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Borough Bulletin **19 December 2019**

<i>Thursday 19 December 2019</i>	Grade 6 Big Day Out Excursion
<i>Friday 20 December 2019</i>	Camp Notices – Last Day
<i>Friday 20 December 2019</i>	Last Day of Term 4 2019 – Early finish at 1.30pm Tabloid Sports Ice Cream Truck visit
<i>Wednesday 29 January 2020</i>	First day of school for 2020

Principal's Report

We are having a terrific ending to a very busy and successful 2019 school year and I'd like to thank everyone in our community for your support. Our Christmas Picnic on Monday night was another resounding success and I thank Parents and Friends for organising the two jumping castles for students to enjoy. The third castle for toddlers was loaned to us by the Fatouros family and ensured every age group was catered for on the night! I'd also like to thank Parents and Friends for organising a bunch of hard working parents to man the barbeque. A great night was had by all and it was lovely to see so many families, including those new to the school this year, sitting on the edge of the oval in the shade of the gum trees, watching their children playing with their friends and then enjoying the carols sung by grades and our choir.

Last Thursday night we celebrated our Grade 6 Graduation and it was a magnificent evening! Our graduates have been exemplary students at Greensborough Primary and whilst we are sorry to see them leave us, we are confident they are more than ready to begin the next stage of their education at secondary school. They have been excellent role members for our younger students and demonstrated strong leadership skills. As I mentioned at Graduation, one of their strengths has been their passion and commitment to make GPS a great school for younger students, and they'll often come to us if they've identified something that could be improved and have a plan for how they can achieve it. The many parents and family members who attended were impressed by the speeches they made and their confidence in speaking in front of a large audience.

I'd like to thank Gemma, Maria and Erin, who worked extremely hard in the planning and rehearsal stages to ensure the night provided a great memory for families. They couldn't achieve this without the support of parents and past students who generously gave their time to make this night a success. I'd like to thank the hardworking band of parents for setting up the magnificent decorations and making the hall look very festive and then packing them carefully away the next day. I would especially like to thank Kelly S, who was the artistic decorator and completed the 'lion's share' of the setup. Thank you also to the Grade 5 parents and students who assisted with serving the dinner and cleaning up afterwards. The DJ baton continues to be held high by the Siede family and it was terrific to see our two ex-students Molly and Michael, ensuring our Graduates had a terrific time at the disco.

It's not only our graduates who are moving on to exciting new beginnings next year, there are also several staff members who are exploring new options. Last Wednesday we had a special morning tea to celebrate the careers of our staff who are not returning to GPS in 2020. It was lovely to see past colleagues and ex-students return to celebrate this event with us. A highlight was hearing from not only our staff, but also

students, about the positive and lasting impact these staff members have made at GPS. The 'piece de resistance' was the poem one of our former teachers, Fiona Kelly, wrote to celebrate the outstanding contribution Bev has made during her 21 years at GPS. The poem has been included in this newsletter as well as several photos of the event.

On Tuesday, several students new to the school next year joined us to spend the morning with their 2020 classmates and teachers, and spent time getting to know each other. Everyone had an enjoyable time and both teachers and students are looking forward to learning together and engaging in class programs next year.

Christmas Choir Performance

Our choir members are to be congratulated on their magnificent performance at the Greensborough Plaza Christmas Celebration. The students sang beautifully and looked as if they were having the time of their lives.



Thank you to Kasi, our choir master, for organizing this opportunity and building lifelong memories for our students. Thank you also to parents and carers for supporting this event.

Ice Cream Truck and Tabloid Sports

To celebrate students' achievements and efforts this year we are ending on a high on Friday. The teachers have organised a morning of fun tabloid activities between 9.20 and 10.30, followed by a visit by the Ice-cream van. The cost of the ice-creams will be covered by 2019 Subject Contributions, therefore any families who haven't paid their account and wish their child to receive an ice-cream will need to send \$6 along. We do not wish any students to miss out on having an ice-cream, however we also need to ensure parents are paying costs for which they are responsible.

We will have our final assembly for the year Friday, commencing at 1.10 pm where we will say our final farewell to the graduating class of 2019. I'd like to thank everyone for supporting our school programs, especially Parents and Friends who have worked tirelessly to raise funds for terrific resources for our students. I would also like to thank the staff for their ongoing support this year.

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and peaceful holiday break. We are looking forward to catching up with everyone for the 2020 school year.

Angela Morritt

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 www.oshclub.com.au to register. For queries about Vacation Care, please contact OSHClub directly or speak to our coordinator, Tallina before or after school.



Bev's Retirement Poem

Square pegs in round holes don't easily fit
There's shaping to be done, maybe chiseling a bit.
It's the same with some kids in society today
So schools provide assistance to help ease the way.

Good aides like Bev provide a guiding hand
To maintain the focus and help kids understand.
To give individual assistance, keep them on the right track
Someone who knows them well and has their back.

Bev, dozens of kids are better off because of you
Patiently assisting with all that they do.
Your work with them was so essential
To help them realise their greater potential.

And for teachers, it was a bonus to have Bev in your class
To share the load and have a laugh.
She'd give you her all, never at all half hearted
Her "Good morning" smile would help you get started.

In this particular school, she's been an integral part
Giving her time, energy and most of all – heart.
Now after more than twenty years here she's giving it away
There are other things planned to fill her day.

Nobody here wants her to go, but we understand
There are two little girls who want to spend time with their Nan.
So, it'll be tea parties and outings; if you're lucky, some rest
What a legacy you leave here – one of Greensborough's best.

Fiona Kelly

December 2019

Celebration of our departing members of Staff



*Kasi -
Education
Support Officer*

*Tanya -
Mandarin
Teacher*

*Christian -
Music Teacher*

*Anne -
Literacy
Coordinator*

*Jacqui -
OSH Club*

*Bev -
Education
Support
(21 years)*



*Thank you for
all your work
with us at GPS.
It is greatly
appreciated
and we wish
you all the best
in your future
endeavours*



Wombat Corner Camp 2020

This is an update for all 2020 campers and families! Parent Consent and Confidential Medical Information forms must be in by Friday 20 December 2019



Just a few friendly reminders:

- 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 Morrill!

Parents & Friends

I would like to firstly thank all the parents who have helped P&F this year. From cooking sausages on a BBQ, selling icy poles and drinks, helping out at stalls, sourcing donations, buying raffle tickets and supporting our fundraising events – P&F wouldn't be able to do the things they do without you.

This year we will have raised just over \$16,000!! This is amazing, especially when you consider the size of our school. We have purchased a skeleton for the science room, leased laptops for our senior school, purchased new literacy books for our Prep to Grade 2s, re-lacquered the hall floors plus contributed money towards new playground equipment for our students. Any unspent funds will be going towards more playground equipment next year.

Christmas Party

Congratulations to all of the winners of the raffle. A big thank you to Mabel Jones, Inflatable World, Darkzone, Lollipops Play Centre, Dilmah Teas and Montmorency-Eltham RSL for your generosity.

Thank you also to all the parents for assisting with the BBQ on Monday night. A special mention to Simon F, Michael S, Jim B for helping me get the freezer and BBQ up and down the ramps at school – I really do appreciate it.

We hope that everyone enjoyed the evening. It is these events that show what a great community we have here at GPS.

On behalf of Parents & Friends I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Thank you for your support.

Kim Hill

On behalf of P&F

Relay for life – Willinda Park, Greensborough – Sat 29 February 2020 to Sun 01 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.



Registration can be done via www.relayforlife.org.au 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. If you have any questions about Relay For Life, please see either Ros R (mum to Maisy in Grade 1) or Simone W.

Thank you.

Kim Hill

On behalf of the GPS Relay For Life team.



Pupil of the Week

Term 4 ~ Week 9 Week Ending 06 December 2019

Prep	<i>Isaac W</i>	For your incredible Narrative Story! You are so creative!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Zahlea</i>	For all your effort at swimming. Keep it up, Superstar!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Madison</i>	For always displaying the school values of Care, Achievement, Respect and Empathy.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Kaitlyn</i>	For working hard to get her Pen Licence. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Taegan</i>	For your fantastic 'Information Report'! You have included some great visual features! Well done.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Lachie B</i>	For being a wonderful friend and classmate to all and for always being yourself!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Ethan W</i>	For an outstanding year. Your leadership is commendable!
Chinese	<i>Patrick D 1/2A</i>	For always using his time wisely to ensure that he finishes his work. Well done, Patrick!
Art	<i>Tiffany N 3/4B</i>	For your excellent work during Art Extension. Well done.
Library	<i>Taegan McN 3/4B</i>	For consistently putting in her best effort during Library sessions.

Term 4 ~ Week 10 Week Ending 13 December 2019

Prep	<i>Ivy</i>	For being a caring and helpful friend to us all.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Reese</i>	For being an outstanding member of 1/2A in 2019. You're a super star!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Riley McN</i>	For always bringing a positive attitude to school every day.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>All Grade 3 & 4 Students</i>	For your outstanding 'Health Promotion' projects. You were all great!
Grade 3/4 B		
Grade 5/6 A	<i>All Grade 6 Students</i>	For your outstanding work at Graduation. You're all stars!
Grade 5/6 B		
Chinese	<i>Macy A 1/2B</i>	For her consistent enthusiasm and hard work during class time.

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



School banking will commence on Wednesday 12th 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-for-profit 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 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



DIAMOND VALLEY
community support





OSH Club
Outside School Hours Care

JOIN US IN 2020 FOR
**BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL CARE**

Preparing children for a world yet to be imagined...

BOOK NOW

Come and join the fun at OSHClub.

Nutritious breakfasts and afternoon tea, make new friends, explore, play and create.

We have a few exciting new things up our sleeve for 2020 - stay tuned!

oshclub.com.au
1300 395 735

Building brighter futures together

Child Care Subsidy may apply.

Come and play!
**Greenhills
Montmorency
Baseball Club**



T-Ball Program
for 5-9 years of age
Friday nights 6pm-7:15pm
14 Feb - 1 May

Under-11 / 13 / 15 teams
Saturday mornings
Start April 2020



Greenhills Montmorency
Baseball Club
Malcolm Blair Reserve, Karingal Drive, Greensborough
Contact: juniors@montybaseball.com.au
www.montybaseball.com.au

Banyule CITY COUNCIL

free

movies ON THE MOVE



- Enjoy free family activities before the movie
- BYO picnic or food for purchase
- BYO blanket or deck chair
- Meet your local councillor

DATE & TIME	FILM	LOCATION
Sunday 5 January 2020 5pm-8.30pm Movie starts 6.30pm	 A Dog's Purpose (PG)	Price Park Meyrick Crescent Viewbank
Saturday 11 January 2020 7pm-10pm Movie starts after sunset approx. 8.30pm	 Storm Boy (PG)	Loyola Reserve Bungay Street Bundoora
Saturday 18 January 2020 7pm-10pm Movie starts after sunset approx. 8.30pm	 Aladdin 2019 (PG)	Macleod Village Aberdeen Road Macleod
Sunday 2 February 2020 5pm-8.30pm Movie starts 6.30pm	 Toy Story 4 (G)	WaterMarc 1 Flintoff Street Greensborough
Saturday 8 February 2020 7pm-10pm Movie starts after sunset approx. 8.30pm	 Top End Wedding (M)	Anthony Beale Reserve St Helena Road St Helena
Sunday 16 February 2020 5pm-8.30pm Movie starts 6.30pm	 Spider-Man: Far From Home (M)	Seddon Reserve Green Street Ivanhoe
Sunday 23 February 2020 5pm-8.30pm Movie starts 6.30pm	 The Secret Life of Pets 2 (PG)	Ivanhoe Park Lower Heidelberg Road Ivanhoe East

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All events are as accessible as possible
Call us on 9490 4222 if you have specific needs

GREENSBOROUGH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION DAY
SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2020
11AM to 3PM

FREE BBQ!
FROM 11:30AM - 2:30PM

WIN ONE OF TWO 2020 CLUB REGISTRATIONS
VALUED AT \$250 EACH - ALL REGISTRATIONS PAID BY 31st JANUARY 2020 WILL AUTOMATICALLY GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN BACK THEIR CLUB FEES.

MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE!
TO ORDER ON THE DAY

THE MOUTHGUARD MAN!
IN THE CLUB ROOMS TAKING FITTINGS & NEW ORDERS.

MAKE A DAY OF IT!
LONGEST KICK COMPETITION, HANDBALL COMPETITION, DUNK YOUR COACH COMPETITION & LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON, RAFFLES & GAMES TO PLAY FOR EVERYONE ALL DAY.

ANTHONY BEALE RESERVE, ST HELENA ROAD, GREENSBOROUGH
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