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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

Principal's Report

Congratulations to all our students who completed the Premiers Reading Challenge. Colin Brookes, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, will attend assembly on Monday 18th November and present our students with their certificates. GPS supports the Premier's statement that, 'By encouraging our kids to love reading, we're helping to set them on a path for success in learning, and in life.' Thank you to Claire Storey for coordinating this program, and to class teachers and parents for supporting involvement and instilling a love of literature in our children. It's great to see an increase in participation this year, especially amongst our senior students. We look forward to increasing the number of participants further in 2020.

2020 Staffing Updates

We are very pleased to announce our new Chinese Language teacher is Rock Kho. Rock impressed the panel in his interview and came with excellent references. Rock will visit our school in the next fortnight to meet the staff and students and begin his induction. Interviews for the STEM teaching position will be held next week and we are looking forward to finalising our staffing for 2020.

Jane Byrne has begun Parental Leave earlier than expected and Mel MacDonald will be teaching in Grade 3/4A on Wednesdays and Thursdays for the remainder of the year. As Mel is teaching STEM on Tuesdays she will be able to liaise with Daniela each week about class programs and student progress. Mel knows the students well and is very familiar with our school programs, so there will be a smooth handover. Jane will still be in contact with the grade and Daniela to analyse student assessment results and complete Semester Two reports.

Student Leadership

We are currently in full swing with preparation for 2020 formal leadership positions. The Expressions of Interest for the Student Wellbeing Leaders will be sent home tomorrow and applications close next Friday 15th November. Training will begin shortly after. Students are preparing their speeches for School and House Captains which will be delivered on December 2nd and 9th respectively.

Remembrance Day

On Monday 11th November, Grades Prep-Six will gather on the netball court at 11am to observe one minute's silence to remember the men and women who have served Australia in all wars and armed conflicts. Our School Vice-Captains, Amihan, Amelia, Petar and Ethan, will read the Ode of Remembrance and place a wreath at the base of our flag pole. Family members are very welcome to attend. After this ceremony, the Junior School Councilors will accompany Mrs Hirth to War Memorial Park to lay the wreath.

Also on this day our School Captains, Violet and Lachlan, will represent our school at a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Watsonia RSL. This very moving service will consist of speeches by veterans followed by our students laying a wreath with other community groups.

We congratulate Violet and Lachlan who are the worthy recipients of scholarships for Year 7, provided by the Watsonia RSL. These scholarships are in recognition of the excellent leadership qualities our school captains display. We are very proud of Violet and Lachlan and know they will be excellent ambassadors for our school.

Thank You Volunteers

We are very fortunate to have so many parents and family members who volunteer their time in many different areas of the school. From helping in the classrooms/specialist grades, working in the grounds and veggie patch, walking to swimming, helping with Inter School Sport, cutting up fruit for Fruit Friday, caring for rabbits and chickens, school banking, website and Facebook updates, classroom helpers, school council members or fundraising with Parents and Friends, (the list goes on and on!). Our students and staff appreciate the ways our volunteers add value to our school programs, and buildings and grounds. To thank all our volunteers we would like to invite you to a morning tea on Tuesday 19th November at 11am in the school foyer. We hope we see you there!

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. Monies raised will go towards our 2020 Relay For Life Cancer Council fundraising.

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

Banyule Youth Climate Action Grant

Congratulations to Jesse Stephens and Grade 3/4 students for successfully applying for a 2019 Banyule City Council Youth Climate Action Grant. Banyule Council has confirmed our project has been awarded full funding of \$3,000.00 for 'Go Smart, Choose Tap – Sustainable Water Usage at Greensborough Primary School'. Jesse's proposed initiative strongly supports Greensborough Primary and Banyule Stewardship Plan's aim to 'be environmental stewards and conserve water'.

Jesse is also achieving great results with his 'Waste Warriors' in Grade 3/4 and helping us reduce the amount of rubbish and landfill we produce from our lunch and snack wrappings.

Completing 2019 Goals

Whilst we are working on our 2020 planning, there are still a number of curriculum goals to be completed for this year which includes finalising the review of our 2019 Annual Implementation Plan and establishment of our new four year Strategic Plan, 2020 AIP, Swimming, Corrective Reading, Spelling Mastery and Magic Maths programs for the year, assessment and reporting for Semester Two and end of year events including Grade 6 Graduation.

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. Students without hats are required to play in designated areas with full shade.

Premiers' Reading Challenge

Colin Brooks Visit

This year saw an increasing number of Greensborough Primary School Students complete the Premiers' Reading Challenge. On Monday 18th November, State Member for Bundoora, Colin Brooks, shall present certificates to these students at school assembly.



As a reward for completing the Premiers' Reading Challenge this year, Greensborough Primary School Students will be rewarded with a Fish and Chip Day lunch.

Due to the increasing number of students who have participated in the challenge, Prep, 1/2A, 1/2B and 3/4A students will have their Fish and Chip lunch on Wednesday 20th November and students in 3/4B, 5/6A and 5/6B will have their Fish and Chips on Wednesday 27th November. A note will also go home next week with relevant students.

Again, congratulations to all students who completed the challenge and a special thank you to all parents and caregivers who have continued to support students in developing their love of reading.

Thanks,

Claire Storey



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.

BREAD TAGS
for wheelchairs

Alison Gibson

On behalf of the Junior School Council

Think U Know

On Thursday 31 October, Leading Senior Constable Tracey Porter came to talk to the Year 3-6 students about the importance of being safe online and ways to help protect themselves. Tracey provided the students with real stories, warnings and tips on how to be eSmart.



The following is two concepts we would like students to use in their everyday lives.

MCG Rule:

If you wouldn't be happy to have the picture you took displayed on the big screens at the MCG, don't share it!

Lock your doors:

You lock your doors on your car and doors at home, don't forget to 'lock your doors' on your device, meaning, turn on your privacy settings.

In **Term 1, 2020**, we will be hosting another fabulous talk from 'Think U Know' for our parent, carers and community. For more information, go to: <https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>

Montmorency Secondary College 2019 Art Show



Congratulations to Ella in Grade 5 who was a finalist at the Montmorency Secondary College Art Show.



Greensborough's Got Talent



The Junior School Council will be running a talent show on

Friday 29th November 2019

Students are invited to perform their personal or group talents in a 1-2 minute presentation. This may be a dance, musical instrument, drama, comedy or any other special talent.



Students who wish to perform are asked to please fill in the application sheet displayed in their classroom before Friday 22nd November.

All students will attend this free event in the hall
from 2:30- 3:30 on Friday 29th November 2019.

The J.S.C look forward to supporting our super talented students.

Good Luck!

Banyule City Council Environmental Grant

Greensborough Primary School is so proud to announce that we are the recipients of a \$3000 grant thanks to Banyule City Council. This grant did not come from a random kind gesture but from the hard work, collective commitment and outstanding agency undertaken by Barbara V, Sienna W, Roxana B and Alysha J from 3/4B stemming from a sustainability project undertaken in Term 2!



The hard work has only just begun. This terrific team will not be in talks with how we can best utilise this money to improve our water sustainability here at G.P.S.

Pride is an understatement. Personally, you are so deserving of this!

Mr Stephens

2020 Camp Information Evening – Wombat Corner Camp 3-6



On Wednesday 13th November, all parents/carers are invited to attend the Wombat Corner Information Evening. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn all about what to expect for your child at Wombat Corner Camp including: dates and times; location; supervision information; activities; catering; medical information; departure and return dates and times. You will also be receiving your camp information packs on this night.

Attendance is not *mandatory*, but highly recommended – especially for next year's Grade 3s for whom this will be their very first camp!

If you are unable to make it but require additional information please contact our Camp Coordinator Mr Stephens at your convenience.

In addition, Wednesday 13th November is our due date for the \$50 deposit to secure a place for your child at next year's camp.

What: Camp Information Evening

Where: Mr Stephens Classroom 3/4B (Room 8)

Why: Gain information, ask questions and receive information packs for your child.

Parents & Friends

Food Days – Friday 15th November

Orders form have been sent home for our upcoming Sausage food day. Orders are due back by Tuesday 12th November – 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





Pupil of the Week

Term 4 ~ Week 3 Week Ending 25 October 2019

Prep	<i>Rydah</i>	For his excellent contribution to discussion when Harold visited the Preps
Grade 1/2A	<i>Hugo</i>	For writing a highly entertaining story during Big Write. Amazing Hugo!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Jensen</i>	For his descriptive story 'The Owl' that he wrote during Big Write.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Holly S</i>	For writing an excellent Information Report on Sloths. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Gabriel</i>	For an excellent week of learning. Well done, Gabriel!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Lucas S</i>	For working with focus and always trying his best. Well done!
Chinese	<i>Lauchie G Prep</i>	For helping other class members when they need it.
Art	<i>Riley M 1/2B</i>	For always making great contributions to our lessons. Well done.
Library	<i>Carter A Prep</i>	For working with great focus on his non-fiction work sheet.
Science	<i>All of 5/6B</i>	For doing a great job with their PowerPoint presentations about early scientists.

Term 4 ~ Week 4 Week Ending 1 November 2019

Prep	<i>Elvy</i>	For always approaching her work with determination and a smile.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Zak</i>	For displaying confidence and effort during class and in the yard.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Mounina</i>	For her wonderful narrative 'The Magic Carpet' in Big Write.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Sienna N</i>	For consistently excellent work and fulfilment of monitor duties.
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Viviarna</i>	For your excellent information report on the sea turtle. Fantastic Work.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Nate F Isaac C</i>	For your excellent teamwork, creativity and achievement during our Gold Rush project!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Abbey</i>	For working hard to achieve her writing goals. Keep it up, Abbey!
Library	<i>Adam S 5/6B</i>	For writing an excellent book report based on the book, 'The Feather'
Chinese	<i>Madison J 1/2B</i>	For always acting responsibly with everything she does.
Art	<i>Evelyn B 3/4A</i>	For your excellent work during our watercolour study.
Science	<i>Ethan W 5/6B</i>	For excellent contributions during our first Moon Landing lesson.

Relay For Life

Diamond Valley Relay for Life will be held at Willinda Park, Greensborough on Saturday 29 February 2020 to Sunday 1 March 2020. The school's 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 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 Friday 29 November 2019*): Child \$25, Adult \$35, Family (2 Adults & 2 Children) \$75

Aluminium cans & foil recycling

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

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

Second-hand stall – on sale now at the office

Thank you to those who donated items for the second-hand stall. The stall is currently running up at the office with, with all funds raised going towards Relay For Life. If you have something you would like to donate, please pop it onto the stall.

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

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Lauren Sutton

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Greensborough Plaza



Quiet Time Santa Photography.

These are sensory sessions providing the opportunity for children and adults to meet with Santa and have their photo taken in a sensory friendly environment away from bright lights, loud noises and queues.

The centre has two sessions available, but spaces are limited, so bookings are essential.

Dates: Sunday 17 Nov & Sun 24 Nov 2019

Times: 9am-10am

Where: Level 1, Centre Court

Bookings: Customer Service Team 9435 4000.