alcohol ok). So, get a group of friends together and come along and help support the school while having a great night! Don't forget to put your name down on a table (table list is at the front office). Payment can be made at the office either by cash or by EFT.

We are also busy sourcing donations for the evening. If you would like to donate, or know someone who would, please let either myself, Simone or the office know.

We would like to thank the following businesses who have donated items for our event. We have sourced some wonderful prizes with something on offer for everyone!

Natio Bulleen Art & Garden Skaterz

Puffing Billy Langham Hotel Legoland

Balance Gymnastics Lower Plenty Hotel **Quest Bundoora**

Eltham Leisure Centre **Quest Doncaster** Pit Gym

Greensborough Town Centre **IMAX Cinema** Big 4 Wye River

Puffing Billy Philip Island Nature Park Macleod YMCA

Melbourne Stars **Funfields** The Tennis Guru

Greensborough RSL

Yarra Valley Chocolatier & Ice We rock the spectrum Dance Plus Montmorency

Creamery

Collingwood Children's Farm

Thank you,

Kim Hill

On behalf of P&F

Bunnings Eltham

The Transition to a Safe Climate Conference

The Transition to a Safe Climate Conference is back for another year on Sunday 26 May 2019!

It's going to be a fun and uplifting day that is focused on solutions and practical actions. Some of the key presentations and workshops are:

- Julian Burnside, renowned human rights and climate change advocate;
- Dr. Benjamin Habib on designing better human systems using Permaculture;
- Banyule Council on their new Climate Change Action Package;
- Cecilia Macaulay will reduce our stress levels using permaculture principles;

There will also be a celebration cake to mark the 10 year anniversary of Transition in Banyule!

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are all included in the ticket price of \$30.

Please see the facebook event for more details on the day and tickets:

https://www.facebook.com/events/2576966922436329/





Coat Hanger Donations for our Second-Hand Uniform Stall

We would be very appreciative if any of generous our school community has an excess of coat hangers, especially skirt clip hangers, which they would like to donate to the school.



Diamond Valley Foodshare – Winter Food Appeal

Once again winter is upon us and Diamond Valley Foodshare is conducting our annual Winter Food Appeal. As reliance of our service is increasing and the weather is becoming colder, Diamond Valley Foodshare would not be able to continue to provide healthy nourishing food to the needy clients and families in the Banyule area without Greensborough Primary Schools support.

Suitable items for donation are:

- Cans of soup, spaghetti, meat meals, tuna and vegetables
- Pasta sauces
- Long life milk, fruit juice
- Desserts, jam peanut butter, and vegemite
- Breakfast cereals
- Toiletries toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant and sanitary items

All donations can be placed in the bin provided in the school foyer.

Thank you.





Dear Parents.

Re: Homestay for Students from China

Greensborough Primary School is looking forward to hosting a group of 30 students from China in August (Term 3).

There is an opportunity for parents in GPS school community to provide homestay for some of these students and build a deeper relationship with them.

Dates: August 5 - 8, 2019 (week 3 of Term 3)

Families need to provide:

- Accommodation; maximum of 2 students per bedroom (single bed per person)
- Transport to and from Greensborough Primary each day
- Breakfast, dinner and a packed lunch each day

You will receive \$50 per night, per child that you host.

Any adults over the age of 18 years that are living in the house while the children are staying will require a volunteer Working With Children Check. This is free to obtain and many parents will already have one if they volunteer at school.

The Chinese students are looking forward to an Australian family experience, so they are more than happy to attend activities or any events you have after school. There is no need to change your usual routines to accommodate them.

If you are interested in hosting, please contact us to let us know:

Email: david@kidsunlimited.com.au

Subject: Greensborough Homestay Expression of Interest

Please include your name, your child's name and age, and your best contact number. You will receive a phone call to discuss the opportunity and answer any questions you may have. This is only an expression of interest, it does not mean that you are committed to hosting a student.

Kind regards,

David Cordover

Kids Unlimited

