



# Greensborough Primary School—2062

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## **Borough Bulletin** **10 October 2019**

Thursday 10 October 2019	<b>Grade 2 Sleep Over</b>
Friday 11 October 2019	<b>First Aid Educational Sessions – Whole School</b> <b>Fire Education – Prep</b>
Monday 14 October 2019	<b>DarkZone Excursion – Grade 6</b>
Friday 25 October 2019	<b>2019 Swimming Program – Whole School</b>
Monday 28 October 2019	<b>Fire Education - Prep</b>
Friday 1 November 2019	<b>2019 Swimming Program – Whole School</b>
Monday 4 November 2019	<b>Curriculum Day</b>
Tuesday 5 November 2019	<b>Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup Day</b>
Friday 8 November 2019	<b>2019 Swimming Program – Whole School</b> <b>2020 Prep Orientation Day – First session</b>
Monday 11 November 2019	<b>Remembrance Day Ceremony – 10.50am</b>
Tuesday 12 November 2019	<b>Southern Cross Recycling Collection</b>
Wednesday 13 November 2019	<b>2020 Grades 3 to 6 Camp Information Evening – All Welcome</b>
Friday 15 November 2019	<b>2019 Swimming Program – Whole School</b> <b>2020 Prep Orientation Day – Second session</b>
Tuesday 19 November 2019	<b>Volunteer Morning Tea</b>
Thursday 21 November 2019	<b>Grade 5 Experience Day – Greensborough Secondary College</b>
Friday 22 November 2019	<b>2019 Swimming Program – Whole School</b> <b>2020 Prep Orientation Day – Third session</b>
Friday 29 November 2019	<b>2019 Swimming Program – Whole School</b> <b>2020 Prep Orientation Day – Fourth session</b>
Friday 6 December 2019	<b>2019 Swimming Program – Whole School</b>
Tuesday 10 December 2019	<b>Year 7 Transition Day</b>
Thursday 12 December 2019	<b>Grade 6 Graduation</b>
Friday 13 December 2019	<b>Junior Music Concert</b> <b>School Report to go home</b>
Monday 16 December 2019	<b>Christmas Picnic</b>
Thursday 19 December 2019	<b>Grade 6 Big Day Out Excursion</b>
Friday 20 December 2019	<b>Last Day of Term 4 2019 – Early finish at 1.30pm</b>

## Principal's Report

Well done to our students for the smooth start they've had to the term! Term Four is always busy with many regular extracurricular activities, including swimming, Grade Two sleepover, Graduation and Our Christmas picnic. Our Inquiry unit this term is focusing on Health and Safety and we have Harold and the Life Ed Van returning. We are participating in Walk To School October, followed by our usual Friday morning breakfasts prepared by our Student Leaders. To emphasise the importance of exercise and making healthy choices, we will also incorporate a Friday 'jogging circuit' before school and aerobics on the netball court at 9.05am – family members are welcome to join us!

A representative from Banyule Council came to assembly on Monday morning to encourage students to walk to school and was so impressed with the healthy activities we run on Friday mornings that she has asked if a journalist can attend this Friday morning to take photos to include in a promotional article. It would be terrific if we could kickstart Walk To School October with as many students as possible walking, jogging and enjoying breakfast on the netball court this Friday.

Next week we welcome Integration Aide, Sarah K, back from parental leave. I'd like to thank Claire E, for her excellent work replacing Sarah while she was on Leave. I'd also like to thank Violet and Geraldine S. for coming in during the break to care for our rabbits and chickens – we are very fortunate to have so many families who support our school in a variety of ways.

### Harold and the Life Education Van

As part of our drug and health education this term we are having the Life Education mobile learning centre visit our school on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October. Life Education delivers health and drug education through a unique mobile learning centre experience which helps students develop strategies and practise skills required to lead a healthy and happy lifestyle.

Lessons are age appropriate and cover a wide range of health topics, ranging from the human body and how it works, healthy eating, nutrition, medicines & other drugs, bullying, resilience and social skills. Healthy Harold, the much loved Life Education giraffe mascot is always a much anticipated element of the visit. The sessions are fun & interactive and a student workbook is included in the cost of the visit. The cost for this incursion and student workbooks is covered by student subject contributions. There will be a parent information session after assembly on Monday 21st.

### WINNER - NAIDOC WEEK POETRY COMPETITION!

Recently the students in my Spelling Extension class entered the NAIDOC WEEK poetry competition which focused on the theme of Reconciliation. The students researched the topic and extended their vocabulary as they encountered unfamiliar terms and investigated their meaning. They developed a greater understanding on the importance of friendship and cultural diversity and wrote a poem about their understanding of Reconciliation. All the poems were of a high standard and the students should be very proud of their efforts. We were very excited to learn that Holly M's poem was one of twenty winning entries across the state. Holly was awarded the 'NAIDOC Medal of Excellence'



### Rewarding Brilliant Behaviour!

Last term we acknowledged students who were displaying our school values by issuing them a raffle ticket. Each Monday morning assembly, a ticket was drawn and a worthy recipient received a \$20 voucher for Greensborough Plaza. This program was greatly enjoyed by the students, so due to popular demand we have decided to continue this reward system for the remainder of the year. I congratulate Cash H and Madison J who were our winners for the final two weeks of term. Cash and Madison are great examples of students who live our school values every day!

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## 2020 Grade Structure and Staffing

Behind the scenes planning for 2020 is gaining momentum. Below is our proposed grade structure for 2020 based on all the information we currently have for staffing and enrolments. We have also responded to parent and student feedback and Physical Education has been added to our specialist programs. You will note that some teachers have changed grade levels as we have a professional responsibility to consider staff requests to teach different grade levels to further develop their professional practice and knowledge.

Program	Staffing
Prep	Currently Advertised
Grade 1/2 A	Claire Storey 0.5 & Alison Gibson 0.5
Grade 1/2 B	Laura Tillotson
Grade 3/4 A	Rebecca Gauci
Grade 3/4 B	Jesse Stephens
Grade 5/6 A	Maria Grima
Grade 5/6 B	Erin Donaldson
Library	Jen Farley 0.2
Visual Arts	Janet Troy 0.2
Physical Education & Inter School Sport	Daniela Darling 0.4
STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths	0.2 – To Be Advertised
Chinese	0.2 – Currently Advertised
Choir	Kasi Bird
Integration Aides	Irene Cotton, Emilia Sacchetta, Kylie Freestone, Lynette Taylor, Sarah Krupa, Kasi Bird, Jasmine Forbes, Claire Embling
Business Manager	Mehgan Uren
Assistant Principal	Margaret Hirth 0.6
Principal	Angela Morritt

You may note some omissions from our staffing list. This is due to several of our staff members taking Leave or their well-deserved retirement. Bev O'Brien, Anne Loney and Tanya Dulics have announced their retirement and we will celebrate their highly successful careers in later newsletters, and with our community. Salima Osbourne has taken Leave from the beginning of this term and for 2020 and Mel McDonald will take STEM classes for the remainder of the year. Gemma Pearce temporarily returned to work this semester and will be resuming Parental Leave for 2020. Jayne Byrne will be commence Parental Leave as well in 2020.

## 2020 Grade Planning

This week teachers asked students to nominate friendship groups so we can begin the process of allocating students to their 2020 grades. This process includes teachers' consideration of students' friendship groups, school data on academic abilities and needs, and parent input on specific requests for their children.

We will be finalising grades by the end of October, so we can begin handover of student information from this year's teacher to next. Therefore if parents or caregivers have any specific requests for next year, it's very important that you send in your requests via email, phone, hand written note or in person, to the office, Margaret or myself **by Friday October 25th** and this can be factored into decision making. Notification of 2020 grades will be sent home with reports on Friday December 13th and students will meet their 2020 teachers and spend the morning with them on Tuesday 17th December.

## Parking

In the last week of term, School Councillor, Nicole R. and I met with the Traffic and Transport Engineer from Banyule Council to clarify parking regulations in Horonda St, as several parents had been fined for parking

during drop off or pick up times, in spaces that have historically been acceptable to park in. As a result of our meeting a new sign has replaced the faded one in Horonda St, near Grimshaw St. ***I encourage any families who received a parking infringement notice to contact Council and inquire if your fine was incorrectly issued.***

We also discussed several other matters and as a result Banyule Council has actioned the following:

- A works request has been submitted to repaint the faded parking lines in Lorimer St and repair the damaged kerb.
- Request for installation of kerb ramps at school crossing in Lorimer St has been added to Council list for funding consideration.
- Request for 'Crossing Ahead' sign to be closer to crossing in Lorimer St or installation of a zebra crossing denied.
- Reinstatement of 'No Parking' sign in front of 9 Horonda St –this will assist vehicles turning at the bottom of the court.
- Disabled parking bay on Horonda St to be moved closer to front gate.
- Replacement of sign near corner of Horonda and Grimshaw Streets.

At our next School Council meeting we will determine if further actions need to be taken.

## **COMPASS**

In our last newsletter, families were informed of our plans to implement COMPASS, an Online School Management System. Most schools are now using similar systems and the features will streamline our communication to parents. We were fortunate to include the staff training on our curriculum day last term (due to sudden cancellation of planned CUST training). Staff will begin using the program to mark rolls from next week and shortly you will notice a 'kiosk' in the office area for digital signing in and out of students and visitors. We will gradually increase our use and skill levels, with the plan to fully launch to parents in 2020. I apologise in advance for any 'teething problems' we may experience.

## **Free Dress Day**

Our Graduation committee has planned a Free Dress day on Wednesday 23rd October to raise funds to help with the cost of the disco and decorations. Students who come in free dress will donate a gold coin to support the celebration for our graduating class of 2019.

## **Southern Cross Recycling**

This term we will be collecting items for Southern Cross Recycling on Tuesday 12th November to coincide with Recycling Week. This is the last opportunity for the year to spring clean your cupboards send along any pre-loved clothing, toys, manchester, cutlery and crockery, to school. Southern Cross pays us an amount based on the weight of items which goes towards Grade 6 Graduation celebrations. Prior to collection, if any families spy a 'treasure' in the recycled goods they would like to take home, just contact the office to make a donation. As we are paid by weight, a gold or silver coin donation would be sufficient.

## **Reminder: Curriculum Days Term 4**

Families are reminded that Monday, November 4th is a Curriculum day and students will not attend school. Staff will be moderating student work samples and working on assessment and reporting.

*Angela Morritt*

Principal

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## SunSmart

A reminder that hats are available at the office for \$11. Students are required to wear hats for outdoor activities, including recess and lunchtimes and walking to swimming which commences on Friday 25th October. Students without hats are required to play in designated areas with full shade.

## 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.

## Swimming

The swimming program commences on **Friday 25th October** and runs for seven sessions with the final session on **Friday 6th December**.

The cost of the program is **\$44** per student which covers the cost of pool entry and the 'fun' water activities session on December 6th. The school covers the cost of the swimming tuition.

The pool has a new system for obtaining updated information regarding your child's swimming ability and have requested that families please use the link below to give information regarding their child's skill level. This link is on the skoolbag app for easy access. If you have any difficulties accessing or using the link Mehgan will be happy to assist.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGjtbJFM9HA17i87siNazeFski-\\_JFnCUWO9BuUWqV86ChWw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGjtbJFM9HA17i87siNazeFski-_JFnCUWO9BuUWqV86ChWw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

The proposed timetable for swimming is as set out below however this may change once Water Marc has established ability groups and pool areas required.

	Leave School	Lesson	Leave Pool	Return School
Grade 5/6	9.00am	9.30am – 10.15am	10.30am	10.45am
Grade 3/4A & B Grade 1/2B	9.45am	10.15am – 1.00pm	11.15am	11.30am
Prep Grade 1/2A	10.30am	11.00am – 1.45pm	12.15pm	12.30pm

Schools are now mandated to offer a swimming program. If you have not yet returned your signed permission note Mehgan has spare copies in the office. If it is your decision to withdraw your child from the swimming program could you please contact the office to obtain a 'Parental Decision to Withdraw' form to sign.

## 2020 Student Subject Contributions

At the last School Council meeting the Subject contribution charge for 2020 was set at \$260 per student (\$5 more than the 2019 charge). This charge covers all items which, by the Education Department's Parent Payment Policy are the families' responsibility for payment.

The items covered by the Subject Contribution charge include:

- Beginning of the year student booklist items
- Mid year student booklist items
- Specific student workbooks for various programs such as Spelling Mastery
- Some of the incursions and special events held at school
- To offset the costs of some excursions
- Ziptales and Mathletics individual subscription



- Friday Fruit
- Cooking /Craft supplies
- Term Three Music and Dance incursion with a school production at the end of term.
- Yoga

Term Four statements will be sent home next week which will include both the 2020 Subject Contribution charge and the request for a \$50 deposit on the Grade 3-6 camp (details below)

In addition to the subject Contribution charge families have the opportunity to make a voluntary \$20 donation to support each of the programs below:

- Student Welfare programs
- The Library
- Buildings and Grounds
- ICT

Information regarding these donations will be sent out separately to student accounts.

## 2020 Grade 3-6 Camp

The Grade 3-6 camp will held from Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th March 2020 at Wombat Corner Camp in Emerald. Whilst it wonderful to have the camp early in the year to assist both staff and students to establish strong and positive relationships with each other, it does mean that the bulk of organisation needs to be done this year.

There will be a camp information night on **Wednesday 13th November** to give parents an overview of the camp time-table and activities and costings but, in the meantime, Student Account Statements being sent out next week, will include a \$50 camp deposit for families to commence camp payment.

## Library News

### Book Club 2019



Our last Book Club for the year will be sent home next Monday 14th October. It will be due back on the following Monday 21st October. There are some good reads in Issue 7 such as the two new Aaron Blabey books –The Return of Thelma the Unicorn and The Bad Guys episode 10. The ever popular books by Raina Telgemeier are in a box set of four. For all the Zombie lovers there is a box set of 20 of Diary of a Minecraft Zombie. There is also a set of four Pearl the Magical Unicorn books, a single Pearl book with a unicorn squishy! As well as many more books and activity sets. A reminder that you can purchase by returning to school the order form that comes with the issue or go to [www.scholastic.com.au/](http://www.scholastic.com.au/) and order online.

Through your generous support when you purchase books from Scholastic Book Club, the school receives reward points. This year we have spent these points on new fiction and non-fiction books for the library. A big thanks to Abbey McK who coordinates our school Book Club.

### Library lesson times

Just a reminder that the library timetable is as follows.

Tuesday – Both Grade 3/4s and both Grade 5/6s have lessons.

Wednesday – Both Grade 1/2s and Preps



Books can be returned at any time in the green tub outside of the library. The library is also open for borrowing before and after school on Wednesday. Parents are most welcome to come in with their children.

## Library Bags

Could parents please ensure that all children in Preps – Grade 2 have a library bag. The bag needs to be named. Using a library bag helps the children keep track of their books and also protects the books from damage. We no longer use plastic bags for spare bags but we do have a small supply of green GPS bags that I have written spare across the front. If your child has brought one of these at home can it please be returned to the library. If you do not have a library bag a sturdy plastic bag will do.

Happy Reading

*Jen Farley*

Librarian

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## News from the JSC



The Junior School Council have teamed up with the charity 'Bread tags for Wheelchairs' to collect as many bread tags as possible before the end of the year. This is enabling us at GPS, to help someone in need to be provided with a wheelchair and also help the environment by recycling bread tags.

The Junior School Council will be selling Icy Poles from the canteen again this term. This will begin in Week Two, on **Friday 18th October**. Icy Poles will be \$1.00 each and we encourage students to purchase just one.

*Alison Gibson*

and the Junior School Council



## Division Athletics

In Term 3 on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, Amihan and Violet represented GPS at Division Athletics at Meadowglen Athletics Stadium. Amihan competed in the 100m and 200m races coming third in both and Violet coming 7<sup>th</sup> in High Jump. Well done girls, you have made us all proud!

*Mrs Darling*

Sports Coordinator



## Grade 3/4 Notables Exhibition

On the last Monday of Term 3, all students from the middle years presented their historical notables presentations to the community. We had costumes, plays, trifold posters and the student's expertise and creativity were on show for everyone!

An amazing number of parents, grandparents and friends showed up and we extend our sincerest thanks for the support, encouragement and feedback you showed on the day. All the students were overjoyed with sharing their learning with you all and it made for such a memorable experience!

We look forward to seeing you all back here at Greensborough Primary School before too long!

*Mr Stephens, Mrs Darling and Mrs Byrne.*



## 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 and 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.

For the first time this month we got below 100 rubbish items across the school! This is an achievement we should all be proud of. Next challenge is to get below 75! Think we can do it this month?

Thank you!

*From the WasteWise Wednesday Committee*

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# Pupil of the Week

## Term 3 ~ Week 9 Week Ending 13 September 2019

<b>Prep</b>	<i>Anastasia</i>	For writing an amazing story, with talking marks and an exclamation mark! Great job!
<b>Grade 1/2A</b>	<i>Adam</i>	For showing kindness to others when they were upset and helping them with their work.
<b>Grade 1/2 B</b>	<i>Tahlia</i>	For her fantastic dancing at the 'Footsteps Concert'. Well done!
<b>Grade 3/4 A</b>	<i>Nathan</i>	For working diligently to get his 'Notables' presentation finished to a high standard. Well done!
<b>Grade 3/4 B</b>	<i>Lola</i>	For her outstanding group work skills and leadership during partner activities. Well done!
<b>Grade 5/6 A</b>	<i>Isaac P</i>	For working well during our BTN session working with Mrs Grima. Well done!
<b>Grade 5/6 B</b>	<i>Ben</i>	For his hard work and determination during Magic Maths. Keep it up!
<b>Library</b>	<i>Hugo Prep</i>	For his wonderful enthusiasm to write a sentence for his task. Well done!
<b>Chinese</b>	<i>Vanessa 1/2A</i>	For always listening respectfully to your classmates and teacher during class.

## Term 3 ~ Week 10 Week Ending 20 September 2019

<b>Prep</b>	<i>Ivy</i>	For her consistent effort and determination during class.
<b>Grade 1/2A</b>	<i>Joel L</i>	For always putting 100% effort into all his learning.
<b>Grade 1/2 B</b>	<i>Olivia</i>	For her presentation of her past and present music triorama.
<b>Grade 3/4 A</b>	<i>Riley H</i>	For confidently presenting his 'Notable' at the Grade 3/4 Expo. Well done!
<b>Grade 3/4 B</b>	<i>Milly</i>	For always demonstrating respect and care for others. Well done Milly!
<b>Grade 5/6 A</b>	<i>All 5/6 Students</i>	For a fabulous effort in Term 3. Keep it up!
<b>Grade 5/6 B</b>		
<b>Chinese</b>	<i>Aiden L 3/4A</i>	For always making responsible choices for his own learning.

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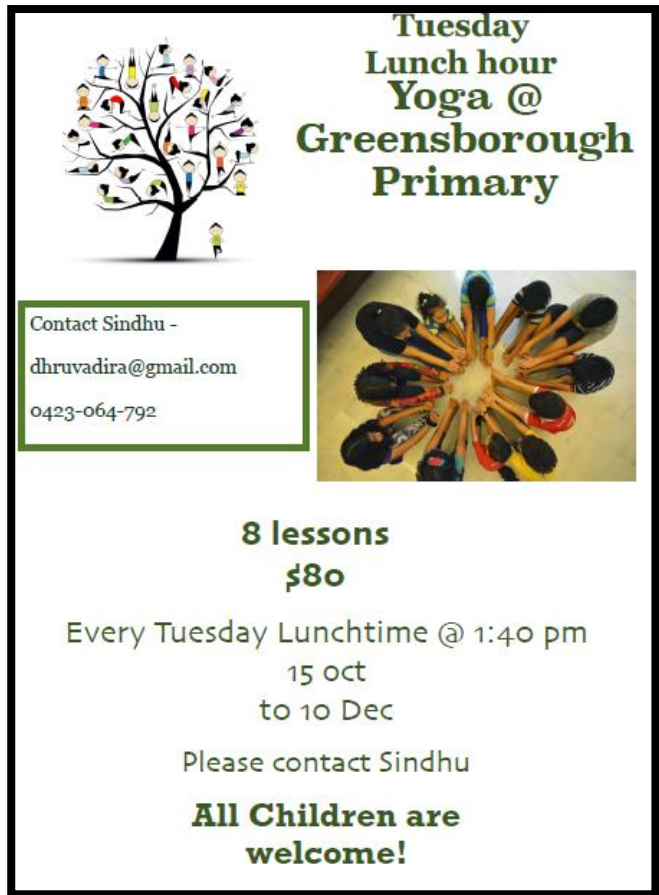
**Tuning into Teens™  
at headspace**

When: Mondays from October 14<sup>th</sup> - November 25<sup>th</sup>  
Where: headspace Greensborough  
Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
Contact: headspace Greensborough on 9433 7200 or Whittlesea Youth Services on 9404 8800

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welcome!**

## Banyule Parent Workshop

### Kind to Me: Teaching Children Self Compassion

As part of Children's Week this year Banyule City Council is hosting a special parent seminar on self-compassion as a skill that children can learn. The workshop promotes life-long emotional resilience, healthy relationships with others and builds self-esteem. This workshop with clinical psychologist Danielle Sellick will explore why it's hard to be kind to ourselves and how families can learn and practice self-compassion together. This is a seminar for parents and educators working with children aged from birth to eight years of age.

**Tuesday 29 October 7pm to 8pm**

**Banyule City Council Offices,**

**Hawdon Meeting Room,**

**Level 4, 1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough**

**\$5 per person – places are limited – Bookings are essential**

Enquiries: 9457 9961

To book visit: [www.trybooking.com/BFTQP](http://www.trybooking.com/BFTQP)

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Spring has sprung in our school vegetable patch, and the bees are buzzing! Feel free to head down and take a look at all the activity, while you say hello to the chooks. How many of the plants can you identify?

