

### **Greensborough Primary School—2062**

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	Borough Bulletin			
5 December 2019				
Friday 6 December 2019	2019 Swimming Program – Whole School Choir Performance – Greensborough Town Centre – 6.30pm			
Monday 8 December 2019	House Captain Speeches – School Captains announced			
Tuesday 10 December 2019	Year 7 Transition Day			
Wednesday 11 December 2019	Farewell Morning Tea – 10.30am – School Oval Last Day for School Banking for 2019			
Thursday 12 December 2019	Grade 6 Graduation			
Friday 13 December 2019	2019 Swimming Program – Grades 5 & 6 – 12.25pm to 2.45pm Junior Music Concert – 2.30pm School Report to go home			
Monday 16 December 2019	Christmas Picnic			
Tuesday 17 December 2019	Students meet their new teacher – 9.00am to 11.00am Class Christmas Parties			
Wednesday 18 December 2019	2019 Swimming Program - Grades Prep to 4 – 12.25pm to 2.45pm			
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 Tabloid Sports Ice Cream Truck visit			
Wednesday 29 January 2020	First day of school for 2020			

#### **Principal's Report**

Next Wednesday 11th December at 10.30am we are having a special morning tea on the oval to celebrate the careers of our staff who are not returning to GPS in 2020 and we invite family members to attend. Bev O'Brien and Anne Loney are retiring after outstanding careers, Tanya Dulics and Christian are transitioning to retirement, Jane Byrne is taking Parental Leave, Gemma Pearce is resuming her Leave, Kasi Bird is increasing her hours and has accepted a fulltime position at another school and Jacqui, our OSHClub coordinator is also retiring. We will celebrate the valuable contribution to GPS and Victorian Education each person has made and a presentation from School Council for relevant staff will be followed by a morning tea for community members. Students will eat their morning tea snack on the oval. We hope as many past and present family members as possible can be in attendance and if anyone knows past families who have had children taught by these staff members please invite them on our behalf. Bev has been supporting students at GPS for over twenty years.... A remarkable achievement! Please leave your name at the office if you are able to attend so that we are able to cater for morning tea.

#### **Christmas Choir Performance – Tomorrow Friday December 6th**

Our School Choir is performing tomorrow evening, Friday 6th December, at the Greensborough Plaza Christmas Celebration. The program will run from 6pm – 9pm and our choir's scheduled performance time is 7.00pm. The main stage will be situated in Greensborough Walk (near Westpac and Medical One, near Watermarc). There will also be wandering entertainment, face painters, balloon artists and stilt walkers. Thank you to Kasi, our choir coordinator for preparing our choir for this event. They sound fantastic and we hope as many families as possible are able to attend to support our students.



#### **COMPASS – Parent logon information**

Parents and caregivers who have dropped children off after 9am or picked students up early this term would have used our new digital platform COMPASS. We are now expanding the use of this online management system and a letter is being sent home to parents today with information and instructions for families to create individual logons in order to access the Parent portal of COMPASS. With this logon you will be able to:

- Approve or enter upcoming or past absences for your son/daughter
- View up-to-date class and school attendance information
- Update your registered email and mobile number details (used for SMS alerts)

In 2020, we will activate further features of the program for student assessment and reporting, finance and excursion processes. This will streamline our communication with you and give you the following benefits:

- Access your child's Student Progress and Semester Reports
- Book your Parent/Teacher interviews
- Access information regarding upcoming events and news
- Download, print and approve upcoming excursions
- Pay school fees, charges and contributions

All your individual access information is contained in the letter and if parents have any queries or require assistance, please contact Mehgan at the office.

#### **Celebrating Student Achievement!**

As well as celebrating student achievement in school based events or programs, we also acknowledge that students strive to attain their goals in out-of-school events. When we're informed of their success, we like to celebrate this with our community. This week we congratulate Violet in Grade 6 who has trained hard to be a 'ball-kid' with Tennis Australia. Violet has been chosen to be a ball-kid at both the Kooyong Classic and Australian Wheelchair Open in January. Ball-kids play an integral role in ensuring that tennis tournaments run smoothly and the selection process is extremely rigorous. Well done Violet!



#### **Christmas Picnic and Jumping Castles!**

A reminder that our annual Christmas Picnic and end of year celebration will be on Monday 16th December. Thank you to Parents and Friends who are providing two jumping castles for our junior and senior students to enjoy on the night, from 5-8pm. Students will sing Christmas songs in grade groupings at 7pm. Families are welcome to bring a picnic or buy dinner from the Parents' Club barbeque. This will be a great way for our community to end the year and we thank Parents' Club for sponsoring this wonderful event.



#### Thankyou JSC

Thank you to our Junior School Councillors for their work for both our students and the wider community this year. The JSC gave our students much enjoyment last week with their organisation of 'Greensborough's Got Talent'. This event was extremely well organised and showcased the talents of our students. I'm sure this will be a highlight and feature in graduating students' recall of their best memories of GPS. The JSC have also sold icypoles at lunchtimes to raise funds for their projects, e.g. gifts for the Christmas Appeal. JSC also gave us opportunities to help those less fortunate than ourselves by supporting Diamond Valley Foodshare. Thank you to Alison Gibson for coordinating JSC this year. See Alison's page of highlights later in the newsletter.

#### Graduation

We are looking forward to the graduation celebrations for our Class of 2019 next Thursday, 12th December. Our graduates have been heavily involved in preparations for this event, which is a major milestone in their educational and personal journey from primary to secondary schooling. Our Grade Six students have been exemplary role models of our school values for students in younger grades and will be sorely missed by all of us, especially their Prep Buddies. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to set up the decorations and assist on the night and thank you to Erin, Gemma and Maria for their efforts in preparing students for this very special occasion.

#### **Class PE Equipment**

In the last week of term, you may notice all the PE storage units from classrooms lined up in the corridor near the art room, as we audit current stock and place orders to replenish class sets. These new supplies will be labelled and balls will be pumped up ready for students on the first day of term next year. For the remainder of term, we will place a variety of balls and bats in baskets in the school foyer so students will still have access to sports equipment during recess breaks. If any parents would like to help with the audit and restocking please contact the office.

#### **Rewarding Brilliant Behaviour!**

Congratulations to Hunter and Zoe C who have been the very worthy winners of our \$20 Greensborough Plaza voucher in the last fortnight. Hunter and Zoe consistently display our school values and I trust they'll greatly enjoy their prize.

#### 2020 Instrumental Music Program

I'm pleased to advise parents and caregivers of students who participate in the instrumental music program, (guitar and keyboard) that we have found a replacement music provider for next year. Christian has highly recommended an ex-student of his, Claire Pitts. Margaret and I met with Claire, who has previous experience teaching music in a school and were impressed with her passion and commitment to teaching music. Claire 'shadowed' Christian last Friday, met the children and saw first-hand how Christian runs the program. Claire is intending to send home a note to families with all relevant details of the program tomorrow or next week.



#### Relay For Life – Save The Date!

Next year Greensborough Primary will participate in the Diamond Valley Cancer Council Relay For Life on Saturday, 29th February- Sunday 1st March, 12.45pm Sat to 10am Sun, at Willinda Park, Beatrix Street, Greensborough. More information will be sent out early in the year, however if you would like to become involved in the relay you can go online and register your support at <u>diamondvalleyrfl@cancervic.org.au</u>

#### **Home Readers**

Families are requested to return all home reading books by Friday 13th December. This will allow us time to audit books and have them back on the shelves, ready to be distributed next year in our second full week of Term One.

#### **Students Reports and 2020 Grades**

Finally, a very big thank you to staff who have worked diligently over the last month to write student reports that accurately reflect students' achievements and their areas for future learning. Whilst reading reports it has been very rewarding to see the high number of students who are performing above the expected standards in Numeracy and Literacy – a testament to the effectiveness of Magic Maths and our high expectations and consistent protocols for both Literacy and Numeracy. Student reports will be sent home Friday 13th December along with the class your child will be in next year.

On Tuesday 17th December from 9-11am, students will have a session with their 2020 teachers and classmates. Students in grades one to six, new to the school in 2020 are also invited to attend.

#### Angela Morrítt

Principal

#### **Vacation Care**

OSHClub will begin Vacation Care on Monday 6th January next year. If any families would like to use this service and haven't already registered they can go to <u>www.oshclub.com.au</u> to register. For queries about Vacation Care, please contact OSHClub directly or speak to our coordinator, Jacqui before or after school.

#### 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.

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#### Wombat Corner Camp 2020

This is an update for all 2020 campers and families! Parent Consent and Confidential Medical Information forms were distributed last week.

#### Just a few friendly reminders:

- Camp Permission and Medical Forms due Monday 16th December 2019\*\*
- Final Camp Payment \$220 due Friday 21st February 2020 payments can be accepted from now!

If you have any questions or queries - see Mr Stephens or Angela Morritt!

\*\*Apologies for the misprinted due date in the original notice, as the form stated Monday 16th December 2020. These forms are due this year (2019) so we can begin organising the camp over the Summer break!

The JSC would also like to thank the school community for supporting our Icy Poles sales. Next **Friday 13th December** will be the final day for 2019. The money raised is going towards the grade Six Graduation and buying/donating gifts for the Kmart Wishing Tree.

#### **Diamond Valley Food Share**

Finally, donations of non-perishable items for Diamond Valley Food Share are being accepted until tomorrow. Items can we donated to the labelled black tub in the office foyer. Thank you!



#### Alíson Gíbson

On behalf of the 2019 Junior School Council

#### **Aboriginal Art**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, an aboriginal artist named Andy came out to our school and joined in on one of the art sessions to start off our whole school collaborative art work. He supplied us with all of the materials and knowledge needed to create the piece and started off the pattern for us. During art sessions that week, all students were given the opportunity to add their own dots to the piece. The completed artwork will hang in the foyer for all to admire.









#### **Make-Up Swimming Session**

As everyone knows, swimming was cancelled on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November as WaterMarc had no electricity.

WaterMarc have been able to schedule a make-up session for us which will be a combination of water safety and 'fun' activities.

The dates and times of the swimming session will be:

#### Grades 5 & 6 – Friday 13th December 12.15pm – 2.45pm

#### Grades Prep to 4 – Wednesday 18th December 12.15pm -2.45pm

Class teachers will adjust their time-tables to allow children to have an early lunch before they go to swimming but it would be a good idea to include an additional snack in your child's lunchbox in case they need a break and some sustenance at the pool.

This Friday will follow the original plan of being the 'fun' WaterMarc session with structured access to the water play area, slides and water games.

#### 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.

This week was a special WasteWise Wednesday! It was special because we looked at the percentage of students who had zero waste compared with the number of students who were present in each class!

We were really impressed with the results. Here they are!

5/6A:	42% were WasteWise on Wednesday!
PREP:	47% were WasteWise on Wednesday!
5/6B:	48% were WasteWise on Wednesday!
1/2A & 3/4A:	57% were WasteWise on Wednesday!
3/4B:	63% were WasteWise on Wednesday!
1/2B:	75% were WasteWise on Wednesday!



Out of 102 students present at G.P.S there were 47 students who had zero waste! This means 46% of the school had Zero Waste! What an incredible achievement!! Well done to all those families!

WasteWise Wednesday has been a terrific success this year! On behalf of WasteWise Wednesday we thank you for your participation in improving our sustainability here at Greensborough Primary School! We look forward to building on the success of this program in 2020 and beyond! Whilst we will not be collecting data in the coming weeks, you are still welcome to continue being WasteWise!

Merry Christmas!

#### From the WasteWise Wednesday Committee





#### Grade 5 Secondary School Experience at Greensborough College



On Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> of November, the Grade 5 students attended Greensborough College to experience a day as a secondary student.

Our students started off by attending a Humanities session, where they looked at language before words. Students had the opportunity to create some picture carvings into clay. Then, they went for a physical education lesson in the new stadium. Students learnt about fundamental motor skills and incorporated this into a creative version of 'Rock, Paper, Scissors'. Next, students completed an inquiry about the food senses in Home Economics. Finally, it was time for STEM, students learnt about creating circuits.

The leadership team at Greensborough College provided students and staff with a delicious BBQ and salad lunch. It was a great opportunity to know what it is like to be in secondary school.



#### **Library News**



It is lovely to see children coming in to ask for something specific, or reserving a book that a friend or teacher has read and recommended to them. Some have come to see me about borrowing over the holidays which is fantastic.

We also had over half of the school involved in the Premiers' Reading Challenge and we look forward to surpassing this number in 2020. All the children enjoyed their celebratory fish and chip lunch the other week.

Oh and in case you're stuck on a Christmas idea – a book is always a wonderful gift!

#### Returns

I would like children to have all their library books to be returned to the library by 13th December at the latest. All borrowing has now finished for the year. If your child is reading a fiction book and requires more time to finish the book they can have a chat to me and we can work something out.



I would like to thank a few people for their assistance this year. Belinda G and Sharyn McD have come in on Wednesday afternoons and assisted with the Prep borrowing, shelving and processing of materials. They have been of enormous assistance. Abby McK has run the Scholastic Book Club with great efficiency.

An extra, extra special thanks to Joan R who comes every Monday to return and shelve books for me and tidy the shelves! Also to Wayne R who gives generously of his time to make our school library even better. Thanks also to all those who have made donations of books to the library.

I have also had a volunteer, Alice who has assisted me every Wednesday morning for an hour. She has been of invaluable assistance helping getting all the junior school books returned before their lessons.

I will be looking for some parent helpers next year to assist with class borrowing and covering during 2020. There will be a note about this in the first newsletter of 2020.

#### Reading is alive and well...

Recently when writing reports I printed off the borrowing data for the year. The children have borrowed approximately over 5000 books during this time. There was also a very large number of renewals – especially with the middle and senior students. Obviously the number of loans does not mean that the children are reading all of the books but I think that it is fantastic that we have so many children selecting books to take home.

#### **Overdue/Lost Books**

Next week I will send home notes regarding overdue books. If you cannot find a recent missing book/s please keep an eye out for them over the holidays. If at the beginning of the new school year the books are still missing, then as per school policy there will a charge of 50% of the total cost of the book. This money will be put towards the cost of replacing the lost book/s. You are always welcome to pay for the full cost of the missing books. If books are not paid for the school policy is that the cost of the books is added to student contributions.

If your child has a book that has been overdue for more than two terms I will send home a note asking for the replacement cost per our school policy.

If your child is leaving G.P.S at the end of 2019, lost books will need to be paid for before the end of the school year. Thank you for your understanding.

Happy reading,

Jen Farley

Teacher/Librarian

## **Greensborough's Got Talent**



On Friday 29th November the Junior School Council hosted Greensborough's Got the Talent. The JSC worked overtime on Friday, both selling Icy Poles in the canteen and setting up for this event. Thank you to all the JSC students for pitching in.







The variety of talents that GPS had on show was incredible. Acts included singing, dancing, musical instruments, presentations, a puppet show, acting, acrobatics and more. Firstly, a huge congratulations to all our performers who not only displayed talent, but also courage in getting up in front of the whole school. Secondly, well done to our judges Evie, Violet, Aidan and Daniel who gave our talented students great satisfaction with their emoji scores. Lachie and Nate were amazing MCs and Ethan, Amihan and Amelia worked hard behind the scenes to ensure it all went off without a hitch.

Congratulations to all involved on assisting in making this event a big success for the JSC.





## **Pupil of the Week**

### Term 4 ~ Week 7 Week Ending 22 November 2019

Prep	Jackson	For his interesting and very entertaining Narrative Writing!
Grade 1/2A	Elouise	For working hard to improve her writing.
Grade 1/2 B	Cleo	For always being a helpful student and having wonderful manners.
Grade 3/4 A	Michael P	For working hard on his information report about cricket. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	Kayleigh	For your amazing information report! What a terrific and educational read!
Grade 5/6 A	James	For always being organised and hard working. Keep up the excellent work.
Grade 5/6 B	Mia R	For an outstanding effort during spelling and writing this term. Well done!
Chinese	Jensen S 1/2B	For such an amazing effort during Chinese this week. Great work!
Art	Sienna F 3/4A	For your excellent work in Art this week, teaching us the special colouring secret!
Library	Willow H 3/4A	For putting in a fantastic effort with all her class work! Well done.

#### Term 4 ~ Week 8 Week Ending 29 November 2019

Prep	Anastasia	For putting so much effort into her Writing! Well done!
Grade 1/2A	Reese P	For her amazing attitude to all aspects to her class work.
Grade 1/2 B	Hunter	For using interesting openers in his 'Exposition' text.
Grade 3/4 A	Ezra	For completing an excellent Information Report on 'Obstacle Courses'. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	Tiffany	For the dedication and determination to improve all areas of your learning! Well done.
Grade 5/6 A	Cash, Colin & Jennifer	For your amazing performances at 'Greensborough's Got Talent'! Well done!
Grade 5/6 B	Xander, Will, Ermis & Harry	For your entertaining performances at 'Greensborough's Got Talent'. Keep smiling ©
Library	Malachai L Prep	For doing a fantastic job with his drawing for our Prep Books.
Chinese	Elvy-Li W Prep	For her consistent enthusiasm and hard work during class time.
Art	Isla H 1/2B	For always trying her best and being a helpful and positive class member.

#### **Parents & Friends**

#### Food Days - Friday 13th of December

Orders form have been sent home for our upcoming Bakers Delight food day. Orders are due back by Monday 9th of December – late order will not be accepted. A huge thank you to Bakers Delight Greensborough Plaza for their continued support to GPS.

#### **Christmas Raffle**

#### **Our Biggest Raffle ever!**

Raffle tickets for the end of year Christmas Raffle will be coming home later this week.

#### Tickets are \$1 each or 12 for \$10.

We have over 15 prizes up for grabs! Prizes will be drawn at the end of year Christmas BBQ on Monday 16th Dec.

A big thank you to our sponsors – Rosanna Golf Club, Dark Zone Box Hill, Montmorency – Eltham RSL, Inflatable World, Greensborough Hotel, Lollipops, Mabel Jones, plus more.

Please ensure tickets and money are returned to school by Friday 13th of December.

#### Christmas Party – Monday 16th of December

We will be needing helpers to assist with setting up, cooking and selling sausages and also packing up for our annual Christmas BBQ. A roster will be available at the office early next week and a slip will be coming home later this week asking for help. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to either contact myself or the office.

Thank you for your support.

#### Kím Híll

On behalf of P&F

#### Relay for life - Willinda Park, Greensborough

#### Saturday 29th February 2020 to Sunday 1st March 2020



Registration is still open for next year's Relay For Life. It is an event open to all students, families and friends. Being part of the team simply means that you are happy to walk a lap around the athletic track (or more!) at a time suitable for you. There is no requirement to fundraise, unless you wish to.

While the discount period has closed, registration is still open.

Registration can be done via <u>www.relayforlife.org.au</u> For those who wish to register a family, head to <u>https://www.cancervic.org.au/how-you-can-help/fundraise/relay-for-life/family-discount-application-form</u> Simply fill out the form and a discount code will be emailed to you. If you have any questions about Relay For Life, please see either Ros R (mum to Maisy in Grade 1) or Simone W.

#### 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 schools team as a donation to the Cancer Council.







#### **Parents & Friends**

#### 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 into onto the stall.

#### Xmas Cards and bags – on sale now at the office

There are gorgeous handmade Xmas tags, cards and bags on sale up at the office. 100% of the sales will be going straight to Relay for Life.

Thank you.

#### Kím Híll

On behalf of the GPS Relay For Life team.

#### **School Banking**

#### Last day for 2019 School Banking is Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Greensborough Primary School wants to thank our wonderful volunteers who give their time generously to coordinate our school banking, Ellena B and Narelle B are doing a terrific job.



Ellena and Narelle want to remind everyone that any prizes which have been ordered recently may not arrive before the end of the year. Unfortunately, the delay is beyond our control but students will receive their prizes at the beginning of 2020, so this will be something to look forward to.

**School banking will commence on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. This will give all our new Prep Students a chance to open their bank accounts.

#### Fruit Friday 2020



With the departure of her last son from Greensborough Primary School, our parent volunteer, Kelly S will no longer be organising the fruit for our Fruit Friday program. All our students relish their brain food and Friday is a special day. We are asking for volunteers to take over the Fruit Friday Program for 2020. Please contact Mehgan in the office if you are interested.

#### **Back to School Program**

Diamond Valley Community Support (DVCS), is an independent, not-forprofit organisation that provides direct aid, assistance, support and information to the people of Greensborough and surrounding areas.

Each year, DVCS runs a **Back to School Program** aimed at supporting low income families in need of financial assistance with education expenses. This program is available to families who live in the Banyule City Council area and have an address showing on their Centrelink card in one of the following suburbs: Briar Hill, Bundoora (part of), Eltham North (part of), Greensborough (part of), Lower Plenty, Montmorency, St Helena and Watsonia.



Starting from 1st November 2019, DVCS will provide eligible clients with funding of \$100.00 per child (up to a maximum of \$500.00 per family with 5 or more children). Funding is available in the form of:

★ Payment via electronic funds transfer (EFT) direct to Greensborough Primary School.

The Back to School program will close on 18th December 2019 and will reopen from Monday 6th January 2020 to Friday 28 February 2020. Drop in, no appointment required to Diamond Valley Community Support, Level 3, Shop 378a, Greensborough Plaza (Near Kmart). For enquiries please phone: (03)9435 8282.

The DVCS Back to School Program is funded by the fundraising efforts of the wonderful Volunteers at our Opportunity Shops in Macleod and Diamond Creek. Our other community welfare programs include Emergency Relief (food, medication, clothing and transport, Telstra vouchers) Personal and Financial Counselling, Tax Help, Information and Referral and Mailbox service. For more information, please visit www.dvsupport.org.au

