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<i>Thursday 30 January 2020</i>	Prep students finish at 1pm
<i>Friday 31 January 2020</i>	Prep students finish at 1pm Swimming Trial Signed Authority Notes & Payment due back
<i>Wednesday 5 February 2020</i>	Prep students do not attend school today
<i>Friday 7 February 2020</i>	Inter School Sports Signed Authority Notes & Payment due back Summer Inter School Sports Round 1 at home vs Watsonia Nth
<i>Wednesday 12 February 2020</i>	Prep students do not attend school today
<i>Friday 14 February 2020</i>	Summer Inter School Sports Round 2 at home vs Streeton PS Hockey Clinic for Prep to Grade 3 students
<i>Wednesday 19 February 2020</i>	Prep students do not attend school today
<i>Friday 21 February 2020</i>	Summer Inter School Sports Round 3 at away vs Norris Bank PS Final payment of Camp fees due
<i>Tuesday 25 February 2020</i>	Twilight Sports Event – 5pm
<i>Wednesday 26 February 2020</i>	Prep students do not attend school today
<i>Friday 28 February 2020</i>	Summer Inter School Sports Round 4 at away vs Watsonia Hgts
<i>Friday 6 March 2020</i>	Summer Inter School Sports Round 5 at away vs Watsonia PS
<i>Tuesday 10 March 2020</i>	Summer Inter School Sports Round 6 at home vs St Marys PS
<i>Wednesday 11 March 2020</i>	Wombat Corner Camp Grades 3 to 6
<i>Thursday 12 March 2020</i>	Wombat Corner Camp Grades 3 to 6
<i>Friday 13 March 2020</i>	Wombat Corner Camp Grades 3 to 6
<i>Thursday 19 March 2020</i>	Woolworths Cricket Blast Clinics – Grades 3 - 6
<i>Friday 20 March 2020</i>	Summer Inter School Sports Round 7 at home vs Bundoora
<i>Wednesday 25 March 2020</i>	Summer Inter School Sports Finals
<i>Thursday 26 March 2020</i>	Woolworths Cricket Blast Clinics – Grades 3 - 6

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Principal's Report

I'd like to welcome our Preps, new students from Grades 1-6, and their families to our school. We have a terrific community at Greensborough Primary and there are many opportunities for family members to enjoy and support our students and school programs. A warm welcome also to our new staff members: Samantha Steer (STEM) Rock Kho (Mandarin), Darhian Jones (Prep) and Gayle and Nicole (Education Support Staff). Janet Troy has returned from Leave and is looking forward to resuming her role teaching Visual Arts.

We are enjoying a very smooth start to the year. Our students are settling into the new routines of their classrooms, especially the Preps, and teachers are building relationships and getting to know the new personalities in their grades. Our specialist programs of Visual Arts, Library, STEM and Physical Education will resume next week, as will Magic Maths, Spelling Mastery and Corrective Reading. All classes are completing an Inquiry unit focusing on collaborative learning and setting the protocols in place for class and school programs this year. This is where class and school values are discussed, procedures and processes to achieve optimum learning are put in place, and team work and social / behavioural protocols are established. Staff are applying Inquiry teaching strategies into class programs and Student Voice is being built into all aspects of our work, resulting in increased engagement, enjoyment and learning outcomes.

During the holidays, staff returned to school to set up their classrooms, plan together to ensure consistency in the delivery of teaching and learning programs across grades and ensure a smooth start to the year for our students. Our Pupil Free day on Tuesday was very productive as staff worked through the list of all students enrolled at the school to ensure there is understanding and consistency with important medical, social/emotional and academic information. We also completed our CPR update, so overall it's been a busy but very productive few days!

A very big thank you to McKee family who looked after our chickens and rabbits over the holidays. Words can't express our gratitude for their generous donation of time and expertise to ensure the chooks and rabbits were kept nourished and safe over the break.

Whilst most of us had a restful and enjoyable break over the holidays, we would like to acknowledge the hardships many Australians are experiencing due to the bushfires and the significant impact on communities and wildlife. I have met with our student leadership team to plan fundraising events and further information will be sent home to families in the coming weeks.

Twilight Sports

Don't forget to put the date of our Twilight Sports Night into your diary! This annual event will be held on the oval on Tuesday 25th February. This is a terrific night where students come dressed in their House colors and compete in their grade levels in House Teams, cheered on by their parents and family members. Dinner can be purchased from the Parents and Friends' Barbeque or families may bring a picnic with rugs and chairs. Our Grade 5 and 6 students run various stalls to raise money for Graduation, including Face Painting, Hair Spraying, Nail Polishing in House Colors and much more, so please bring along your gold coins! The barbeque will begin at 5pm and sporting events at 6pm. More information will be sent home closer to the date

Parent Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions and Student Support Group Meetings

A note will be sent home next week with organizational details for our first Parent/Teacher Meeting which will be held on Wednesday 19th February. This meeting will provide an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's new class teacher to share information about their child and discuss any relevant issues. Information about class programs, organisation and learning goals will also be provided to parents at this meeting. Reply slips confirming appointment times will be sent home tomorrow.

Some parents of students who participate in Student Support Group meetings have indicated they no longer require these additional meetings, so at the "Meet & Greet" class teachers will clarify this with parents.

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Free Chairs

We have a number of small chairs that are no longer required and we're happy to recycle them within our GPS community. The chairs are in good condition and have orange plastic seats with black metal legs. The chairs would be great for indoor or outdoor use for children or grandchildren to enjoy. There is a sample in the foyer and if any parents/caregivers would like to have one or more chairs please see Mehgan, Margaret or myself to arrange collection.



Relay For Life – Save The Date!

This year Greensborough Primary will once again participate in the Diamond Valley Cancer Council Relay For Life on Saturday 29th February and Sunday 1st March, 2020, at Willinda Park, Beatrix Street, Greensborough. If you would like to become involved in the relay you can go online and register your support at diamondvalleyrfl@cancervic.org.au

Oz Child School Counselling Services

Families new to the school may not be aware, that at Greensborough Primary our students are able to access counselling provided by the OzChild organization. This is a great service to families as it means there is very little disruption to the students' day as there is no travel time and parents don't need to take time off work. In order to receive counselling families need to obtain a Mental Health Care Plan and a referral letter from your GP and return them to school and we will forward them to OzChild.

We have been very fortunate to have had excellent health professionals provided to us and our current counsellor is no exception. If any families would like further information about this service please contact Margaret or myself at any time.

Extra-Curricular Events

We have a number of extra-curricular events this term, e.g. Formidable Vegetables Incursion, Swimming Trials, Twilight Sports, and Easter Hat Parade, etc., so I urge everyone to keep an eye on the calendar on the front page of the newsletter which advises of dates and times.

Coronavirus

The Education Department has asked schools to distribute the attached fact sheet about the coronavirus to school families.

Angela Morritt

Principal

CSEF – Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- School camps or trips
- Swimming and school-organised sport programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions and incursions.



Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply and can list more than one student in the one application form if they are attending the same school. A Special Consideration category also exists. See Mehgan for an application form.

Payments amounts for 2020 are:

- \$125 per year for eligible primary school students

School Crossing Supervision – From Banyule Council

To all schools in Banyule:

The overall air quality in our region has been affected in the last weeks due to bushfires in Victoria and other states. We have been advised that these conditions are likely to continue for some more weeks.

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) monitors various sites across Victoria and measures the level of pollutants in the air. Air quality is forecasted for the State's fire regions (Banyule is in the Central region) and classified in five categories: good, moderate, poor, very poor and hazardous.

Some people are more sensitive than others to air pollution, and some of our school crossings supervisors are likely to experience symptoms from air pollution which will restrict our overall ability to cover some – and in some instances all – of the children's crossings in Banyule.

We anticipate impacts especially on days when the air quality is forecasted to be hazardous or very poor in our area. We will use EPA's Air Watch (<https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/airwatch/>) to make decisions about the work schedule of our school crossings' supervisors.

In accordance to the recommendations released by WorkSafe last week:

- If the air quality is forecasted to be hazardous then school crossings will not be supervised
- If the air quality is very poor, school crossings are not guaranteed to be supervised

On days when the air quality is poor or very poor, we expect a high number of school crossings supervisors to be concerned about their health and choosing to not work outdoors. While we will endeavour to have enough staff available to cover all crossings, supervision of all crossings cannot be guaranteed.

Moreover, depending on the number of staff not presenting to work and subject to the timing of their communication with us, we may not be able to inform schools about crossings not being supervised.

We request all schools, and parents and guardians of children to take into account this information, monitor the air quality in our region, and adjust their plans to get to and from school accordingly. I would appreciate if you could pass on this information to your school community.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please don't hesitate to contact me by email at ana.caicedo@banyule.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Ana Caicedo

Prep finishing times during January and February.

The 2020 Preps have had a wonderful start to their first school year; it has been fantastic to see so many smiling faces from both students and families! This week Preps will be finishing at **1.00pm** on both Thursday, January the 30th and Friday, January the 31st.

From Monday February 3rd Preps will be at school **all day** (9.00am – 3.30pm).

Preps are not required to come to school on Wednesday's throughout February, as these days are set aside for testing. Your Prep child will have received a 1 hour appointment time to be held on one of these days at the end of 2019; please see Miss Jones if you are unsure of your time.

Thank you!

Darhian Jones

2020 Prep Teacher

Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Factsheet for school students and children

Last updated 29 January 2020

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in the city of Wuhan, in the Hubei province of China, as well as some other Chinese cities and countries, including two confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia.

What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in Hubei Province, China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, Hubei Province, China. There have been cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other Chinese provinces and other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop.

What if my child is well, and returning to school after being in Hubei province, China or other countries with cases in the last 14 days?

All students and staff members who have travelled to Hubei Province, China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei province, China.

Children and staff who are well and have travelled to **other provinces in China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools and child care services unless the following applies:**

- **The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus**
- **The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days**

What if my child feels sick now or within 14 days of being in Hubei Province, China or another part of China?

- If your child has a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, they must be excluded from school and be reviewed by a doctor.
- Seek medical attention but first place a mask on the student if you have one and call the doctor or hospital before you attend. Tell them your child has been in Hubei province, China, or the location of travel within China.
- When you get to the hospital or doctor's clinic, tell them where your child has travelled in China and whether this included Hubei Province. Ensure a mask is placed on your child before or as soon as you arrive at the medical facility.

If your child has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

- Call 000 and request an ambulance, and
- Inform the paramedics where your child has been in China.

How can I help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. The most important actions are:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow

Where can I get more information?

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>

For international updates: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

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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 be open for applications until 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



**School banking will commence
on Wednesday 12th February 2020.**

This will give all our new Prep Students a chance to open their bank accounts.

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Fruit Friday 2020

With the departure of her last son from Greensborough Primary School in 2019, 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.

Term 1 Physical Education and Inter School Sports (ISS)

Welcome back everyone! I am very excited to be teaching Prep to Grade 6 PE classes this year and continuing in the role of Sports Coordinator.

Grades 3-6 will have their PE classes every Thursday and P-2 will be every Friday. Term One's focus for P - 2 classes are the Fundamental Movement Skills (F.M.S) such as throwing, catching, balance etc. Grades 3 - 6 will continue to consolidate their Fundamental Movement Skills through various sports and games.

As always, we have a busy term of sport. Here are a few of the highlights:

Interschool Sport begins on Friday 7th February for Grades 4 - 6. A note has gone home to all students which needs to be returned A.S.A.P. All uniform requirements will be handed out prior to the first round. Our first game is a HOME game against Watsonia North.

G.P.S Swim trials are on Tuesday 4th February for all interested students in Grades 3 - 6. If your child can competently swim 50m and has not received a note, please see Mehgan at the office for a copy. If any parents are able to assist with walking the students to Watermarc and assisting Mrs Donaldson in the afternoon, please Mrs Donaldson or myself.

Hockey Victoria clinics – On Friday 14th February, the students in Grade 3 and P - 2 will have a hockey clinic. They will learn the basics of the game and hopefully have lots of fun doing it!

Woolworths Cricket Blast Clinics – Grades 3 - 6 will have Cricket clinics on 19th and 26th March during PE classes. They will continue to consolidate their skills in this area.

If you have any queries related to PE or any other sporting area, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

Daniela Darling

Sports Coordinator

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 31 January 2020. If you have misplaced your forms please see Mehgan in office.



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

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Library News

Welcome back to all our families at Greensborough Primary School. This year I will be working on Wednesdays and the children will be having a library lesson with me every fortnight. The junior grades will also be attending the library with their teachers on the alternate weeks to browse and change their books.



Opening Hours –The library will be open Wednesday before school 8.45am – 9.00am and after school 3.30pm - 3.45pm. Please feel free to drop in if you have the time. Children are always welcome.

Borrowing:

Preps will begin library sessions in March as at present they do not attend school on Wednesdays.

Grades 3 - 6 lessons will begin next week and Grades 1 - 2s the following week.

Children can renew books if they do not finish reading them in their borrowing period. Children in Grades 3 - 6 can also borrow books for their class book boxes.

Parent Helpers

Last year I had some wonderful parents who helped with borrowing and various other tasks. Please contact me if you would like to assist in any way.

Class Bags

It would be appreciated if all children in **Grades Prep – Grade 4** have a named library bag to protect their library books. It is also a handy way of keeping track of the books when they bring them home. The bag can be fabric or strong plastic. I have spare bags at school if someone forgets their bag or requires one.

Once again the **Prep** children will all receive a bag from the Victorian State Government which has some information about starting school. If you would like to use this as the Prep library bag can you please name it and send it back to school. This bag will also have some quality picture story books that you can share with your child.

Lost Books

We still have not had some books returned from 2019. The school policy is that we request a 50% contribution towards the replacement of the book. If that is not received then the cost of the book is to be added to school accounts. I will be sending notes home to alert those parents whose children's books were not returned in 2019.

Book Club

Once again the school will be offering the school community the chance to order books through Scholastic book Club. We will be giving parents the opportunity to purchase books during Term One, Two and Four. We will holding our annual Book Fair during Term Three. Our first Book Club will be sent home on **Wednesday 5th February.**

I would like to extend my thanks to Abby McKee for once again coordinating the Book Club. All purchases allow us the opportunity to redeem rewards points and purchase books for the Library and the Grade 3 - 6 class literature sets.

An enormous thank you to Joan Robinson, my Monday helper who has returned, to shelve and tidy the library on a weekly basis.

Jen Farley

Librarian

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STEM – SCIENCE

Term 1 – Week 1

We have an exciting year of Science ahead of us and I am super excited to be on this journey with our students. In term one we will be focusing on developing **Curious Minds** and students will be participating in a range of exciting and engaging experiments as they discover what it means to be a scientist and how predicting, observing and recording are important tools to utilise in the STEM classroom.

In term two, we will be focusing on developing **Fascinated Minds**. Here we will cover a lot of science learning outcomes including states of matter, living things, Earth & space, forces and energy.

In term three, we will build on our scientific understandings to develop **Innovative Minds**. This term, students will apply their learning in student lead projects.

In term four, our unit will be **Applied Minds**, here students will have the opportunity to ask their own scientific questions and develop ways in which to explore and research their topic to come to evidence based conclusions.

I can't wait to explore the wonders of the world with our students!

Sam Steer

Science STEM Teacher

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 2) or Simone W.

Thank you.

Kim Hill

On behalf of the GPS Relay For Life team.