

Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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| | Borough Bulletin |
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| | 27 February 2020 |
| 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 |
| Thursday 26 March 2020 | Woolworths Cricket Blast Clinics – Grades 3 to 6 |
| Friday 27 March 2020 | Last Day of Term 1 – Early finish at 1.30pm Easter Bonnet Parade – 9.15am |

Principal's Report

Congratulations to Acacia House who were the winners of our Twilight Sports on Tuesday night. It was lovely to see the students dressed in their House colours, trying their best and cheering on their team members. Thank you to all the families who attended despite the threat of rain and enjoyed the barbeque or their picnics before the races began, and to Parents and Friends who manned the barbeque and all their work in setting up and packing up. Thank you also to teachers for their work in supporting this event, especially the Twilight Sports Committee, led by Laura Tillotson.



Feedback from parents/caregivers who attended the Parent/Teacher, 'Meet and Greet' last Wednesday has been very positive. These meetings are a great opportunity for teachers and parents to further develop the relationship between home and school and ensure we are all working together to enable your children to achieve success and optimise their outcomes. Any parents who were unable to attend this meeting are encouraged to make an alternate appointment with your child's teacher.

Junior School Council

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. Maria Grima has already met with the new JSC members and they've already begun selling icy-poles at Friday lunchtimes to raise funds for their future projects. Student leadership is very important at Greensborough Primary and this week we have proudly published photos of our 2020 leadership team in this newsletter, as well as displayed their photos in the school entrance.

Formidable Vegetables

Today students from Prep – Grade 6 participated in a fun and engaging sustainability incursion. Students participated in dynamic and exciting workshops focussing on innovative sustainable solutions to current environmental challenges through music and the arts. Sustainability Greensborough was also in attendance and run workshops with Grade Prep – 2 students, planting in our vegie patch.



I hope many of you had a chance to join us for the concert at 2.30pm.

Dental Health Checks

Banyule Council conducted Dental Health screenings yesterday for Grades 1 – 6 children who had returned their permission notes. They will return to screen the Preps at a later date and conduct education sessions across the school.

Parents and caregivers are reminded that the Banyule Council Dental Health Service is free for all children under 13 years of age and is also open to children who live outside the Banyule area. The service provides dental care, including fillings. Children are given priority for service and the waitlist is currently only a week or two long.

Art Extension

Each term a different group of students from across the school are offered the opportunity to participate in the Art Extension program. Sometimes the students choose to work on a project to beautify our school grounds, e.g. picket people, school values bollards, and aboriginal totem poles, and other times, they choose to work on mastery of individual skills in the style of a well-known artist, e.g. Picasso. In Term Four last year, while Janet Troy, was on leave, Maria Grima worked with a group of Grade 3/4 students: Zoe, Adrian, Willow, Darcy, Kaitlyn, Brendan, Tiffany, Reece and Kayleigh, on a project to remodel

the courtyard outside my office. Janet Troy completed the task this term with the group and they should be very proud of their efforts. Visitors to the office have been very complimentary in their feedback.

School Council

Thank you to our retiring School Council members, Tanya Ferraro and Nicole Ronald. Tanya and Nicole have generously donated their time and expertise to Greensborough PS and we are very appreciative of their efforts. We welcome back Shareen Bottrell and Tracey Herbert who have renominated for another term and new school councillor, Megan Boff.

We still have one x two year vacancy and a one year vacancy to fill. If any parents or caregivers would like to join School Council or seek more information about the role of School Council, please contact Margaret, myself or the office.



Relay For Life



Celebrate. Relay For Life: This Saturday 29th February and Sunday 1st March! Families are welcome to come down to Willinda Park to support our school's fundraising efforts by purchasing items at our stall, even if you don't have time to walk a few laps and register for the event. Every

dollar or two spent goes towards this great cause and we'd like to see as many students as possible join in.

Time/Date: 12.45 pm Saturday 29th February - 10 am Sunday March 1st.

Location: Willinda Park, Beatrix St Greensborough

Have you registered for COMPASS yet?

Logons for families new to the school or existing families who hadn't yet registered were sent home this week. We ask families to register on COMPASS as soon as possible as we will be phasing out hard copies of the newsletter and all communication, including First Aid updates, notes and reports will all be sent to parents via COMPASS. If anyone needs assistance or further information, please contact the office.

Angela Morrítt

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 profesionals 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

Diamond Valley Community support (DVCS) is an independent not-for-profit organisation that provides direct aid, assistance, support and information for people 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.

DVCS services currently include a Back to School Program, that provides eligible families a cheque for **\$100** *per child* (up to \$500 per family). The cheque will be made out to the school, and is to be used for educational purposes, i.e. Subject Contributions, camps, excursions, and so on. DVCS is located at Shop 378a Level 3, Greensborough Plaza. Ph: 03 9435 8282 / 03 9435 5440.

Family Information Details

Thank you to all the families who returned the forms with student information details that were sent home last week for families to update. It is important that all families check these details and return them to us with any changes to contact numbers and also medical information to ensure student safety and speedy communication with parents.

Families are also asked to check information re employment details as these may have changed from when you originally filled in the forms. Student funding from the Government is driven by the levels of schooling of students and their family and community characteristics, e.g. types of employment, so it is important we enter the correct data to receive the correct funding entitlement for our students.

Greensborough Prímary Student Leadershíp Teams





Eucalyptus House



Grevíllea House







Student Wellbeing



Junior School Council

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

STEM Program



We have had another exciting fortnight in our Science room, with plenty more experiments happening across all year levels. Throughout these sessions we have been learning what it means to make predictions and observations.

In Prep we explored what would make ice melt faster, dirt, sand, water or salt. In Grades 1 & 2 we observed coloured water being sucked up the stem of a flower, and changing the colour of its petals. In Grades 3 to 6 we looked at how fire burns oxygen and when there is no oxygen left, it creates a vacuum resulting in suction.

We are once again looking forward to more hands-on exploring next week!

Sam Steer

STEM Teacher



PE REPORT HOCKEY VICTORIA CLINICS



14th On Friday February, students in Grades 3, Prep and 1/2 participated in a Hockey Victoria clinic. Coaches AJ, Karina and Ken taught the basic skills of hockey through fun hockey drills and games. Everyone had lots of fun and enjoyed learning about а different sport.



DISTRICT TENNIS TRIALS

On Friday 14th February, Taegan in 5/6B had the opportunity to try out at the District tennis trials held at St Mary's P.S. We are so proud of Taegan for representing G.P.S with her amazing tennis skills and trying her best. Well done!

I.S.S REPORT WEEKS 2 and 3

Week 2 Interschool Sports results:

Bat Tennis (boys): 14 - 22 (Streeton won)

Bat Tennis (girls): 7 - 31 (Streeton won)

Basketball (boys): 22 - 8 (Greensborough won)

Basketball (girls): 6 - 20 (Streeton won)

Cricket: 53 - 72 (Streeton won)

Rounders: 22 - 9 (Greensborough won)

Due to inclement weather, Round 3 of I.S.S was cancelled. There are no makeup rounds in Term 1.

It was great to have ex-G.P.S student, Liam Fowler, assist with refereeing the basketball game. Thanks for visiting!

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday 20th February, we had a team of students, led by our Swimming Captains, Magnus and Emily, represent G.P.S at the District Swimming Carnival at WaterMarc. All the students swam their very best and G.P.S came 6th overall.

Congratulations to these students who received ribbons in their events: Ruby F (3rd Freestyle A race), Adrian T (3rd Freestyle A race) and Jake N (2rd Backstroke B race).

Thank you to Mrs Grima and all the parent helpers who assisted with walking to and from WaterMarc and supporting the students on the day.





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 <u>www.thinkuknow.org.au</u> or contact **Erin Donaldson.**



Library News

Library Bags

A gentle reminder regarding library bags. All children in Preps and Grade 1/2 are required to have a library bag for their books. It can be as simple as a sturdy plastic bag. Please make sure that the bag is named. It is so much easier to keep track of books if they are transported between school and home in a bag.

The proven benefits of reading with your child *Primary English Teaching Association Australia*

'Parents and carers who read aloud with children in a secure, safe and comfortable context motivate their children to read.

Parents' perceptions, values, attitudes, and expectations play an important role in influencing their children's attitudes toward reading, and subsequent literacy development. When children share a book with someone who makes them feel special, the attitude that reading is pleasurable is transferred to other reading encounters.'

We are all busy people but if you can find time to share a book with your child for 10 minutes a day, research suggests that relationships are strengthened, children's reading and self-esteem improves and children read more. Sharing stories unites families.

I thought I would include this poem by the one and only Julia Donaldson, who is a British poet, playwright, writer, songwriter, performer and author of 'The Gruffalo' and many more wonderful picture books.

I Opened a Book Julia Donaldson (2014)

I opened a book and in I strode Now nobody can find me. I've left my chair, my house, my road, My town and my world behind me.

I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring, I've swallowed the magic potion. I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king And dived in a bottomless ocean.

I opened a book and made some friends. I shared their tears and laughter And followed their road with its bumps and bends To the happily ever after.

I've finished my book and out I came. The cloak can no longer hide me. My chair and my house are just the same, But I have a book inside me.

I do hope that some of us in our community, be it children or adults feel this way about books.

Happy Reading everyone,

Jen Farley **Teacher** librarian



Twilight Sports

Thank you to all the families who attended the Twilight Sports on Tuesday, 25th February. Although the radar had predicted disastrous weather, we banded together like Greensborough Primary School does, and had a fantastic time!

It was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic students from Prep – Grade 6, dressed in their house colours, participating in the events.











Once again our wonderful families supported and encouraged all the students. It was a positive experience for all. Thank you again to Kim Hill and her sensational group of helpers for providing the delicious food on the night, as well as the students and teachers who helped to organise and set up the event.

Congratulations to Acacia (Yellow) house for being the victors on the night, as well as all houses for their enthusiasm, good sportsmanship and for ably demonstrating the G.P.S school values.

We look forward to another successful Twilight Sports in 2021!

From the Art room...

It's great to be back at GPS after long service leave and I look forward to seeing some wonderful creativity from all our students in the Art room! This year, I am working at GPS on Wednesdays and each grade will have an Art session every fortnight. We will also be continuing our popular Art Extension Program to complete special projects that extend our skills and enrich the school environment. Our first Art Extension project was to finish off an art installation and planting project in the courtyard outside the Principal's office.

VISUAL DIARIES

The majority of student work in Art is completed in a visual diary, which is retained in the Art room. This book lasts for around 2 to 3 years and is an excellent way of acknowledging and keeping a record of each student's work. Once their first visual diary is full, the student can bring it home and will be provided with another one. If you would like to see more of what your child is achieving in Art, you are most welcome to come to the Art room and view their Visual Diary. They are located in labelled tubs on the bench just inside the Art room door.

SMOCKS

The Art room now provides smocks for students, so there is no need to purchase a smock. This means that every student has access to an appropriate long-sleeved waterproof smock for occasions when we are working with paint, clay or other messy media.

ART FOCUS FOR TERM 1

This term's skill focus is Painting & Drawing. Exploring the topic of "Cats – Wild & Tame" Grades 1 to 6 will be learning to observe shapes, draw detail, add texture and explore blending and shading techniques. Later this term, Preps will be introduced to the Art room and become familiar with the materials and equipment that we use.

AN ART RESOURCE www.iamanartist.ie

If your children would like to do some extra Art at home, I recently discovered this website: "I Am An Artist". It is a visual arts initiative aimed at supporting primary teachers and pupils in the adoption and delivery of the visual arts curriculum in Ireland. By comprising 30 short TV programmes (each 6 minutes in length), an interactive website with slideshows, lessons, web links and interactive games, it provides a stimulating collection of curriculum-mapped resources for empowering and supporting the teacher and pupil. You will have to listen extra hard but you will get used to the Irish accents!



Janet Troy

Art Teacher

Wombat Corner Camp 2020

This is an update for all 2020 campers and families!

Just 13 more sleeps until Camp!



REMEMBER!

Camp Payments should have been paid by **Friday 21st February 2020.**

An information letter went home this week which included a list of personal items to pack for camp. Please ask your child for this note if you have not received it please see Mehgan at the office. If you have any questions or queries see Mr Stephens or Angela Morritt.





Pupil of the Week

Term 1~ Week 3 Week Ending 14 February 2020

| Prep | Stephanie | For being a kind and helpful friend. Well done! |
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| Grade 1/2A | Isla | For being the kindest classmate and always working her hardest! |
| Grade 1/2 B | Edward | For stepping out of his comfort zone and giving a wonderful JSC speech. |
| Grade 3/4 A | Sienna N | For her wonderful narrative 'The Blue Pawprint' in Big Write. Great openers and detail. You are a star. |
| Grade 3/4 B | Kashton | For your growth mindset shown during Applied Maths – Learning about time. Well done. |
| Grade 5/6 A | Barbara | For always trying her best in all aspects of the curriculum. Keep it up! \bigstar |
| Grade 5/6 B | Amber | For her outstanding effort, persistence and concentration during writing this week. |
| Art | Kaushik 1/2A | For showing us his outstanding drawing skills in his first Art class at GPS. |
| Library | Ethan 1/2B | For working with great focus and completing all his class tasks. |
| PE | Elvy 1/2B | For showing lots of enthusiasm during the Hockey Clinic. Well done! |

Term 1 ~ Week 4 Week Ending 21 February 2020

| Prep | Drew | Trying his best and being kind to others. Well done! |
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| Grade 1/2A | Sila | For your amazing positive attitude towards learning. You're a superstar! |
| Grade 1/2 B | Reese | For being so supportive and encouraging to her classmates. |
| Grade 3/4 A | Bella | For using persuasive writing strategies in her text 'No Pocket Money'. |
| Grade 3/4 B | Rose | For your amazing 'Big Write' exploring hope. What a fantastic writing piece. |
| Grade 5/6 A | Xander | For being a caring and helpful friend to our new student, Jacob. Well done. $$ |
| Grade 5/6 B | Emily and Magnus | For outstanding leadership as swimming captains at the District Swimming Carnival. |
| Library | Ayris 3/4A | For doing a great job with her 'I see, I think, I wonder' response. |
| PE | GPS District Swimming Team | For a wonderful effort in all of their swimming events. Well done! |

Cooperation Achievement Respect Empathy

Parents & Friends

FOOD DAYS

We will be having a Baker's Delight Food Day next Friday, 6^{th} of March. Order forms are due back by Monday 2^{nd} March – <u>no</u> late orders will be accepted.

Thank you to the parents who are assisting with the food days.

Twilight Sports

A huge thank you to those who volunteered to assist with the BBQ. It was a great success even with the inclement weather.

Easter Raffle



It is hard to believe Easter is not far away.

We are looking for donations for our Easter Hampers. A collection box will be available up at the office for families to donate items.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 27th March after the Easter Bonnet parade. Raffle tickets will be sent home closer to the date for people to purchase.

Hot Cross Buns

This year we will be selling Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns. Order forms will come home next week and will be due back by Monday 24th March.

Orders will be ready on Friday 27th of March (last day of term). They will be given to eldest child in family to take home.

Thankyou,

Kím Híll

On behalf of P&F

Relay for life – Willinda Park, Greensborough – This weekend!

Thank you to everyone who took part in Free Dress Day last week. The school raised \$155 for our schools' team in Relay for Life.

Online registration has now closed; however, people can still register on the day. A huge thank you to those who have joined the team, a total of 21 people! So far the school has raised \$4191 for the Relay!

The event is open to the public, so even if you haven't registered, please come down to support the community. Most teams participating in the event have goods to sell, with all funds going towards Relay for Life. The Greensborough Rotary Club run the canteen with lots of goodies on sale – and the profits go straight to the



Cancer Council. There will also be plenty of fun activities for the kids to take part in.

The weather looks like it will be a pleasant weekend – we hope to see some familiar faces there!

Thankyou,

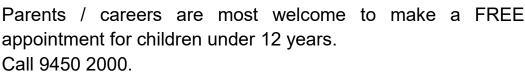
Kim Hill On behalf of GPS Relay for Life team

School of Smiles

Banyule

Health

The school was visited by Banyule Community Health Dental Service on February 27, 2020 to conduct Oral Health Screening & Education session with our Grades 1 - 6 students.



You will be given the first available appointment.

Don't wait for a problem; a child should see a health Community professional by the age of two for an oral health check. shool

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Inclusion for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder Tuesday March 3rd 2020 6.30pm-8.30pm

| Bookings: | www.trybooking.com/BGNSF | |
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| 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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