




Greensborough Primary School - 2062

130 Grimshaw Street Greensborough 3088 Phone: 03 9435 1496

Email: greensborough.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Website: www.greensborough.vic.edu.au

Borough Bulletin ***23 July 2020***

<i>Monday 13 July 2020</i>	Pupil Free Day
<i>Tuesday 14 July 2020</i>	Pupil Free Day
<i>Wednesday 15 July 2020</i>	Pupil Free Day
<i>Thursday 16 July 2020</i>	Pupil Free Day
<i>Friday 17 July 2020</i>	Pupil Free Day
<i>Monday 20 July 2020</i>	First day of Term 3 – Remote Learning
<i>Friday 31 July 2020</i>	Collect Remote Learning Packs
<i>Tuesday 04 August 2020</i>	MPS School Photo Day - Postponed 
<i>Monday 10 August 2020</i>	Curriculum Day No On-Site Attendance will be provided
<i>Friday 14 August 2020</i>	Collect Remote Learning Packs

Principal's Report

At the end of last term, along with the rest of our community, staff were enjoying a return to face to face teaching with all students onsite and optimistic about a further easing of restrictions. We certainly didn't foresee that we would be back to families supporting students during Remote Learning and staff conducting temperature screens for students attending onsite and wearing face masks.

That said, we are all committed to ensuring our Home Learning Program meets the needs of our students and families, and we thank parents who responded to our request for feedback from last term's Home Learning Program. This term our Remote Learning Program concentrates on the essential learnings of Literacy and Numeracy, with Specialist activities still available to students on our school blog, as we know many students greatly enjoy completing these tasks. We know Home Learning is difficult for many families as you juggle your own work and personal commitments and we thank you for doing your best to support your children and our teachers. Please continue to provide feedback and email teachers if you have any queries.

We have loaned over forty school and DET devices to families, so that children have easy access to online programs and class conferences. We still have a small number of devices available, so if any families need to borrow one, please contact the office.

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

Teachers are very pleased to be running video conferences with their grades and small group teaching sessions. We ask families to please read and discuss with your children the protocols for video conferences that were sent home yesterday. Several schools have shared incidents where protocols weren't followed and family privacy was compromised. If we all follow the 'netiquette' for online meetings they will be productive and safe.

In Remembrance of Daniel Boff

It is with great sadness that I inform our community that one of our parents, Daniel Boff, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Sunday July 12th. We send our sincere condolences to Daniel's wife Megan and their two sons Jacob and James, and also to their extended family and friends. Daniel is remembered by staff as a committed father who was passionate about his family. Daniel and Megan were very active in their support of GPS and Dan's interactions with staff were always highlighted by his sense of humour and caring nature.



Several GPS families have asked me to share the link to a fundraiser for Megan and the boys: <https://gf.me/u/ygn6a3>

Attached below are links to websites supported by the Victorian Government to assist families who may want further information to support conversations you may have with your children.

- <https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents/issues/supporting-child-through-grief-and-loss>
- <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/connecting-communicating/tough-topics/when-someone-dies>

If any friends of James and Jacob would like to write a note to the boys, we would be happy to forward it to them on your behalf, as we continue to offer Megan our support.

Curriculum Day

A reminder to families that Monday 10th August is a Pupil Free Day and students will not have a Home Learning program on this day. This is a Professional Development day for staff where we will be focussing on Student Wellbeing strategies, specifically the Zones of Regulation, and reviewing Curriculum Delivery of Inquiry Learning.

As it is a Pupil Free Day, Care and Supervision will not be provided for children attending onsite, as staff will be engaging with presenters.

OSHClub will run on the Curriculum Day if there are enough students booked in. Families who require the services of OSHClub on Monday 10th August are advised to register as soon as possible, so that OSHClub can confirm if they will provide the service for this day.

All school families are able to use OSHClub, including children who have not previously attended. Families new to OSHClub can contact them on (03) 8564 9000 for more information.



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

Community Grant – New Playground Equipment



Over the holidays our new playground musical equipment was installed. This equipment was purchased with the funds from the Schools Community Grant, Parents and Friends and a donation from the Wu family. We are very grateful for the support of P&F and the Wu family to cover the shortfall from the Community Grant. We're looking forward to our students returning to face-to-face teaching and being able to enjoy the equipment.

During Remote Learning we are still continuing our school grounds improvement plans. Painting of the canteen, repair of sleeper walls, general maintenance of heaters and other facilities are still occurring.

Stay safe and we will continue to keep families informed of any new DET operational guidelines via COMPASS.

Angela Morritt

Principal

FREE RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES: PARENTING DURING AND AFTER COVID-19

Families can now access free expert parenting advice through the online Triple P – Positive Parenting Program.

The current pandemic has raised new parenting challenges for everyone. Children and teenagers have experienced disruptions to their daily life and increased worries about their safety and that of their family and friends. Children can react in unexpected ways because they cannot express how they are feeling.

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program's simple, practical strategies have been proven to work around the world, helping parents raise happy, confident children; set family routines and rules that everyone can follow; and balance work and family life with less stress.

There are courses specifically for parents of toddlers to tweens, and for parents of pre-teens to teens.

Sign up to the Triple P program via their website – it is free in Victoria.

2021 Prep Enrolments

If any families know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please encourage them to phone the office to enrol as soon as possible, (this includes siblings of current students). The sooner we get a sense of our intake for next year, the sooner we can start planning for grade structures.

Library News

Term Three is usually a very exciting one at G.P.S. as we celebrate Book Week across the school and Australia. This year, Book Week has been postponed until Term Four. One of the events that is extremely popular at G.P.S is the Book Fair – which is a little like running a small book shop in the library. At present, the Book Fair has been now been moved to November 10th and we will run for 4 days. I will supply you with more information closer to the date. Hopefully we will be able to run our Multi Age Day and Book Parade as well.



Story Box Library

Last term we were able to access Story Box Library as they offered a free trial. Many families took advantage. As it was so popular we have taken out a yearly subscription.

Please feel free to use it at home with your children. There are hundreds of stories that your children can listen to and enjoy.

Story Box Library: <https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/>

The log-in: User name green01

Password green01

Book Club

Book Club brochures are normally sent home with your child as a hard copy. We normally don't offer Book Club in Term Three as we hold our Book Fair. As we are not hosting the Book Fair this term we are offering you the opportunity to access Book Club online.

The link below is to sign in to Book Club. If you have already registered and have an account then you will know what to do! If you haven't registered before it asks you to create an account if this is your first time to order.

Book Club: <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

When you create an account it will ask you to add your child's name and their school. This way the items that you purchase will be sent here and we will receive a credit for the library to spend based on how many orders we take. The link below is for Issue 5. **All orders need to be made by 3 August 2020.** After that date Scholastic will charge for the postage of any items to be delivered.

Book Club Issue 5: https://scholastic.com.au/media/5642/bc_520.pdf

The school will ensure any items that you purchase will be sent home in your child take home packs.

There are some quite good deals in Issue 5:

- A set of Anh Do's Hot Dog series (4 books for \$22.00 or a 6 box set for \$39.00)
- There is also a 4 pack of Ninja Kids for \$25.00
- There is a 4 box set of Pearl the Unicorn for \$15.00
- Tristan Banck's latest novel Detention is a really good read for older children.
- There is also a 10 pack of Australian picture books for \$22.00
- And lots more!!

Happy Reading.

Stay Safe,

Jen Farley

Teacher Librarian

Pupil of the Week



Term 2 ~ Week 10

Prep	<i>Ella</i>	For her outstanding effort in writing and always challenging herself to try her very best. Well done!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Charlie P</i>	For putting lots of effort and care into his work this week. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Thomas H</i>	For his highly detailed information report on The Moon.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Lachie</i>	For his wonderful explanation video of his Marble Run uploaded to Seesaw.
Grade 3/4 B	Team Award: - <i>Kayleigh</i> <i>Tiffany</i> <i>Harmony</i> <i>Reece</i> <i>Rose</i>	For the caring and outstanding leadership shown looking after our chickens - even when times are tough! Well done girls!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Ruby</i>	For her excellent work in Inquiry designing her donut food truck. Well done!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Jahaan</i>	For a sensational start to GPS, you have settled in well and we are all enjoying your magic tricks.
Chinese	<i>Charlotte 1/2B</i>	For being such a great exemplary student for her active participation and enthusiasm shown in Mandarin class.
Library	<i>Ezra 5/6B</i>	For his excellent genre poster about Science Fiction. Fantastic Ezra!
STEM	<i>Hugo S 1/2B</i>	For kindly helping others during our STEM lesson.
PE	<i>Isabel 3/4B</i>	For stepping out of her comfort zone and trying her best when learning the game 'Capture the Flag' during PE. Well done!

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

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.



DIAMOND VALLEY
community support

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. Phone: 03 9435 8282 / 03 9435 5440.

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.

School Accounts, Uniform Orders & Payments



Due to the Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing rules all payments of accounts must be made online. Uniform orders can be made over the phone as well. To process payments you will require the school's bank account details or you can make a payment by credit card over the phone. Please contact Meghan by phone for account details, or to make a payment remotely on **(03) 9435 1496**

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