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Thursday 20 June 2019	Grades 5 & 6 Montmorency Secondary College Excursion Little Shop of Horrors performance
Friday 21 June 2019	Interschool Sports Event – Make up for Round 3 at home Greensborough vs. Norris Bank
Tuesday 25 June 2019	Parent / Teacher Interviews Student Free Dress Day – Gold Coin Donation Southern Cross Recycling Collection Day 8.30am 
Wednesday 26 June 2019	Interschool Sports Finals
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
Monday 15 July 2019	First day of Term 3 NAIDOC Week
Tuesday 16 July 2019	NAIDOC Week
Wednesday 17 July 2019	NAIDOC Week
Thursday 18 July 2019	NAIDOC Week
Friday 19 July 2019	NAIDOC Week
Thursday 27 July 2019	Athletics Trials – Wilinda Park – 9.30am to 1pm
Thursday 1 August 2019	Basketball Clinic – Grades 3 to 6
Thursday 8 August 2019	Basketball Clinic – Grades 3 to 6
Thursday 15 August 2019	Basketball Clinic – Grades 3 to 6
Tuesday 20 August 2019	Book Week & Book Fair - Library
Wednesday 21 August 2019	Book Week & Book Fair - Library
Thursday 22 August 2019	Book Week & Book Fair - Library
Friday 23 August 2019	Book Week & Book Fair - Library Book Parade – Dress as your favourite Storybook Character
Tuesday 17 September 2019	Curriculum Day
Friday 20 September 2019	Last Day of Term 3 – Early finish 1.30pm

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Principal's Report

I'd like to congratulate Parents and Friends for their excellent fundraising efforts this semester and all our families who supported them. A great deal of time and energy goes into organizing the fundraisers and we greatly appreciate their efforts. Not only does P&F raise funds for valuable school resources, it provides many entry points for parents and family members to engage with the school and be connected to our community. This is a really important aspect of the culture of our school and I'd like to thank the current committee members, especially Kim, not only for their hard work but also for establishing an inclusive and welcoming culture for our families.

On Tuesday June 4th, Margaret and I attended one day of the statewide Principal Forum. Of the two sessions we attended, one was very valuable and focussed on Student Voice. The presenter was Russell Quaglia, who is a globally recognized pioneer in the field of education, known for his dedication to student voice and aspirations. Russell was highly entertaining as he shared his passion and excellent ideas for fostering Student Voice in schools. (If you'd like to know more about Student Voice log on to www.quagliainstitute.org). As Student Voice is an area we have highlighted for our next Strategic Plan and is the focus for our Community of Practice, we were very pleased to be able to attend, especially as it was heavily booked and many of our colleagues missed the event. It was very interesting to hear Russell's definition of Student Voice and very practical ways to embed it in our daily programs/culture. We came away feeling that we were actually incorporating more opportunities for students to have a voice than we previously thought.

'Cosy Coop' Repairs and Free Dress Day

Thank you to Troy, father of Liam in Prep, who has measured the perimeter of our chicken coop and sourced new wire for us to mend and strengthen the walls, in order to make them 'fox proof'. Once again Wayne and Geoff have offered to lend their skills and, weather permitting, they will install the wire next Monday. Given how passionate our community feels about the loss of the chickens and the importance of replacing them, Troy also suggested having a fundraiser to help pay for the cost of repairs and chickens. With this in mind, we will have a free dress day next Tuesday 25th June with the gold coin donations going towards 'cosy coop' repairs and the purchase of new chickens. A donation box will also be placed in the office if anyone wants to contribute a portion of their pocket money.



Staffing:

Last week we welcomed Salima back from leave and thanked Mel Macdonald for taking Science lessons in her absence. Next week Janet will begin her leave for the rest of the year and Mel will take Art as students finish off the projects begun with Janet. Maria is looking forward to teaching Art next semester, and sharing Grade 5/6 A with Gemma Pearce, who'll be returning from Family Leave. We hope Janet greatly enjoys her break and we look forward to her return next year.

Kids Unlimited

We will also host 20 – 30 Gr 4-6 Chinese students for one week in Term Three. This is an excellent opportunity for our Grade 3-6 students to 'buddy up' with a Chinese student for half a day and engage in a variety of activities, including STEM, Arts, Drama or Sport project-based learning activities, organised and staffed by Kids Unlimited. The remaining half of the day our students would return to their grades and the Chinese students would use one of the heritage building rooms to have further lessons. This is another great opportunity for us to develop our students' cultural awareness of China, further develop their skills during the different sessions, promote curiosity and build their personal and interpersonal skills.

We also have our Grade 3/4 students developing their ideas to incorporate more sustainable practices in our school. One group has already included an article in this newsletter on 'Waste Wise Wednesdays' and we look forward to hearing about further initiatives and implementing them next term.

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Assessment & Reporting:

Thank you to the staff for their diligence and hard work in evaluating student results and writing reports. Staff spend many hours on this process and whilst it is a normal part of their role as teachers, they have demonstrated their deep knowledge of the students they teach and reported accurately to parents so that our students' social and academic progress can be celebrated. Areas for improvement and future learning were also identified and these will be the focus for future learning in Semester Two.

Reports for students in Grades One -Six will be sent home tomorrow, Friday 21st June, along with meeting times for Parent/Teacher Interviews which will be held in next Tuesday, 25th June.

Southern Cross Recycling

Don't forget to clean out your cupboards this weekend and recycle your unwanted household goods and raise money for Grade Six Graduation. Southern Cross accepts manchester, kitchen goods, toys, clothing, shoes, books. In fact anything except electrical goods. All items are available for sale prior to collection, so if anyone spies a 'treasure' and would like to purchase it, just see the office and make a gold coin donation. Goods will be collected in the last week of term on Tuesday 25th June prior to 9 am.

2020 Prep Enrolments

Next term we will begin planning in earnest for staffing and grades for 2020. So if you know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please advise them to register their details as soon as possible, (this includes siblings of current students) as we will be finalising numbers in the Prep class.

I'd like to congratulate everyone on the excellent ending to the term we have had. Often schools find students get tired at the end of term, and their ability to remain focussed in class and problem solve in the yard, are reduced. This hasn't been the case at GPS, and students have remained on task and highly engaged in class programs, and are showing great cooperation and friendship during recess and lunch activities. It's been a delight to be on yard duty and see the students across different grade levels playing together in the many active and passive play areas of the school.

Extra-Curricular Programs

We're looking forward to some exciting additional programs running alongside our usual curriculum courses next term. Students will have weekly lessons with Footsteps Dance Company culminating in a production for parents to view in the last week.

Last year's Short Term Study program, hosting students from China was a great success and we will once again provide this opportunity for cross cultural exchange and language skill building for our students and visitors. The program runs for four weeks and Margaret and I will timetable opportunities for extracurricular events as well as normal class programs, to ensure the students participate in a range of activities to develop their language.

Thank you everyone for a terrific term! This will be the final newsletter of the term and I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. I look forward to everyone returning reinvigorated on Monday 15th July. There will be a final assembly at 1.15 tomorrow followed by our usual end of term finish time of 1.30pm.

Angela Morrìt

Principal

Reminder: Curriculum Days Terms 3 & 4

Families are reminded that our two remaining curriculum days for the year will be Tuesday 17th September and Monday November 4th. The focus for these days have been outlined in previous newsletters. 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.

Waste Wise Wednesday!

What is this?

For Waste Wise Wednesday, we (Taegan, Lola, Starr, Milly & Rose from 3/4B), ask you to send your kids to school with nude food. Nude food means to bring food that has no rubbish. Food can instead come in containers or tubs!

Why are we doing this?

At the moment we produce far too much waste! We are doing this so that our school can reduce landfill waste. This waste ends up in the gardens, gutters and public places in our community. Then this rubbish makes its way into the ocean and pollutes our earth. We want to reduce our footprint here locally to make the earth healthier.

Prizes!

Each Wednesday (starting in Semester Two) we will tally up the total amount of waste that students have in their lunchboxes. The class with the least amount of rubbish will be rewarded with 'The Golden Bin' at assembly. We will also collect data about how much rubbish is collected over time and reward classes who improve and become more sustainable each week.

So remember – Be Waste Wise every Wednesday!

Thank you for reading.

Kind regards,

Taegan, Lola, Milly, Starr and Rose.



Grades 5 & 6 City Excursion

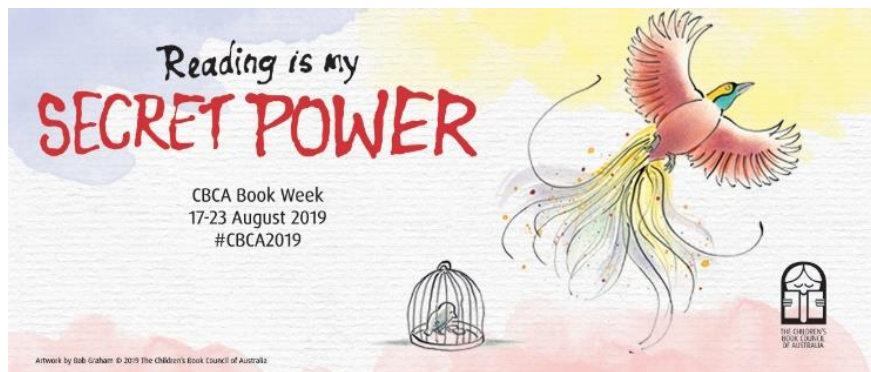


Grades 5 and 6 enjoyed an interesting day visiting the Parliament House, Old Treasury House and the Fitzroy Gardens for a tour of Captain Cook's Cottage on Thursday 13 June 2019



Library News

CBCA Book of the Year 2019



This week the books **that are** shortlisted are those in the **Book of the Year - Younger Readers**. Entries in this category may be fiction, drama or poetry and should be appropriate in style and content for readers from the middle to upper primary years. Ages 7-12 years. If you would like to check out all the shortlisted books from all categories just head to the CBCA website www.cbca.org.au



Poetry

In Term 3 the Literacy focus in the classroom will be Poetry. This unit will run for approximately five weeks. This unit of work culminates in the Book Week Poetry Competition where the children in each classroom vote for the poem from their classroom that they like the most. The top three poems from each class become the shortlist and the staff vote for the winners from each grade. Winners receive a book chosen by me!

Premiers' Reading Challenge

On Tuesday as a member of the Premiers' Reading Challenge (PRC), I attended a meeting where the new PRC website was previewed. This was supposed to have been rolled out this year but due to some glitches it has been held over to 2020. It was very exciting to see the new website which the children will love. It is very user friendly, visual and simple to use.

This year, as of Tuesday 18th, 260,000 children have been signed up for the 2019 Premiers' Reading Challenge. This is 20,000 up on last year. The PRC website has lots of information about the challenge and there are competitions that can be entered if you have a pre-school or secondary school child in your family who is taking part in the challenge. You can follow the Victorian PRC on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Please feel free to visit me in the library on Tuesday or Wednesday if you would like some help in selecting books. The children are allowed to borrow more than their usual limit if you are happy with that. We have the challenge books listed in folders and also in our Library catalogue. If you are unsure of how the challenge works please see Ms Storey, our Premiers' Reading Challenge Co-ordinator or myself. Children who do not have access to a device or computer at home can have their books added to the PRC whilst at school. It's not too late to begin the challenge!!

Happy Reading,

Jen Farley

Teacher Librarian



Pupil of the Week

Term 2 ~ Week 7 Week Ending 7 June 2019

Prep	<i>Isaac K</i>	For 'hearing a sound and writing it down'. We loved listening to your sentence about your new watch.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Joel</i>	For amazing achievement in all areas this term.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Thomas H</i>	For finding and recording three interesting facts about 'The Rocky Planets'.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Evelyn</i>	For always being a positive role model in the classroom and completing her work. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Brendan</i>	For your determination shown in improving the consistency of your handwriting.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Lachlan</i>	For your excellent effort in Literacy this semester. You have come so far!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Ermis</i>	For his outstanding effort during Inquiry. You have demonstrated great research skills.
Art	<i>Lola 3/4B</i>	For consistently doing a high standard of work in Art.

Term 2 ~ Week 8 Week Ending 14 June 2019

Prep	<i>Jackson</i>	For his excellent performance during his pirate show reading. You <i>arrrrrrrre</i> a <i>starrrrrrrrr</i> !
Grade 1/2A	<i>Zoe J</i>	For being so determined and resilient. You're a star!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Mia</i>	For displaying the school values on our excursion to Scienceworks.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Ruby</i>	For doing a fantastic job with her procedural text 'How to make popcorn'.
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Michael</i>	For always being respectful to others and working hard to improve your learning!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Will S</i>	For your exceptional improvement in Reading and Writing this semester. Well done.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>All 5/6 students</i>	For their outstanding behaviour on our city excursion.
Art	<i>Stirling Prep</i>	For excellent work in Art, especially your sewing.
Library	<i>Malachai Prep</i>	For doing a great job with his Red Riding Hood task. Well done.

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Student Late Arrivals and Absences

Just a friendly reminder to all families... Any student who is arriving late to school must be signed in by their parent/guardian. There is a Late Arrivals Register at the office for this purpose.

If your child is away from school for any reason you must report their absence to the office and teacher. There are a couple methods to report absences:

1. Drop into the office and let Meghan know.
2. Call the office on (03) 9435 1496.
3. Log onto the Skoolbag app and notify the school.

For family holidays or extended absences you must inform the school in writing 14 day prior to the date.



Change of days for School Banking

Every

Wednesday

Please note, if you send your child's banking to school on Tuesday it will be returned to the student as we are not allowed to keep the bank books at the school overnight.

Want to make a difference to the way primary school kids feel about their bodies?

The Butterfly Foundation is looking for EDUCATORS and PARENTS who wish to join Reference Groups to help shape an exciting new initiative for primary schools.

The Whole of Primary School Body Image Project is an initiative of the Prevention Services Team at The Butterfly Foundation and aims to provide Australian primary schools with information, policy input, resources and training to create a healthy environment in respect to body esteem, healthy eating and physical activity patterns, and acceptance of diversity in appearance.



If you are a mother, father or carer of primary school age children and want more information about the **Parent Reference Group** visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JRC6R8S>

We welcome expressions of interest from all ethnicities, body sizes, lifestyle choices, faiths, sexual orientation, and gender identity, from right across Australia. Questions?

Please contact Project Manager, Dr Stephanie Damiano on 03 9040 1593
stephanie.damiano@thebutterflyfoundation.org.au



Prep CSEF Uniform Package 2019

State School Relief is a not-for-profit organisation which provides assistance to families experiencing financial disadvantage with uniforms and footwear. Families who are eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualify for a uniform package or voucher for their Prep child only.

Please see Meghan if you have any questions and want to apply.

Parents & Friends

It has been a huge term for Parents & Friends. For the year so far, we have raised just over \$13,000, which is amazing. All the funds raised go straight back to the school. This year we have leased a classroom set of laptops for our senior students, purchased new readers for our Prep - Grade 2s, polished our hall floors, purchased a skeleton for the science room plus along with money raised for the rest of the year, we will be purchasing new playground equipment!

Food Days – Hot dog day this Friday



There is a hot dog food day this Friday. A huge thanks to the parents who are helping run it.

Pie Drive

We raised over \$350 from our Pie Drive. Thank you to those who supported this fundraiser, we hope you enjoy your goodies and thank you to Cassie and Tracy for organising the fundraiser.

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 box 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 F (mum of Josh in 1/2B) via the front office.

Thank you,

Kim Hill

On behalf of P&F

Interschool Sport

Well done to all students in Grades 4-6 for their excellent representation of Greensborough P.S at all Interschool Sports games. It was great to see the enthusiasm and sportsmanship every week and we are proud of all of you. Thanks to all of the coaches for their encouragement and support of all students.

School Athletics Carnival

Next term we have our School Athletics Carnival on Thursday 25th July for all students in Grades 3 to 6. A permission form will be sent home next week. As the Athletics Day is early Term 3, it would be greatly appreciated if you could return the permission notes as soon as possible to help with organisation.

As the School Athletics Carnival is a large event, we cannot do it without the support of parent helpers. If you are able to help on the day please let me know, or write it on the permission form.

Tuesday 25 June – Free Dress Day

Gold coin donation with money raised going towards
strengthening the chicken coop and purchasing new chickens



Special Visitors Day

Greensborough Primary School
Grade Prep, One and Two Students
would like to invite Grandparents
and Special Visitors to join us for a
morning of fun on Thursday 27th
June from 9:15-11am.

The students are looking forward
to participating in some interactive
learning tasks with their guests,
followed by a special morning tea.



When: Thursday 27th June

Where: Child classroom

Time: 9:15-11am

**Students are kindly asked to
bring a plate of morning tea
to share. (no nuts please)**



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