



# Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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## ***Borough Bulletin*** ***12 March 2020***

<i>Friday 13 March 2020</i>	<b>Wombat Corner Camp Grades 3 to 6 – Return to school 3.30pm</b>
<i>Monday 16 March 2020</i>	<b>Hot Dog Food Day – Orders due back</b>
<i>Tuesday 17 March 2020</i>	<b>Southern Cross Recycling Collection Day</b>
<i>Thursday 19 March 2020</i>	<b>Woolworths Cricket Blast Clinics – Grades 3 to 6</b>
<i>Friday 20 March 2020</i>	<b>Summer Inter School Sports Round 7 – Home vs Bundoora Hot Dog Food Day</b>
<i>Monday 23 March 2020</i>	<b>Animal Dress Up Day – JSC Bushfire Fundraiser School Council Meeting – 7 pm Hot Cross Bun Drive – Orders due back</b>
<i>Wednesday 25 March 2020</i>	<b>Summer Inter School Sports Finals</b>
<i>Thursday 26 March 2020</i>	<b>Woolworths Cricket Blast Clinics – Grades 3 to 6</b>
<i>Friday 27 March 2020</i>	<b>Easter Bonnet Parade – 9.15am Easter Raffle draw after Parade Hot Cross Bun Drive Orders will be distributed Last Day of Term 1 – Early finish at 1.30pm</b>
<i>Tuesday 14 April 2020</i>	<b>Term 2 commences</b>
<i>Wednesday 15 April 2020</i>	<b>Lacrosse Clinic – Grades 3 and 4</b>
<i>Thursday 16 April 2020</i>	<b>Lacrosse Clinic – Grades 5 and 6</b>
<i>Friday 17 April 2020</i>	<b>Autumn Inter School Sports Round 1</b>
<i>Monday 20 April 2020</i>	<b>Learning to Read session 1 – Pre School 2021 Pre Prep Cross Country Trials – 11.30am to 1.30pm</b>

### **Principal's Report**

Well done to our Prep students as they are completing their first fulltime fortnight at school! It's always a pleasure to visit the Prep classroom and see their excitement at learning new skills, and their pride and enthusiasm to share their efforts.

Yesterday we waved our students from Grade 3 - 6 off to camp and we are looking forward to their return and hearing about their adventures. We greatly appreciate the efforts of Grade 3/4 B class teacher, Jesse Stephens for his work in organising camp and ensuring everything is running smoothly and thank the staff and parents who have generously given their time to attend.

Our student leadership team are to be commended for organising a fundraiser on Monday 23rd March to raise funds for animals affected by the bushfires. This is an 'Out of Uniform Day' and students are being asked to dress as their favourite animal and donate a gold coin donation. All monies raised will be donated to an animal rescue organisation.

It has been an extremely busy term with a great deal of extracurricular activities, including the excellent incursion with 'Formidable Vegetables'. Our students participated in a range of workshops, including creating a worm farm and learning about innovative sustainable solutions to current environmental challenges through music and the arts. A big thankyou to members of Sustainability Greensborough who attended and ran workshops with Grade p – 2 students, planting in our vegie patch. The concert at the end of the day was a highlight and it was terrific to see many family members join us for this event.



## **Easter Parade**

A reminder to families that on the last day of term, Friday 27th March, we will have our annual Easter Hat Parade at 9.10 am on the netball court. This is a fun morning when students, and pre-schoolers wear their wonderful creations, each grade then has a special activity, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt on the oval. Our Grade 5/6 student leaders are planning for this special day and we hope many family members can join us.

A highlight of this day is the Grade 6 egg toss, where students in pairs try to throw and catch a real egg the longest distance without breaking it! Our Grade Six teachers, Maria and Erin, will then attempt to throw further than the students and challenge for the overall title.

Thank you to the families who have donated eggs for the hampers Parents and Friends are making, as prizes for the Easter Raffle. Any families who would like to donate items for raffle prizes may send them along to the office.

## **Have you registered for COMPASS yet?**

Margaret, Erin, Mehgan and myself attended further training for the implementation of COMPASS on Monday and while it's a steep learning curve for us to master all the administration aspects of this new online management system, we are excited to know our communications to families, and also internally, will be greatly enhanced. We are also pleased that we will be able to reduce our expenditure on photocopying costs and increase our sustainable practices by phasing out our hard copies of notices and school communications.

Our goal is to have all communication, including newsletters, First Aid updates, notes and Student Reports sent to parents via COMPASS from the beginning of next term. So if families haven't registered on COMPASS yet, we urge you to do so as soon as possible. If anyone needs assistance or further information, please contact the office.

## **Southern Cross Recycling Tuesday March 17th**

Each term we encourage families to recycle their unwanted household goods by having a collection day at school. This day is usually towards the end of each term, except for fourth term when it is held in Recycling Week in November. Our unwanted items are recycled in communities that will benefit from them and our Grade 6 students also benefit as we are paid a small amount per kilogram and the monetary proceeds are placed in the Grade 6 Graduation Celebration budget.

So clear out your cupboards this weekend and send along manchester, kitchen goods, toys, clothing, shoes, books....in fact anything except electrical goods are acceptable. Signs and tables have been placed in the corridor leading from the office to the art room for you to drop off your goods.

## **School Council**

Thank you to the parents who nominated for School Council, we are pleased to welcome our new school councillor, parent Megan Boff and welcome back Tracey Herbert and Shareen Bottrell who renominated for a second term. They join Cassie Fox, Simone Wilson and Kim Hill who are in the second year of office. We

thank our retiring School Council councillors, Nicole Ronald, John Fitzgerald and Tanya Ferraro who have very generously shared their time and expertise to support our school. All retiring council members are still heavily involved with our community and we continue to be grateful they are sharing their expertise in other roles.

The first meeting of the new School Council to elect Office Bearers will be Monday March 23rd at 7pm and I look forward to working with the 2020 School Council members this year.

We still have one 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.

## 2021 Prep Enrolments

If any families know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please encourage them to register their details as soon as possible, (this includes siblings of current students). We have already had a number of enquiries and school tours for places in 2021 and the sooner we get a sense of our intake for next year, the sooner we can start planning for grade structures.



**Celebrate.  
Remember.  
Fight Back.**

Thank you to everyone who supported GPS at the Diamond Valley Relay For Life on Saturday 29th February at Willinda Park. It was lovely to see so many students, including our school leaders, and their families come down

and support our fundraising efforts. We raised over \$7000 for the cancer council to fund research into finding a cure for cancer and we are very proud of our efforts. Overall over \$120,000 was raised on the day! We have registered a team for next year, so if you were unable to join us this year, we hope to see you next year.



*Angela Morrìtt*

Principal

## Help Required



A letter was sent home to all school families last week to see if we could have some assistance to lift and remove the tiles from the floor of the indoor boys' toilets. Wayne and Geoff are happy to volunteer their time but it is a task they cannot complete by themselves and, if we don't have some volunteer labor, we will have to pay the contractor cost of \$2700, which is money we would much prefer to spend on books!

The date we have set aside is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March commencing at 9.00 and we anticipate that this won't take more than one or two hours.

Any help would be much appreciated and, if you are able to assist, could you please complete the tear off slip below.



Yes, I can assist with the working bee to replace the flooring in the Boy's inside toilets on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

Parent's name:.....

Child's name /grade:.....

Contact number:.....





Photos of our 'Formidable Vegetables' Incursion.

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## Interschool Sports Bus Payments

At the start of this year parents of students in the Senior School made payments for the cost of bus transport for the 'away' matches for Term One and Term Two interschool sport. As everyone is aware, extreme weather conditions have resulted in some of the interschool sports matches being cancelled. As a result there is a credit in accounts for the Term One bus charges. Rather than refunding this amount at this time, we are hoping that everyone will be agreeable to these funds being used for the bus costs for Athletics in Term Three. This way refunds and then new charges will not need to be processed. Please let the office know if you would prefer to have a refund now and make the further payment in Term Three.



# Starting to Read



Commencing on **Monday 20th April** from  
**9.30-10.30** and running for four weeks in  
Term Two, this program will introduce  
children commencing school in 2021  
to the concepts of:

- ★ Sound / symbol relationships
- ★ High frequency words
- ★ Reading strategies

Sessions will be interactive, promoting  
confidence and excitement with reading  
and each week children will leave with  
take home activity or book.



**For enquiries or bookings please contact  
Greensborough Primary School on 9435 1496.**

## PE REPORT

### I.S.S. REPORT

Rounds 4 and 5

Our Round 4 game was our first Away game where Watsonia Heights P.S hosted Interschool Sports.

It was fantastic to hear from their Sports Coordinator about how impressed they were with our students' behaviour and sportsmanship. We are very proud of all our GPS students and how they represent our school. Well done!

#### Week 4 Interschool Sports results:

Bat Tennis (boys): 29 - 14 (Watsonia Heights won)

Bat Tennis (girls): 34 - 6 (Watsonia Heights won)

Basketball (boys): 29 - 14 (Watsonia Heights won)

Basketball (girls): 34 - 6 (Watsonia Heights won)

Cricket: 24 - 17 (Watsonia Heights won)

Rounders: 18 - 16 (Watsonia Heights won)

Please note, that due to inclement weather, Round 5 of I.S.S. was cancelled. There are no makeup rounds in Term 1.

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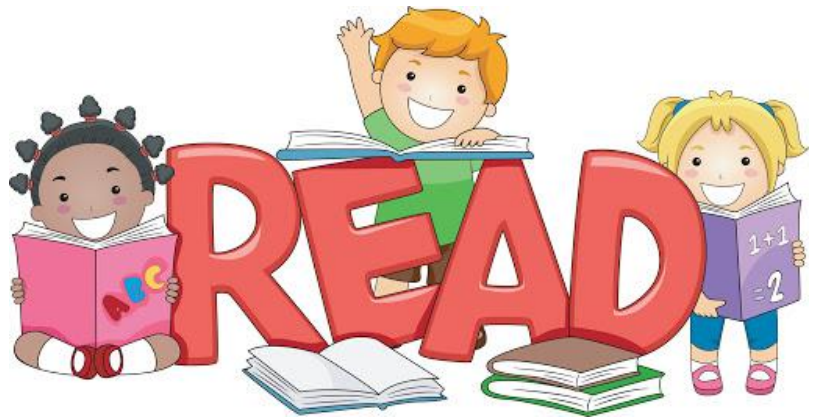
## Library News

### Prep Borrowing

Today the Preps had their first library lesson. We shared the book, 'Guess the baby'. The children were very excited to be taking a library book home! The children have been provided with a red library bag from the government but if you prefer to use another one that is perfectly okay. Whichever bag that you use, can you please make sure that it is named.

For those children who did not have bags I have given them a green bag to use temporarily. Can they please be returned to school as we use them for emergencies.

The children will borrow **one book** for the first few weeks then increase to two books in second term, if they want. They start by borrowing books from the picture story book section.



It is good idea to find a special place at home where the library book can be kept safely at all times.

I know that we are all very busy but it would be wonderful if you could find time to share the book/s with your child.

Happy Reading everyone,

*Jen Farley*

Teacher librarian

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## ART NEWS

This term's skill focus is Painting & Drawing. Exploring the topic of "Cats – Wild & Tame" our students have been learning to observe shapes, draw detail, add texture and explore blending and shading techniques.

### Grades 3/4

These are some of the fantastic results from our Grade 3 and 4 students.



### Grade 5/6

Our Grade 5/6s worked in groups to create textured papers and assembled these cute cat collages!



*Janet Troy*  
Visual Arts Teacher



# Pupil of the Week

## Term 1~ Week 5 Week Ending 28 February 2020

<b>Prep</b>	<i>Lola</i>	Being helpful and kind to others both inside and outside the classroom.
<b>Grade 1/2A</b>	<i>Ivy</i>	For her effort and great attitude in class this week.
<b>Grade 1/2 B</b>	<i>Charlotte</i>	For her insights and contributions to the 'Formidable Vegetables' Incursion.
<b>Grade 3/4 A</b>	<i>Ayris</i>	For her wonderful enthusiasm during the 'Beet Boxing' Workshop.
<b>Grade 3/4 B</b>	<i>Harmony</i>	For your excellent enthusiasm during last week's 'Formidable Vegetables' Incursion.
<b>Grade 5/6 A</b>	<i>Xander</i>	Wonderful contributions to our class song during 'Formidable Vegetables' ☺
<b>Grade 5/6 B</b>	<i>Tobias</i>	For displaying empathy towards others. You are a very kind and caring leader.
<b>Art</b>	<i>Joel L 1/2A</i>	For consistent high achievement in the Art Room!
<b>Library</b>	<i>Jett 1/2A</i>	For working really well in Library and willingly answering questions.
<b>PE</b>	<i>Ella 5/6A</i>	For being a fantastic leader during our basketball class. Well done!

## Term 1 ~ Week 6 Week Ending 6 March 2020

<b>Prep</b>	<i>Tomas</i>	For challenging himself during writing and producing great work.
<b>Grade 1/2A</b>	<i>Mounina</i>	For her amazing attitude towards her learning. You're incredible Mounina!
<b>Grade 1/2 B</b>	<i>Patrick</i>	For his fantastic use of describing words when writing his Dreamtime Story.
<b>Grade 3/4 A</b>	<i>Holly S and Sienna</i>	For their excellent co-operative skills, planning, drawing and creating a 3D map of 'Wombat Corner' Camp.
<b>Grade 3/4 B</b>	<i>Isabel</i>	For the outstanding work you completed in 'Big Write'. Well done, Isabel.
<b>Grade 5/6 A</b>		Due to camp this nomination has not been completed
<b>Grade 5/6 B</b>	<i>Nathan and Ezra</i>	For outstanding team work during Inquiry. Your camping project is progressing well.
<b>Library</b>	<i>Aiden 5/6B</i>	For his excellent response to the book, Ruben. Great thinking skills!
<b>Chinese</b>	<i>Scarlett Prep</i>	For her excellent participation and enthusiasm towards Chinese number learning. Keep it up!
<b>PE</b>	<i>Shanon 5/6B</i>	For showing excellent sportsmanship during Irish Soccer. Well done!



## Parents & Friends

### FOOD DAYS

We will be having a Hot Dog Food Day next Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> of March. Order forms are due back by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – **no late orders will be accepted.**

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

### Easter Raffle



It is hard to believe Easter is not far away.

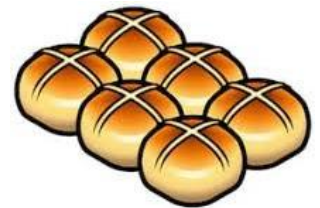
We are looking for donations for our Easter Hampers. A collection box will be available up at the office for families to donate items.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

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



### Entertainment books – now for sale at the office

Get your new Entertainment Membership today to support Greensborough Primary School and receive this year's exclusive Entertainment offers.

Entertainment Memberships can start anytime and are packed with thousands of substantial savings on dining, travel and fun family activities.

The Membership App is easy to download to start using instantly. New offers are added weekly for ongoing value all year round.

<https://www.entertainment.com.au/subscription?fundraiser=189481>

Thankyou,

*Kim Hill*

On behalf of P&F

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**My favourite way to save...**  
is when I save up to **\$60 off** dining

- ★ **BONUS \$10 JB Hi-Fi eGift Card** with any membership purchased!  
Use Promo Code: **GIFTME** at check out
- ★ **PLUS up to 3 months extra membership**  
on Single City & Multi City Membership

Buy now to grab March Entertainment Offers

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## 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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## Family Information Details

Thank you to all the families who returned the forms with student information details that were sent home recently. 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.

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**Greensborough Baseball Club**

**COME AND TRY DAY**  
**SATURDAY 21ST OF MARCH**  
**10AM TO 1PM**

- BOYS AND GIRLS FROM 6-17 YEARS
- T-BALL PROGRAM
- SENIORS (ALL AGES)
- FREE BBQ
- GAMES AND ACTIVITIES



ENQUIRIES:  
**SHARON 0403 354 276**

GREENSBOROUGH BASEBALL CLUB  
 ELDER STREET RESERVE  
 CNR MANFRED AND ELDER ST  
 WATSONIA

**ELTHAM LACROSSE 2020**

**SCHOOLS COMPETITION**

**FREE EVENT!**


**EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!**

**- VENUE CHANGE -**  
 ROUND 1, 11th March, Eltham Primary School  
 70 Dalton St, Eltham


**COME & TRY THE FASTEST GAME ON TWO FEET!**

Wednesday 11th, 18th & 25th March  
 Time: 5.15 - 6.30pm  
 Lower Eltham Park, Main Road Eltham (near train park)  
 TO REGISTER VISIT:  
[elthamlacrosseclub.com.au/registration](http://elthamlacrosseclub.com.au/registration)  
[info@elthamlacrosseclub.com.au](mailto:info@elthamlacrosseclub.com.au) for more information

[elthamlacrosseclub.com.au](http://elthamlacrosseclub.com.au)



**JUNIOR BASEBALL**



**BOYS & GIRLS JUNIOR PROGRAM**  
 Winter U11, U13, U15 & U17  
 All games Saturday morning 9am start  
**COME & TRY**  
 Thursday 26th March, 5.30pm - 7.00pm  
 @ Glenauburn Park, Lower Plenty  
 Bring your gear and have a throw with our players.  
 Season kicks off mid April.  
 Find out more  
[www.juniorbaseball.com.au](http://www.juniorbaseball.com.au)

Email: [rlpbc@outlook.com](mailto:rlpbc@outlook.com) Phone: Chris 0407 858 629

### REMEMBER!

When placing a food day order please make sure that your child's name and class are clearly listed on the order form.

Please do not send loose cash with orders. Place your order in a named envelope or ziplock bag. Do not tape cash to the order forms.

Thank you.

## SUSTAINABILITY IN THE SUBURBS

### Transition to a Safe Climate Conference 2020

- Organised by local people, for local people

**SATURDAY 30 MAY 2020**  
 9AM - 4.30PM

Level 4, 1 Flintoff St, Greensborough (above WaterMarc)  
 Public transport and bike parking easily available

### THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL

A full day of speakers, networking and workshops, around four key themes -

• BUILDING • WASTE • COMMUNITY RESILIENCE • FOOD

Take action on climate change, feel like part of the solution, find others to share this journey!

Parents - a full day program for children aged 5-12 and kids' activities for under 5s available.  
 Limited places, so book early!

Facilitated by Paul Shelton from Transition Australia and Growing Spaces



Bookings Essential!  
 (no tickets on the day):  
[events.humanitix.com.au/sustainability-in-the-suburbs-transition-to-a-safe-climate-2020](http://events.humanitix.com.au/sustainability-in-the-suburbs-transition-to-a-safe-climate-2020)  
 \$30 - includes food

More information:  
[info@transitionbanyule.org.au](mailto:info@transitionbanyule.org.au)  
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