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Friday 14 February 2020	Summer Inter School Sports Round 2 – Home vs Streepton PS Hockey Clinic for Prep to Grade 3 students
Wednesday 19 February 2020	Prep students do not attend school today Parent / Teacher 'Meet and Greet' for Grades 1 to 6
Friday 21 February 2020	Summer Inter School Sports Round 3 – Away vs Norris Bank PS Final payment of Camp fees due Friday Hot Dog Day
Monday 24 March 2020	School Council Meeting – 7pm
Tuesday 25 February 2020	Twilight Sports Night – 5pm
Wednesday 26 February 2020	Prep students do not attend school today
Friday 28 February 2020	Summer Inter School Sports Round 4 – Away vs Watsonia Hgts
Friday 6 March 2020	Summer Inter School Sports Round 5 – Away vs Watsonia PS
Tuesday 10 March 2020	Summer Inter School Sports Round 6 – Home vs St Marys PS
Wednesday 11 March 2020	Wombat Corner Camp Grades 3 to 6
Thursday 12 March 2020	Wombat Corner Camp Grades 3 to 6
Friday 13 March 2020	Wombat Corner Camp Grades 3 to 6
Tuesday 17 March 2020	Southern Cross Recycling Collection Day
Thursday 19 March 2020	Woolworths Cricket Blast Clinics – Grades 3 - 6
Friday 20 March 2020	Summer Inter School Sports Round 7 – Home vs Bundoora
Monday 23 March 2020	School Council Meeting – 7 pm
Wednesday 25 March 2020	Summer Inter School Sports Finals Banyule Dental Health Screening
Thursday 26 March 2020	Woolworths Cricket Blast Clinics – Grades 3 to 6 Formidable Vegetable Workshop
Friday 27 March 2020	Last Day of Term 1 – Early finish at 1.30pm Easter Bonnet Parade – 9.15am

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Principal's Report

Our great start to the year has continued and it's been a pleasure on yard duty to see the enthusiasm of our new Student Wellbeing Leaders as they organise activities each day at our 'Friendship Tree'. For families new to the school, our Friendship Tree is located outside the Prep classroom and our Wellbeing Leaders in Grade 5/6 are rostered on each day to plan and run creative tasks, e.g. crafts, sand castle competitions, etc. Thank you to Lynette, one of our ES staff members who assists our Wellbeing Leaders.

Thank you also to our Inter School Sports coaches who have been having training sessions during lunch breaks. Our students are enjoying the opportunity to hone their skills during these practice sessions. As well as ISS training and the Friendship Tree, we also have the 'Chill Out Zone' which is an indoor area available to students who like to play quiet games for part of their recess breaks.

Congratulations to our new Junior School Councillors in Grades 1-6. These students gave excellent speeches to their classmates explaining how they would represent them on the JSC and from what I've heard it was very difficult for students to select two candidates from the many worthy contenders in each grade. New JSC members will be announced and presented to our community at assembly on Monday. Student leadership is very important at Greensborough Primary and now that all 2020 leadership positions have been finalised, we will proudly publish photos of this year's leadership team in our next newsletter.

Volunteers play an important role in the many programs we have on offer at Greensborough Primary and I'd like to thank the many parents and family members who have already volunteered for a variety of roles, including helping with class reading and Magic Maths, walking to Interschool Sport events such as swimming trials, or putting their name down for future events such as the barbecue at Twilight Sports. I know Parents and Friends are very keen to welcome new members, especially from the junior grades, as many existing members have their children in the senior grades and will soon be leaving the school. We'd love to see some new parents join P & F and 'learn the ropes' so that the expertise of existing members can be passed along. If you'd like to join Parents and Friends please leave your name at the office.

A Message of Thanks to Our Firefighters

Thank you to our School captains, Emma and James, and new Prep student Philippa, who represented our school to support the Greensborough Plaza fundraiser for our firefighters. Our students in Grade 3-6 wrote words of thanks to our courageous firefighters who worked tirelessly to help Australian communities over the summer period, and these are now displayed on trees in the plaza. Any families who would like to support this fundraising event can make a gold coin donation at the Customer Information desk, write a message on a leaf and hang it on trees located outside Degani or the Customer Desk.



Parent Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions and Student Support Group Meetings

Notes went home last week with organizational details for our first Parent/Teacher Meeting which will be held next 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 today.

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.

Twilight Sports

We're looking forward to our Twilight Sports Night, Tuesday 25th February. For families new to the school, this annual event is held on the oval and is a great night where students come dressed in their House Colours 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 Colours 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.

Anaphylaxis Update including drill

Student safety is paramount at Greensborough Primary and for this reason we conducted an 'Anaphylaxis Drill' during the week. During recess one of our students feigned an anaphylactic reaction and students and staff responded according to our Anaphylaxis Management Plan. We are very pleased that our response was timely and the students and staff acted quickly as they had practiced in class. The student's epipen was 'administered' one minute from the onset of his reaction and his 'recovery' was prompt.

Thank you to all families who remain vigilant and refrain from sending nuts or nut products to school for snacks and lunches.

Relay For Life

Our Student Leaders are keen to raise funds not only for our school but also for other worthy causes. One that they are targeting is the Cancer Council's Relay For Life. This is a fun and moving overnight experience that raises vital funds for the Cancer Council's research, prevention, information and support services. Relay is a chance for our school to join the wider Diamond Valley community to recognise and celebrate local cancer survivors, patients and their carers, to honour and remember loved ones lost to cancer and to raise money to help save more lives.

You can be part of our Greensborough Primary School team by registering online.

Register now; Diamond Valley 2019 Cancer Relay For Life

Date: 29 Feb to 1 March

Location: Willinda Park, Beatrix St Greensborough



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>

Medication and Management Plans

We are required to update student action management plans for asthma, allergy and anaphylaxis each year, so many families have received a letter recently requesting they visit their GP and return an updated copy to school. Similarly if your child has medication kept at school that is due to expire soon, you will have received a letter advising you of this.

We thank families in advance for responding to these requests in a timely manner, so that we can work together to keep your children safe at school. Class teachers will follow this up at the Parent/teacher meetings next week. We also ask families to ensure we have up to date contact details at the office.

School Council Elections

One of the major tasks for first term is the election of the 2020 School Council. There will be four parent positions available for nomination for a two year term of office. I would urge all families to consider involvement in this important aspect of school management. The current Parent Representatives on School Council at Greensborough Primary are:

Parent Member	Term on School Commenced	Term on School Council ends
Shareen Bottrell	March 2018	March 2020
Nicole Ronald	March 2018	March 2020
Tracey Herbert	March 2018	March 2020
Julie Jobson	March 2018	March 2020
Simone Wilson	March 2019	March 2021
Kim Hill	March 2019	March 2021
Tanya Ferraro	March 2019	March 2021
Cassie Fox	March 2019	March 2021
<i>Community Members</i>		
John Fitzgerald	March 2019	March 2020

Those parents whose two year term on School Council have come to an end, have the opportunity to renominate for subsequent terms on School Council. School Council involvement includes two x two hour School Council meetings per term, and involvement in a School Council subcommittee.

Parents can either nominate themselves for School Council or they can be nominated by another person. **Nomination forms are available at the office and need to be returned to the office by Monday 24th February.** If the number of nominations matches the number of vacancies, then the parents who have nominated are automatically on School Council. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies there is an election process.

Notice of Election and call for nominations	Monday 10 th February 2020
Closing date for nominations	Monday 24 th February 2020
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Thursday 29 th February 2020

School Council provides a pivotal role in the effective management of the school. If you have any further queries about School Council involvement please do not hesitate to contact either Margaret or myself or a current School Council member.

Banyule Council and Road Safety Around Schools

Banyule Council has notified us of the actions they are taking to improve the safety of primary school students. Council has installed a variety of road safety treatments including traffic calming devices, line marking and parking restriction signs. Parking Officers have also been employed to enforce parking laws and monitor school crossings and surrounding areas. Camera mounted vehicles will also take photos of vehicles breaching parking rules and will subsequently issue infringement notices to owners. We urge families to observe parking signs in order to keep our students safe.

Angela Morrìtt

Principal

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.

Diamond Valley Community Support Financial Assistance

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

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 Meghan for an application form.

Payments amounts for 2020 are:

- \$125 per year for eligible primary school students

STEM Program

We have had an exciting start to our STEM program so far with explosions, reactions and fizzes happening in our classes this fortnight! Our focus was on ways to stay safe in science and we discussed all the things we need to do to ensure we are safe and respectful in our science classroom.



Our preps enjoyed creating a foaming and popping bag. The 1/2s made elephant toothpaste which fizzed into a huge foaming snake. The 3/4s created a vacuum in a jar to suck in a balloon that was otherwise too big to fit. And the 5/6s used vinegar and bi-carb soda to create a chemical reaction that blew up a balloon.



We have had so much fun this fortnight and are very excited for our next lessons.

Sam Steer

Wombat Corner Camp 2020

This is an update for all 2020 campers and families!

Just 27 more sleeps until Camp!

REMEMBER!



Final Camp Payments are due **Friday 21st February 2020**

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

**School banking has commenced this week
on Wednesday 12th February 2020.**



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PE REPORT – WEEK 1

Last week, all students in P-6 participated in their first PE lesson of the year. It was great to see so many happy faces, excited to take on new physical challenges. The main learning intentions were to follow instructions, respond to the whistle and learn the rules to the games. I was so impressed with how all students had a go and embraced the activities.

This week, students in Grade 3, Prep and 1/2 will participate in a Hockey Victoria clinic. This will give students a chance to learn new skills in a fun, supportive environment.

Below are some photos of the P-2 activity rotations they participated in last week. Each station focused on a Fundamental Movement Skill.

Daniela Darling

PE Teacher



G.P.S SWIM TRIALS

Well done to the 20 students who attended the G.P.S Swim Trials at WaterMarc on Tuesday 4th February. Everyone tried their best in their chosen events and exhibited the school values when supporting their fellow school mates.

Thanks to Erin Donaldson for ensuring the event ran smoothly and a big thanks to the parents who attended. We really appreciate your support.

From the trial results, a District Swimming team will be formed who will compete at WaterMarc on Thursday 20th February. These students will be notified this week.



Interschool Sport Report- Round 1

The students in Years 4-6 participated in the first round of Interschool Sport. This was a new experience for the Year 4 students so there was a lot of excitement and anticipation in the air!

We played Watsonia North Primary School at Home. The sports the students participated in were: Bat Tennis, Cricket, Basketball and Rounders.

All of the students tried their best and had lots of fun along the way. It was a big learning curve for all of us and the students definitely made Greensborough Primary School proud.

Thank you to all of the coaches: Mrs Donaldson, Mr Stephens and Mrs Grima for their guidance and support on the day.

The results were:

Basketball:	Boys: 2-41 (W.N.P.S won)	Girls: 4-32 (W.N.P.S won)
Cricket:	30-46 (W.N.P.S won)	
Bat Tennis:	Boys: 6-36 (W.N.P.S won)	Girls: 22-23 (W.N.P.S won)
Rounders:	3-22 (W.N.P.S won)	



This week we play Streeton Primary School at Home. They are fielding all teams. Please ensure all students have their uniform requirements and safety gear ready for play Friday morning. All students are expected to arrive to school by 8.45am as play starts promptly at 9.30am. We would love to see some G.P.S parents and guardians supporting the students Friday morning.

Daniela Darling

Sports Coordinator

ThinkUKnow

Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on Thursday 5th of March at 7 pm and all parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a cyber safety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers of how people are using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way.



ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank. The program is delivered in collaboration with policing partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation covers issues relating to children and young peoples' privacy and security online, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they're accessing.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au or contact Erin Donaldson.

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Pupil of the Week

Term 1~ Week 1 Week Ending 31 January 2020

Prep	<i>Philippa</i>	For displaying excellent manners, following instructions and trying her best!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Adam C</i>	For coming to school each day with a smile, ready to learn.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Jensen</i>	For his positive attitude towards others and our classroom. Keep it up! 😊
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Caden</i>	For a great start to the year. Well done, Caden!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Kirtvir</i>	For a wonderful start to life at GPS. Well done!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Emma P</i>	For always trying her best and being a respectful class member.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Periana & Louis</i>	For an outstanding first week at GPS. You have demonstrated positive attitudes towards all.

Term 1 ~ Week 2 Week Ending 07 February 2020

Prep	<i>Charlie</i>	For always having a go and trying his best.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Jett</i>	For being an excellent role model in 1/2A. Keep it up, super star!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Thomas T</i>	For being a wonderful role model t the Grade 1s. You are a ★! Keep it up!
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Blake</i>	For his positive attitude in class and out in the yard. Well done, Blake!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Riley H</i>	For his great mindset shown during reading. Keep it up!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Milly</i>	For always showing kindness, being friendly and having a positive attitude!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Cash</i>	For his outstanding effort during writing this week. Keep it up.
PE	<i>Ezra 56B</i>	For displaying a positive attitude during InterSchool Sports and always having a smile on his face!
Art	<i>Bella E 3/4A</i>	For demonstrating excellent drawing skills in her first Art session at GPS.
Student Wellbeing	<i>Philippa Prep</i>	For being a terrific ambassador for our school at the Greensborough Plaza fundraiser for firefighters!

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Parents & Friends

Thank you to those who have indicated they would be able to assist with events throughout the year. P&F would not be able to function without volunteers and all money raised through these events goes straight towards items for students. This year we will be raising money for laptop leases and also replacing the iPads for Grades Prep-2.

FOOD DAYS

Our first food day will be held next Friday, 21st of February. Order forms have been sent home and are due back by **Tuesday 18th February 2020**.

Twilight Sports Night Barbeque

Twilight sports will be held on **Tuesday 25th February 2020**. As part of this event, P&F run a BBQ and we will require volunteers to help assist with the BBQ.

Attached below of the newsletter is a slip for those who can help to fill in and return to the office. A notice will also come home next week asking for volunteers.

Thankyou,

Kim Hill

On behalf of P&F

Twilight Sports Night Barbeque

If you are able to assist with either/both of the BBQs, please fill out this slip with your details and return to the office.
Thank you for your support.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Class: _____



I can assist with **Twilight Sports Tuesday 26th Feb 2020** (*please circle*):

BBQ

Money

Selling Drinks

No Preference

Time: 3pm-4pm-Setup

4pm-5pm

5pm-6pm

6pm-7pm

7pm-8pm-Cleanup

Fruit Friday

Each Friday the school supplies a platter of fruit for each class to share. We are seeking people to help assist with the cutting of the fruit. It isn't every week that you would be needed, hopefully just 1-2 times each term. If you are interested, please fill out the slip or let the office know.



Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Inclusion for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Tuesday March 3rd 2020

6.30pm–8.30pm

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BGNSF

Cost: \$66 (incl. GST)

Tea and coffee provided

Venue: Kalparrin Early Childhood Intervention Service

1 Kalparrin Ave

Greensborough 3088

Develop the knowledge and skills required for successful inclusion of children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in Early Childhood and Primary School settings. Leave the workshop feeling equipped with new strategies, resources, and ideas to promote inclusion for children with ASD.

Workshop covers:

- Understanding what ASD is
- Why ASD looks different in different children
- Strategies to support a child with ASD
- Case studies to apply knowledge
- Resources to implement strategies in your setting

Recommended for:

- Early Childhood Educators
- Early Years Primary Teachers
- Education Support Staff
- Allied Health Graduates/Students



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