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Borough Bulletin 24 October 2019	
Friday 25 October 2019	2019 Swimming Program – Whole School
Monday 28 October 2019	Fire Education – Prep Orders due for Hot Dog Food Day
Friday 1 November 2019	2019 Swimming Program – Whole School Hot Dog Food Day
Monday 4 November 2019	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 5 November 2019	Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup Day
Friday 8 November 2019	2019 Swimming Program – Whole School 2020 Prep Orientation Day – First session
Monday 11 November 2019	Remembrance Day Ceremony – 10.50am
Tuesday 12 November 2019	Southern Cross Recycling Collection
Wednesday 13 November 2019	2020 Grades 3 to 6 Camp Information Evening – All Welcome
Friday 15 November 2019	2019 Swimming Program – Whole School 2020 Prep Orientation Day – Second session
Tuesday 19 November 2019	Volunteer Morning Tea
Thursday 21 November 2019	Grade 5 Experience Day – Greensborough Secondary College
Friday 22 November 2019	2019 Swimming Program – Whole School 2020 Prep Orientation Day – Third session
Friday 29 November 2019	2019 Swimming Program – Whole School 2020 Prep Orientation Day – Fourth session
Friday 6 December 2019	2019 Swimming Program – Whole School
Tuesday 10 December 2019	Year 7 Transition Day
Thursday 12 December 2019	Grade 6 Graduation
Friday 13 December 2019	Junior Music Concert School Report to go home
Monday 16 December 2019	Christmas Picnic
Thursday 19 December 2019	Grade 6 Big Day Out Excursion
Friday 20 December 2019	Last Day of Term 4 2019 – Early finish at 1.30pm

Cooperation **A**chievement **R**espect **E**mpathy

Principal's Report

We were extremely pleased with the quality of the applicants for our recently advertised Prep Teacher vacancy and are delighted to announce Darhian Jones was the successful applicant. Darhian came with excellent references and in her interview she impressed the panel not only with her skill set, but also her passion and enthusiasm for joining our community at GPS. Darhian has returned to begin the induction process and meet staff, and is looking forward to the Prep transition sessions, where she will meet her new students for 2020.

In the next newsletter the new Mandarin Language teacher will be announced and with the STEM position currently advertised we are confident we'll have our full staffing profile finalised in the coming weeks.

We are fortunate to have our regular CRTs (casual relief teachers) with the expertise and local knowledge to continue school programs with little or no disruption to students and events, while teachers complete their Professional Practice days this term.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS:

Relationships Australia

We are pleased to introduce a new program for our Grade 5/6 students to assist them with building healthy relationships and developing essential skills to support them in their transition to secondary school. *'I like, like you'* is an early intervention relationships program that promotes the connection between healthy relationships, and emotional health and wellbeing. With a strong emphasis on mental health promotion, the program introduces students to the knowledge, practical skills and attitudes that promote healthy, equitable and respectful relationships. Grade 5/6s will have 3 weekly sessions of 90 minutes duration and a Parent session will also be offered. A psychologist from the program has met with me to tailor the program to meet our students' needs and we look forward to beginning mid November.

Harold and the Life Education Van

This term the focus of Prep – Six Inquiry units is Health and Safety and earlier this week the Life Education mobile learning centre visited our school to run sessions with our students. Harold's visits are always memorable for our students and the engaging lesson delivery reinforces the Learning Intentions through fun and interactive activities. Students will continue to build on the strategies taught to lead happy and healthy lifestyles by completing the activities in their workbooks. Positive feedback was given from parents who attended the information session after assembly. The cost for this incursion and student workbooks was covered by student subject contributions.

St John Ambulance

St John Ambulance Australia recently held free sessions for our Prep – Grade Six students to promote the importance of first aid in the community and provide to basic first aid training. Teachers were given access to online resources to follow up and reinforce the skills taught.



Walk To School October

Banyule Council were so impressed by the activities Margaret has organised to promote walking to school and the health benefits of exercise that they organised the Leader newspaper to visit our school and photograph our students in action. Our student leaders organise breakfast on the netball court each Friday before school and then Miss T. leads us in a vigorous aerobic session to start the day. Tomorrow we begin our swimming lessons and continue to build healthy habits as we walk to WaterMarc to learn swim and survival techniques and also develop our road safety awareness along the way!



RSL Scholarships

Each year Watsonia RSL supports our school by offering scholarships to two of our Grade Six students. The scholarships are awarded to students who have displayed excellent leadership skills and have been role models for their peers. I am very proud to announce that Violet and Lachlan, our School Captains, are this year's worthy recipients and congratulate them on behalf of our community. Violet and Lachlan will represent our school at a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Watsonia RSL on November 11th. This very moving service will consist of speeches by veterans, followed by our students laying a wreath with other community groups. An award ceremony will then take place followed by light refreshments.

Rewarding Brilliant Behaviour!

We are continuing to acknowledge students who are displaying our school values by issuing them a raffle ticket. Each Monday morning assembly, a ticket is drawn and a worthy recipient receives a \$20 voucher for Greensborough Plaza. I congratulate Aidan H, Grade 1/2 and Violet S, Gr 6, who were our winners for the last two weeks. Violet is one of our School Captains and is an excellent role model for our students and Aidan consistently displays our school values during both class and recess times.

COMPASS Update

The start-up of COMPASS, our new online management system is going well. Attendance data is now collected online and Visitor and Parent sign-ins are working efficiently, with positive feedback being given by users. Meghan is currently investigating the process to issue parents an individual login to log their child's absences, etc. We will also begin to use other features of the program and arrange a schedule for full implementation in 2020.

Southern Cross Recycling - November 12th

A reminder that our last Southern Cross Recycling Day for 2019 is Tuesday 12th November, to fit in with National Recycling Week. So if you have a free moment before then, you might like to 'spring clean' your cupboards and send along toys, manchester items, books etc. to raise funds for Grade 6 Graduation. 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

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 tomorrow Friday 25th October. Students without hats are required to play in designated areas with full shade.

Swimming

The swimming program commences tomorrow, **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 balance of the swimming tuition. Please ensure you finalise your payment as soon as possible.

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. 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

The proposed timetable for swimming is as set out below however this may change once WaterMarc 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
Prep Grade 1/2A	9.45am	10.15am – 11.00pm	11.15am	11.30am
Grade 3/4A & B Grade 1/2B	10.30am	11.00am – 11.45pm	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.

News from the JSC

The Junior School Council will be selling Icy Poles from the canteen all this term. This began last week and Icy Poles will be sold each Friday. So, students don't forget your dollar coin, and remember you can only purchase one.



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.

BREADTAGS
for wheelchairs

Alison Gibson

On behalf of the Junior School Council

Grade 2 Sleep Over



On the 10th of October our Grade 2 students attended our annual sleepover. They came to school on a Thursday afternoon and then enjoyed outside games.



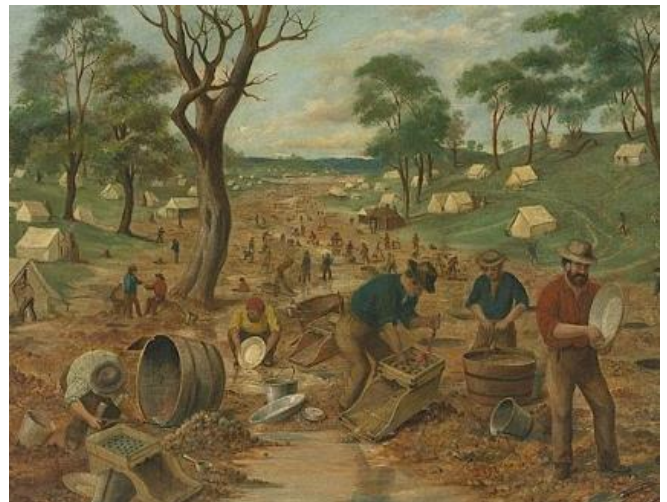
Later the students made their own dinner, spent some time night walking and finally sleeping at school. On Friday morning students packed up their bedding and enjoyed breakfast in the hall.



Gold Rush Showcase

Throughout term 3 and the beginning of term 4, Grade 5 & 6 students have been learning all about the Gold Rush history of our past. Using the Inquiry model, and following their curiosity, students have developed a project relating to the topic.

We invite all families and friends on Thursday 31 October from 2.30pm to 3.30pm to share and enjoy learning all about the Gold Rush by our resident experts from Grades 5 & 6. There are many great presentations on offer ranging from performances, digital presentations, posters and displays. It promises to be an exciting afternoon!



We look forward to seeing you all there to share in this great event!
From the 5/6 Team



Pupil of the Week

Term 4 ~ Week 1 Week Ending 11 October 2019

Prep	<i>Harper</i>	For his insightful contributions to our class discussion about the story 'Why the spider has long legs'.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Tyler</i>	For being super independent at the Grade 2 Sleepover.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Macy</i>	For her exemplary behaviour at the Grade 2 Sleepover
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Indi</i>	For a fantastic start at GPS. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Roxana</i>	For always displaying the school values and working hard to improve all areas of her learning.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Lukas B</i>	For a fantastic start at GPS!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Xander</i>	For his leadership during the Friday morning breakfast.
Chinese	<i>Indi B 3/4A</i>	For her enthusiasm for learning a new language.
Art	<i>Amelia W 5/6B</i>	For her excellent colour blending. Well done!

Term 4 ~ Week 2 Week Ending 18 October 2019

Prep	<i>Edward</i>	For his resilience and 'doing the Turtle' when confronted with a difficult situation.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Maisy R</i>	For her amazing achievements in Reading. You're a star!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Thomas T</i>	For his improved concentration and effort this term.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Jackson</i>	For an excellent start at GPS. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Michael S</i>	For his amazing gains in his reading development. Wonderful work Michael! Keep it up.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Levi</i>	For displaying random acts of kindness and being a caring class member.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Heath</i>	For his outstanding effort during Inquiry. Keep up the great work.
Library	<i>Thomas T 1/2B</i>	For working very conscientiously during Library and coming up with some great suggestions during our discussion.
Chinese	<i>Hunter 1/2B</i>	For consistently listening respectfully to classmates and teachers.
Art	<i>Willow</i>	For her excellent work both in class and during Art Extension.

Parents & Friends

For the year so far, we have raised around \$15,000 for the school. This money has been spent on new literacy books for Prep-2, laptop leases for the older students, the hall floors and money left over will be spent on new playground equipment. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us this year.

Food Days – Friday 1st of November

Order forms have been sent home for our upcoming Hotdog food day. Orders are due back by Tuesday 29th of October – late orders will not be accepted.

Xmas Raffle

We are busy sourcing items for our end of year raffle. If you know of a business who would like to donate or would personally like to make a donation, please let either myself, Simone Wilson or the front office know. Alternatively, you can leave the goods with front office.

Thank you

Kim Hill

On behalf of P&F



Relay for life

Diamond Valley Relay for Life will be held at Willinda Park, Greensborough on Saturday 29th of Feb to Sunday 1st March 2020. The schools' team is open to all students, families and friends of the school. You don't need to be there the whole time; you can simply pop down to walk a few laps at any time that suits.



Registration can be done via www.relayforlife.org.au. A registration discount period is on until end of November. For those who wish to register a family, head to <https://www.cancervic.org.au/how-you-can-help/fundraise/relay-for-life/family-discount-application-form>. Simply fill out the form and a discount code will be emailed to you.

Cost (*early bird prices until Fri Nov 29th*): Child \$25, Adult \$35, Family (2 Adults & 2 Children) \$75

Aluminium cans & foil recycling



We are collecting aluminium cans and foil, which will be recycled for money. All money raised will be going towards the school's Relay For Life team as a donation to the Cancer Council.

There is a collection box up at the office for people to put cans and foil into.

Second-hand stall – goods needed.

We are seeking donations of second hands good in great condition. If you have something to donate, please place it on the tables near the office. All items donated will be put up for sale for a gold coin donation in early November, with all funds raised going towards Relay for Life.

If you have any questions about Relay for Life, please see either Ros R (mum to Maisy in Grade 1/2A) or Simone W.

Thank you

Kim Hill

On behalf of GPS Relay For Life team.

Autism for Parents

Online training course



Online learning for parents/carers

Autism for Parents is a **free** online learning course aimed at the parents and carers of children with autism.

This self-paced learning contains 9 modules providing information and strategies to better understand and assist the child. It also contains lots of videos of parents talking about the issues that concern them most and provides fantastic insight for anyone who supports a child with autism.

Registrations are made via the following link:

<http://sch.oltinternational.net>

Course Overview

- Understanding the needs and responses of others
- What can a parent/carer do?
- Social Stories
- Communicating with children with autism
- Managing behaviour
- Following Instructions
- Obsessive Behaviour

For further information, please contact:

Yarra Me School

Telephone: (03) 9478 8895

Email: yarra.me.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au

2019 ROTARY eltham FESTIVAL

Gold coin donation appreciated at entry

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November 2019

Alistair Knox Park and Eltham Central Park oval

Celebrating Community - Supporting Local

Have a Go oval
Animal Farm
Main Stage
Community Stage
Fireworks
FOOD STALLS, ART & CRAFT
Youth Stage
Tug of War
Rides

www.elthamfestival.org.au Facebook/ElthamFestival

Major Sponsor: Bendigo Bank, CoachNick, American Express, ELTHAM LEISURE CENTRE

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Aussie Hoops Basketball for 5-8 year olds

Term 4 Sessions (x 8) Starting 14 & 15 October 2019

Community Bank Stadium - 129 Main Hurstbridge Rd Diamond Creek

New Participant: Cost - \$80 (Includes - Aussie Hoops branded size 4 Spalding basketball, Peak reversible singlet and an Aussie Hoops drink bottle.)

Returning Participant: Cost - \$75

Aussie Hoops provides an environment where children of all abilities can reap the rewards of skill development, enhanced self-esteem, social co-operation and grassroots participation in the sport of basketball. The sessions consist of warm-up games, skill activities and modified games all delivered by experienced coaches.

ROOKIE PROGRAM: 5 & 6 year olds (45 mins) develop fundamental skills to participate in and draw satisfaction from basketball. **Tuesdays 4:45pm**

STARTER PROGRAM: 7 & 8 year olds (45 mins) providing a transition from basic motor and basketball skill development into game sense application. **Mondays 5:15**

For Further Info or to Register go to: dcbasketball.com.au

ST. MARY'S FETE

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 10AM - 3PM

210 GRIMSHAW STREET GREENSBOROUGH

ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL ARTS + TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION 2019

OPENING 7PM FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2019

GUEST SPEAKER - CHRIS PITTARD

RSVP 23RD OCTOBER TO SCAPE@ELTHAMHS.VIC.EDU.AU

VIEWING TIMES

FRIDAY 25TH OCT 6 - 8:30pm

SATURDAY 26TH OCT 1 - 3pm

ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL WITHERS WAY, ELTHAM 3095

HALLOWEEN DISCO!

Date: Thursday 31st of October

Time: 4.00pm to 7.30pm

\$8 entry after 4pm

Trick or Treat upon entry for each child!

COME DRESSED IN YOUR FAVOURITE HALLOWEEN COSTUME

DJ Blanca from A to Z Disco services will be playing her tracks live!

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