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	Borough Bulletin 29 August 2019
Friday 30 August 2019	Footsteps Dance Session 7 Father's Day Stall Baker's Delight Food Day
Monday 2 September 2019	Yoga Classes – Session 7 Montmorency Leadership Day – Grades 5 & 6
Tuesday 3 September 2019	Southern Cross Recycling Pick Up – 8.30am
Thursday 5 September 2019	Walkathon 9.10am to 10.30am Crazy Hat Day
Friday 6 September 2019	Premier's Reading Challenge Closes Footsteps Dance Session 8
Monday 9 September 2019	Yoga Classes – Session 8 Fire Education – Grade 6 School Council Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 10 September 2019	Footsteps Dance Concert – Montmorency Secondary College from 10am to 11am – RSVP 2 Sept 2019
Friday 13 September 2019	Footsteps Dance Session 9
Monday 16 September 2019	Historical Expo – Grades 3 & 4 – 9.30am to 10.45am Yoga Classes – Final Session
Tuesday 17 September 2019	Curriculum Day
Thursday 19 September 2019	Terrific Toy Incursion – Grades 1 & 2
Friday 20 September 2019	Last Day of Term 3 – Early finish 1.30pm Footsteps Dance Session 10
Monday 7 October 2019	Term 4 commences – 9.00am
Thursday 10 October 2019	Grade 2 Sleep Over
Friday 11 October 2019	Fire Education - Prep

Principal's Report

We've had a fortnight filled with many engaging, extracurricular activities since our last newsletter.

Each year our Book Week Activities just get better and better and this year was no exception! A big thank you to Jen Farley for organising this week and instilling a great love of good literature in our students.





Once again the Multi-Age Day and Book Week Parade were highlights and costumes showcased the creative talents of our community! I'd like to thank all the families who helped the students dress in the costume of their favourite book character – the outfits were truly magnificent. Congratulations to the winners in each grade who received a voucher to purchase an item from the Book fair.

Poetry Competition

Congratulations to all the students who were shortlisted for the Poetry Competition:

- Prep: Anjali, Connor, Isaac and Lizzie
- Gr 1/2A: Charlotte, Jett, Vanessa and Zoe C.
- Gr 1/2B: Hunter, Macy, Mounina and Riley
- Gr 3/4A: Adrian, Armani, Ruby and Will
- Gr 3/4B: Lola, Michael S, Taegan and Tiffany
- Gr 5/6A: Amihan, Emma B, Petar and Will S.
- Gr 5/6B: Adam, Amelia, Magnus, Violet and Will D.

Once again, it was extremely hard to judge, however we did manage to select winners from the very talented poets from each grade: Isaac, Vanessa, Hunter, Adrian, Tiffany, Amihan and Violet. The winners were presented with a certificate and a book especially chosen for them by Mrs Farley who has an in depth knowledge of our students' book interests. The poems are still displayed in the foyer for community members to read.

Rewarding Brilliant Behaviour!

In our recent School Review, our Challenge Partners and School Reviewer were all impressed with how our students knew and lived our school values of Cooperation, Achievement, Respect and Empathy. In recognition of this, we have implemented a reward system whereby students receive a raffle ticket when aides or teachers witness them demonstrate our school values. At Monday morning's assembly our JSC President, Evie, selected a winning ticket from the 100s earned during the week. Congratulations to Jackson M. who was our Week One Winner of a \$20 gift voucher for Greensborough Plaza. Jackson is a very deserving recipient who has demonstrated our school values during his 7 years at GPS, especially in his current role as Student Wellbeing Leader. We will continue to run this reward scheme for the remainder of Term Three.

Ned's Mindset Mission

A fortnight ago, our students participated in a free school performance Of 'Ned's mindset Mission'. Through the use of storytelling, puppetry, illusions and yoyo tricks, the program helps children discover the benefits of having a positive mindset. Our students learnt:

- The Power of Yet If you're not good at something, it just means you're not good at it yet
- How to **spark courage** in others
- How to keep learning and growing, even when they think they already know something

If families would like more information to develop this positive mindset, you can check out the website and a short video clip of the performance at www.MindsetMission.com



Vietnam Veterans



On Friday 16th August, Rob and Steve from the Vietnam Veteran Education Unit, spoke to our students as part of their History unit this term. Our students asked insightful questions and we thank the presenters for their expertise in answering student queries and allowing students to handle items on display.

Thank you also to School Councillor, Simone Wilson, who attended the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Service with several of our current and future school leaders on Saturday 17th August. The

service is held annually on the Saturday before what is known as Long Tan Day, which is the official Vietnam Veterans Day. The students laid a wreath on behalf of our community to honour the service of those who died and those who have since passed on.

Dance Concert - You're Invited on Tuesday 10 September, 10.00am to 11.00am

Every Friday this term our Prep – Grade 6 students have been participating in classes with Footsteps Dance Company. Footsteps Dance Company specialises in curriculum integrated school dance programs. Their programs use dance as a vehicle to develop students' inter/intra personal skills, fitness levels and provide teachers with classroom resources that use dance as a starting point to help teachers educate across other curriculum areas.

The students are very keen to perform their dances on stage for as many parents and family members who can attend and be in the audience. Montmorency Secondary College have kindly offered their auditorium for us free of charge to perform our 'Footsteps' dances, to celebrate the students' hard work and give them the opportunity to showcase their talents. A permission note was sent home earlier in the week with all the relevant details.

International Students

Our Chinese International Students farewelled GPS on Friday 16th August and entertained us with a performance in the hall to show their appreciation for the friendship and kindness shown to them during their stay. They're a multi-talented group and we were entertained by Levan's piano performance, Dennis's opera singing, Carol's translation and reciting of a traditional Chinese poem, Andy's magic act and Alice and Ella

leading the group in a dance. The students also presented us with a mural with the six panels depicting a scene of a particularly happy memory about their experiences at GPS. The mural is currently on display in the main corridor leading to the hall for parents to view and will soon be placed on permanent display. They thanked our community for making them feel so welcome, especially their teachers and classmates in Grade 5/6, and Margaret, Erin and Gayle, for taking them on terrific excursions to the Melbourne Zoo, a cruise along the Yarra River and a visit to the iconic MCG and Sports Museum.



Last Friday we said good-bye to Lilly who also resides in China and has been with us for eight weeks. We know many of the students swapped contact details and plan to stay in touch with their new friends.

Cyber Safety

The internet is an essential part of young people's lives – for learning, keeping in touch with friends and having fun. Just as we protect our children from dangers in the real world, it's important that, as parents and educators, we protect their safety in their online world too. Often parents ask us for tips and advice on how to ensure their children use social media and digital devices safely. The website of the esafety commissioner has excellent resources for both parents and teachers. Visit the website at www.esafety.gov.au/parents or see the attached advice sheet regarding safe use of smartphones at the end of this newsletter.

SunSmart

In line with SunSmart recommendations, as from next Monday 2nd September, students will be required to wear their hats for outdoor activities, this includes recess, lunch and Physical Education lessons. (From September 1st – April 30th is when the average UV alert is 3 and above.) School hats are available at the office for \$11. Students without hats are required to play in designated areas with full shade. Sunscreen will be available in all classrooms for students to apply before recess and lunch.

We have a number of spare hats in each classroom for students to share if they have accidentally left their hat at home for the day, however they are not intended for long term borrowing. Advice from the Department of Health https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/ is that head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet, however if you do not wish your child to wear a "Share hat" if they misplace their own hat, please write a note and return to your child's class teacher. (Share hats are usually given to students to borrow so they can play with friends during recess breaks or participate in physical education lessons and walk to swimming.)

Southern Cross Recycling

A reminder that next week, Southern Cross recycling will be collecting items left at school on Tuesday 3rd September before 9am. This is your opportunity to clean out your cupboards and send along any pre-loved clothing, toys, manchester, cutlery, crockery, etc. Southern Cross pays us an amount based on the weight of items which goes towards Grade 6 Graduation celebrations. If you spy some 'treasures' amongst the recycled items, you can purchase them for a gold coin donation at the office.



Angela Morritt

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

2020 Prep Enrolments

This term we are 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.

Chinese Student Visitors

For the past four weeks, Greensborough Primary School has hosted six of our international Chinese students on a short-term study program. Ella, Alice, Dennis, Andy, Levan and Carol loved their time at Greensborough so much they wanted to stay here until next year. Greensborough Primary School has been an amazing host, organising so many activities and being so welcoming that our students forged lifetime friendships.

Our students were delighted to learn more about Australian culture, but they were also very eager to share their own side. For their last day, the six students prepared an assembly performance that included traditional Beijing opera, a recital of a Chinese poem, a piano solo of a traditional Chinese song, some contemporary magic tricks, and a dance performance. Our students hope their Greensborough friends will visit them in China and that their international friendships can last for a lifetime.

The six very talented students have also each contributed paintings as a thank-you gift to Greensborough. Andy painted their first day at the school; Dennis painted the koalas, kangaroos and other beautiful native animals at Melbourne Zoo; Carol painted them making biscuits in the school kitchen; Levan painted all six students with Mrs Morritt and Mrs Hirth; Alice painted them boat riding down the Yarra River; and Ella painted their assembly performances on the last day.

When the six paintings are put together, there is a multi-coloured snake running through all of them, depicting the hopscotch set near the school's netball court, so the focus of the collective painting is still on Greensborough. As much as they loved their excursions, it was the school's warmth and heart that they will remember most.

Kangli

Liaison Officer

Greensborough Primary School Uniform Shop

Currently under renovation

If you require any uniform items at this time please place an order with Mehgan at the office and we will endeavour to complete your order by the following day. Please note, availability of items and sizes may affect delivery. Your patience is appreciated at this time.

Library News

Well Book Week is officially over for 2019 and once again we have had a fantastic time.

We have just completed a wonderful week where children, parents and staff all contributed to the success of Book Week 2019.

I would like to thank all the children, their younger siblings and staff who came along to our Book Parade on Friday looking absolutely amazing. Of course many parents and carers are involved in helping the children with their costumes. support for these events is very much appreciated. We had such a variety of costumes and it was wonderful to see so many happy faces as the children paraded around the hall. Hopefully next year we can get back out onto the netball court which offers us more parading space! But as it was 3.9 degrees at 9.00 am we went for warmth over space!



Thank you also to all the staff for their efforts on Multi-Age day. We had children making masks, creating insects, feather mobiles and rainbow bears. It is always wonderful to see the children working in mixed groups from Prep to Grade 6. They help each other and are happy to share ideas.

Once again the Book Fair proved to be a winner and thanks to all those who came along and purchased an item, no matter how small. This year, as in the last few years we have sold a fantastic number of books and other items. The school takes a percentage in cash of items sold and the funds which will be used in the library.

I would personally like to thank the staff who were able to help out and parents Abby McK and Debora K for assisting at the Book Fair. The Book Fair cannot run without your help.

A special thanks to Ms Grima who, with the help of the Grade 5/6s created the

display outside the library for the theme, 'Reading is my Secret Power'. A fantastic effort.

Congratulations to our Trivia winners. Connor from Prep, Mia and Charlotte from the 1/2s, Jonathan and Reece from the 3/4s and Amelia and Petar from the 5/6s. They happily spent their \$10 gift voucher at the Book Fair.

Happy reading.

Thanks again,

Jen Farley



WasteWise Wednesday

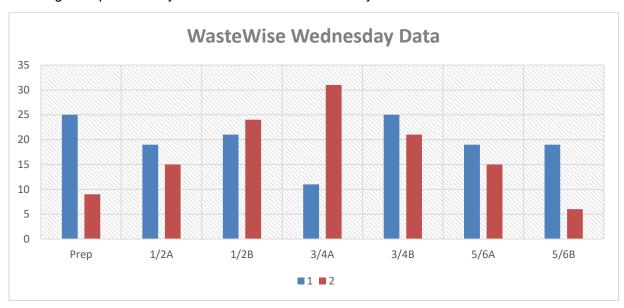
Every Wednesday at Greensborough Primary School is WasteWise Wednesday!

The task is simple: reduce waste. Our school produces far too much of it! The solution is simple BUT we need to work together as a community to reduce the amount of waste that comes with children to school and out to landfill.

Every Tuesday night you are asked to pack a WasteWise lunchbox. This means that your child's lunchbox will need to have reduced waste – GO FOR ZERO! Any waste that comes with your child will be counted towards a class tally that we will aim to reduce every week. The class who is most WasteWise will be championed as WasteWise Winners for this week and will receive a special prize at assembly.



3/4A were championed the Cleanest and Greenest in our very first WasteWise Wednesday with only 9 items! We are looking to improve every week until we are consistently at zero for the whole school.



Thank you!

From the WasteWise Wednesday Committee

Premier's Reading Challenge

A reminder to parents that the Premiers' Reading Challenge closes on Friday September 6th. So far, the students at Greensborough Primary School have read over 2000 books, which is a tremendous achievement! If there are any students who need help logging on their books for the challenge, please see me for help.



Students who have completed the challenge will have a fish and chips lunch in Term Four. Congratulations to all of those students who have completed the challenge.

Claire Storey

Premier's Reading Challenge Coordinator

Cooperation Achievement Respect Empathy



Pupil of the Week

	Term 3 ~ We	ek 5 Week Ending 16 August 2019
Prep	lvy	For her amazing answers during the NED talk about positive mindset.
Grade 1/2A	Elouise	For her amazing concentration during Footsteps Dance.
Grade 1/2 B	Ethan	For his great attitude during Footsteps Dance sessions.
Grade 3/4 A	Zoe McK	For having a great day and performing all her tasks with a smile on her face.
Grade 3/4 B	Jake	For his amazing mandala poem and its presentation. Really incredible!
Grade 5/6 A	Jennifer	For her excellent questions during the Vietnam Veteran's presentation.
Grade 5/6 B	Violet	For her outstanding work during Writing. Keep it up!
Art	Blake 3/4B	For his excellent work drawing insects during Art this week. Well done Blake!
Chinese	Advait 1/2B	For always listening to others in the class when it is their turn to share. Well done, Advait!
Library	Ryan 5/6B	For his excellent contributions discussing the senior picture story books for Book Week. Well done.
	Term 3 ~ Wee	ek 6 Week Ending 23 August 2019
Prep	All Preps	For your sensational costumes at the Book Week Parade.
Prep Grade 1/2A	All Preps Xavier	For your sensational costumes at the Book Week Parade. For his excellent writing all week. Keep it up Xave!
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Grade 1/2A	Xavier	For his excellent writing all week. Keep it up Xave! For your wonderful buddy reading during the 1/2B & 3/4B class visit.
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Parents & Friends

Food Day - Friday 30th August

We will be having another food day on **Friday 30th August**. A huge thanks to the parents who are helping run it.

Father's Day Stall - Friday 30th August

On **Friday 30th of August** we will be holding a Father's Day stall in the school hall. We have a large range of gifts ranging in price from 50c to \$6. Some of the items on sale are keyrings (\$2.50), mugs \$4, water bottles \$5, travel mugs \$6 plus much more!

Please send money with your child in a named envelope, purse, or plastic bag on the day. It is also helpful to send a bag to place their purchase in. A reminder note will come home the Monday prior.



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

Thank you,

Kim Hill

On behalf of P&F

Walkathon 2019 and Crazy Hat Day

Dear Parents and Guardians.

This is just a reminder that the Walkathon and Crazy Hat Day are being held on Thursday 5th of September at 9:05 am. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of a new outdoor construction set.

Your support is much appreciated.

Rebecca Gaucí

Walkathon Coordinator





eSafety parents

Your child's first smartphone – are they old enough?

Children often have access to devices, including smartphones, from a very young age. Whether it's watching their favourite program through streaming services on your phone, using educational apps or simply viewing photos with you and the family, they are engaging with devices in one form or another.

But when is my child old enough to be given their own mobile phone?

In 2012, the Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed children as young as five years old owned a mobile phone - two percent of children aged between five and eight years old, and 29 percent for children aged five to 14 years. This figure is likely to be higher now!

For many parents and carers, five years old would seem too young. For others, it might offer them peace of mind and security to know they can keep in touch with their child—especially in an emergency.

The right age for your child will depend on their level of maturity. It's worth asking yourself the following questions before handing over a digital device.

- · Does my child have a good sense of responsibility?
- · Are they able to stick to the rules?
- · Do they show a good understanding of actions and consequences?
- · Do they come to me or another trusted adult when they are distressed or encounter problems?



For younger children it's best to start with a mobile phone without internet access, and introduce a smartphone when they demonstrate an appropriate level of maturity. Some younger children might argue that they are ready for a smartphone, especially if their friends already have one. But it's worth holding out until you feel confident that your child is mature enough.

My child has their first smartphone - now what?

When your child receives their first smartphone it's a great opportunity to instil safe online behaviours early on, so they can carry these skills through to their teens and beyond.

Here are some tips for getting them on board with good online habits.



Establish rules at the outset with clear boundaries

Talk about expectations and the consequences for not meeting these rules. Depending on the age of your child, you might want to set up a written signed agreement which lists the rules.

Here are some you may want to agree on:

- No phones after a certain time (i.e. 8.00 pm) - unless in an emergency.
- · Keep to daily screen time limits (i.e. 1 hour per school night).
- · Family time is a no-phone zone (i.e. dinner).

- Do not share your passwords with others - apart from parents.
- · Do not share your real name (or full name), age and address when posting, talking to strangers or on sites where anyone can see it.
- · Be kind to people treat people on the phone as you would face-to-face.
- · Do not take or share photos of others (including friends) without their permission.
- Tell a parent or another trusted adult if anything makes you feel uncomfortable, or if a stranger contacts you online.
- Do not purchase or download an app or game without talking to a parent first—especially as these often have minimum age requirements.



Use technology tools to help set the boundaries to keep your child safe

Use parental controls to help manage your child's device and the types of content they can access. Most devices come with parental controls and offer a range of features:

- iPhone: Go to Settings > General > Restrictions. Here you can disable apps or features, prevent access to explicit content and specific webpages.
- Android (Google Play): Go to Play Store > Settings > Parental controls. Most Android phones use Google Play as the digital marketplace for purchasing apps and accessing content. Through Google Play you can restrict the content your child can download or purchase from Google Play.
- Google's Family Link is an app for parents to help manage their child's device and account and offers additional layers of protection. It enables parents to set screen time limits, review app permissions (such as their camera, location, contacts), block apps and approve downloads, block sites and filter content.
- You can also check with your mobile service provider if they offer any parental control tools.

Activate any privacy settings and safety features available on the device, in web browsers and apps. In some cases you can do this through parental controls or when installing apps on their phone. Carefully consider permissions and whether apps really need to access your child's location, contact list, messages and other features.

Help your child set up a pin or password to lock their phone. In addition to protecting their personal information, this will ensure that no one else can use their phone.

Help your child set up strong and unique passwords for their apps and websites. Even if the phone is locked, apps and websites can be accessed from other devices.



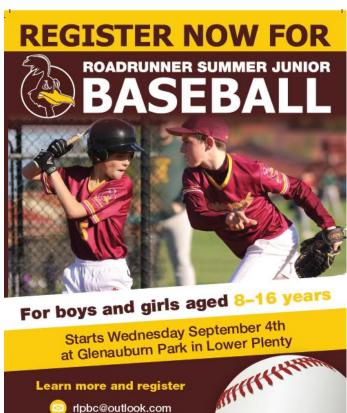
Communicate openly with your child, establish and maintain trust

Most importantly, communicate openly with your child about their phone and online use. It's not possible to supervise your child 24/7 and no technology tool is 100 percent effective in protecting them from online risks. So it's really important to establish and maintain trust.

- · Talk openly and regularly with your child about their online activities. Show them that you are interested in how they connect with friends, who they talk with and the type of sites they visit.
- · If you are using parental controls, be upfront about this and get them on board. Let them know that these can be reviewed and changed as they get older and they continue to demonstrate responsible behaviour.
- Talk about positive online behaviour and about respecting others online. Encourage your child to think carefully before they post, text or share comments or photos so they don't hurt or upset others. Remind them there is a real person at the end of the screen.
- · Encourage your child to come to you (or another trusted adult) if they are upset because of an online experience, even if they think they are to blame.







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