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<i>Borough Bulletin</i> <i>05 November 2020</i>	
<i>Friday 6 November 2020</i>	2021 Prep Transition: Group 1 - Session 1 – 11:40AM to 12:25PM Group 2 - Session 1 – 12:40AM to 01:25PM
<i>Tuesday 10 November 2020</i>	Book Fair
<i>Wednesday 11 November 2020</i>	Expression of Interest due for Camp Angahook (Feb 2021) Book Week – Short-listed Book Activities
<i>Thursday 12 November 2020</i>	Book Week – Short-listed Book Activities
<i>Friday 13 November 2020</i>	Book Week – Book Parade 2021 Prep Transition: Group 3 - Session 1 – 11:40AM to 12:25PM Group 4 - Session 1 – 12:40AM to 01:25PM
<i>Friday 20 November 2020</i>	2021 Prep Transition: Group 1 - Session 2 – 11:40AM to 12:25PM Group 2 - Session 2 – 12:40AM to 01:25PM
<i>Friday 27 November 2020</i>	2021 Prep Transition: Group 3 - Session 2 – 11:40AM to 12:25PM Group 4 - Session 2 – 12:40AM to 01:25PM
<i>Tuesday 8 December 2020</i>	2021 Year 7 Orientation Day TBC
<i>Wednesday 9 December 2020</i>	Grade 6 Graduation
<i>Tuesday 15 December 2020</i>	Students meet their 2021 Teachers & Grades
<i>Wednesday 16 December 2020</i>	Grade 6 Big Day Out TBC
<i>Thursday 17 December 2020</i>	Last day of Term 4 – Finish at 3:30PM Tabloid Sports Event Ice Cream Truck TBC
<i>Friday 18 December 2020</i>	Curriculum Day

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Principal's Report

We are greatly looking forward to meeting our 2021 Prep students and their families this month, as the recent easing of COVID-19 restrictions has allowed groups of 5 students and 5 parents to attend each session. The transition sessions are a great opportunity for our Prep teacher, Darhian Jones and her new students to get to know each other and family members begin to establish relationships with our school community. Darhian will also visit kindergartens to have a thorough handover of information that will assist a successful transition to primary school. We have our fingers crossed that restrictions may ease further later in the month, so that larger groups may be able to attend and students can meet more of their new classmates.

As we were quietly celebrating how smoothly our Grade Prep – Six students have settled back into on-site learning and enjoying their commitment to their teaching and learning programs, we arrived at school on Wednesday to find the Grade 3/4 classrooms and Curiosity Corner underwater. An internal connection in the 'Aquabubbler' had snapped and water had been leaking since Tuesday afternoon. Due to our registration on SWEP (School Water Efficiency Program) we were able to pinpoint exactly when the break occurred. By the time we arrived at school 7.30 am Wednesday the water had been leaking for nearly seventeen hours and had flowed down to the lower corridor and was just starting to ebb into the junior classrooms. When times are testing, the calibre of students and staff definitely comes to the fore and once again I was reminded what a cohesive and supportive community we have at Greensborough Primary. Teachers and Educational Support staff swung into action and by 8.45am, water had been shut off, repatriation work was underway and grades were relocated with their resources in dry classrooms. Thanks to everyone's team work, the disruption to class programs was minimal. I'd especially like to thank the Grade 3/4 students and teachers who made a second move to the heritage building in the afternoon, while their repatriation works continue. It was clear today, that they had quickly adapted to the change and were continuing to work to the best of their ability. If this year has taught us nothing us, it's reminded us how important it is to work together to achieve our goals.

Student Support Groups

Next week notes will be sent home to parents of children who have Student Support Group (SSG) meetings to arrange an appointment for this term. We ask all families who would like a meeting to return their notes promptly so we can finalise our SSG schedule. Parents can opt for a telephone or videoconference meeting.

Book Week

Thanks goodness retail is open and we can organize our outfits for the Book Parade next week! I know I'll be making the annual trip to Savers on the weekend where I usually bump into families looking for inspiration for our favourite book characters. Book week is a highlight of our school year and I thank Mrs Farley for all her work and moving the date so we can celebrate together this term.

Remembrance Day

Traditionally each year our School Captains represent GPS at the Remembrance Day service at Watsonia RSL and lay a wreath to commemorate the men and women who have served Australia in all wars and armed conflicts. Unfortunately we are unable to attend this year due to COVID restrictions, so our School Captains Emma and James, and Vice Captains Amber, Emily, Cash and Xander will lead our school to observe one minute's silence to honour our Defence Force members. The service will include the Ode of Remembrance and placing a wreath at the base of our flag pole.

Student Leadership

We are currently in full swing with preparation for 2021 formal student leadership positions. The Expressions of Interest for the Student Wellbeing Leaders have been returned and we will begin training shortly. Students are also busily preparing their speeches for School and House Captains which will be delivered on November 30th and December 7th respectively.

Thank You Volunteers

Normally in Term Four, we hold a morning tea to thank our volunteers for supporting our school in many different ways. Support is given via: helping with the rabbits and chickens, caring for the vegetable garden, maintenance tasks, planting and weeding, Kids Hope Mentors, classroom helpers, P&F fundraising, Inter School Sport and Camps.....and the list goes on. Whilst there has been a 'pause' on volunteers helping in their usual capacity since Term One, our community has been very creative in continuing to support our school. P&F have continued their fundraisers and families have supported their efforts. Wayne, Geoff and Les have returned for essential maintenance tasks and Kids Hope Mentors have stayed in contact with students via letters or email. Our students and staff are greatly appreciative of everyone's support and we're looking forward to welcoming volunteers back on site as soon as guidelines allow.

If Premier, Dan Andrews, announces further easing of restrictions next Sunday and we move along the road map, we'll release any updated information about Graduation and Year 6 - 7 transition to families via COMPASS.

I hope families are enjoying the opportunity to have a coffee in a café, picnic in a park with family or friends, or the other simple pleasures in life we have missed.

Angela Morrìt

Principal

DET: Message from Victorian Chief Health Officer: Brett Sutton

Dear parents, carers and guardians,

As students in both mainstream and specialist settings recommence on-site learning in Term 4, I want to thank you all for your efforts during this challenging time. I also want to reassure you that the health, wellbeing and safety of children, young people and those involved in their education continues to be of paramount importance.

Throughout the pandemic we have closely monitored the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on schools; the strategies that can be implemented in schools to reduce risk; and the health impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19) on children and young people, including those with a disability or complex medical condition.

Research by Murdoch Children's Research Institute found that coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission in schools is uncommon when community transmission is low. A summary report of these findings is available to read.

With declining case numbers in the community, I am confident that the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission in mainstream and specialist schools is very low, when we have in place a range of health and safety measures.

The health and safety measures recommended for schools focus on the strategies we know are most effective. These include ensuring unwell staff and students remain home, good hand hygiene, enhanced cleaning and wearing face masks (only mandatory for those 12 years and over attending high schools). Temperature screening is not currently recommended for schools, given low levels of community transmission. I encourage you to read the health and safety advice for schools for further information on what schools are doing to keep students and staff safe.

The most important thing I ask of every family this term is to keep your child home from school if they have even the mildest coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms and to get tested as soon as possible. Staying home when unwell is one of our strongest measures to limit the spread of the virus. For more information on what to do if your child is unwell, see this fact sheet.

The good news is that evidence continues to show that children are less impacted by the virus, and are less likely to develop severe illness. Additional advice for families has been developed for those with medical vulnerabilities to support decision making about on-site learning at this time.

Working together to implement COVIDSafe strategies, I am confident Victoria's students can continue to safely attend school throughout Term 4.

Adj Clin Prof Brett Sutton

Victorian Chief Health Officer

Victorian High-Ability Program

Emma, Sienna and Aiden are halfway through the 10 week Primary Maths program in the Victorian High-Ability Program. They have shown an enthusiastic attitude every Wednesday afternoon and it has been great to see them collaborate with each other during this time.

They have shared their thoughts on the program so far.

The VHAP program is a very fun maths program and we learn new skills each lesson. In Week 1, we learnt about conjectures. In Week 2, we learnt how to tell if numbers are divisible by certain numbers. We worked on Roman and Egyptian numerals in Week 3. In the last lesson we had, we learnt about numbers patterns. We are having a great time being involved in this wonderful program.

By *Emma, Sienna* and *Aiden*



Second-hand Recycled School Uniforms

Our second-hand school uniform store is overflowing!

If any parent or carer is interested in purchasing any stock for their child, please contact the office with your requirements. We will search through our stock to see if we have your requested items in the correct size.

Please note, as these items are donated we cannot guarantee that we will have an item in the size you require. Most items are clean, in good repair but are slightly worn. We ask for a \$2.00 donation per item received. This can be paid by credit card over the phone or by bank transfer. Please call Mehgan for details.

Please note we do not have any second-hand hats in stock. The good news is that we do have **new** hats available for the bargain price of \$12.00. Please call Mehgan if you require a hat for your child.

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FOOTY FUN DAY!





Library News

CBCA Book of the Year 2020



Next week we will be holding our Greensborough Primary School Book Week, beginning **Tuesday November 10th**. On that day our Book Fair will arrive and all the children will have a walk through so they can complete a 'Wish List' of what they would like to purchase. There is no compulsion to buy any of the items on the list. I will send a **separate note home** on Friday 6th November regarding the Book Fair and how to purchase items. The school receives a percentage of the total cost of items sold and we use this money to supplement the library budget.

On **Wednesday 11th** we will hold an activity day based around some of the shortlisted books. On **Friday 13th** we will host a Book Parade where we are looking forward to seeing all of our children dressed up as their favourite character, book title or series. There is no need to purchase expensive costumes for the Book Parade. A simple striped tee shirt can turn you into Wally or face paint can transform you into any range of different animals.

You will have already received a **Book Week flyer** outlining next week's activities. The children have also received a competition sheet. The flyer outlines the events that will take place during Book Week. Please have a read through the flyer. For those children who enter the competition there is a prize of a \$10 gift voucher for each winner to spend at the Book Fair. There will be a total of 4 winners – one child from the Preps, Grade 1/2s, Grade 3/4s and Grade 5/6 areas. The winners will be announced the morning of the Book Parade. All competition sheets can be placed in a box outside of the library which will be in place from Wednesday 3rd November.

Happy Reading,

Jen Farley

Librarian



2021 Camp Information Evening

Dear Parents/Carers,

If you missed our annual virtual Camp Information evening you can watch Mr Stephens' video on this attached link:

<https://youtu.be/7i41trtwzdk>

Attendance is not mandatory, but highly recommended – *especially* for next year's Grade 3s for whom this will be their very first camp!

To secure your child a place on **Camp Angahook 2021**, you will be required to complete and return an **Expression of Interest** as well as pay a **\$50 deposit** by Wednesday 11th November 2020. Links for signing the Expression of Interest will be available via email.

Payments of the Camp deposit can be made over the phone or you can transfer funds in the school account. All account details will be listed on the Compass 2021 Camp Angahook email.

Jesse Stephens

Camp Coordinator

Victorian Coding Challenge

Through the Victorian Challenge and Enrichment series, students who demonstrated an ability and passion for coding had the opportunity to participate in the **Victorian Coding Challenge**. They completed various coding tasks online in their own time.

Well done to the **Stage 1** participants:

★ Emily H
★ Aiden L
★ Jake N

★ Adrian T
★ Magnus S
★ Will D

In addition to stage 1, schools were able to select a small team of 2 - 4 students to participate in the competition phase.

Stage 2: coding competition

Stage 2 allows student to compete with others in a state-wide coding competition (in 2020 this will be virtual). In this competition, students will be competing in groups of 2 - 4, in an open-ended challenge, with an engaging, 'real-world' application. They will present their entries to be judged and will be eligible to win some cool prizes. Competition closes on the 30th November 2020.



Greensborough Primary School Team:

★ Aiden L
★ Adrian T
★ Jake N

Good luck to Aiden, Adrian and Jake. We know you will make the GPS community proud!

Daniela Darling
Coordinator



Victorian
coding
Challenge

KidsAssist Education – Diamond Valley Community Support Service.

Due to recent online fraud that has been experienced within the Emergency Relief sector during the Covid-19 crisis period, Diamond Valley Community Support (DVCS) is required by their funding body to take all reasonable steps to avoid the occurrence of this within Diamond Valley Community Support. Although the fraud experienced has been reported to the police by the funding body and is currently being investigated, this has not affected DVCS, but has affected other associated organisations. Diamond Valley Community Support has decided not to have any online applications or assessments.

For this reason DVCS has removed the online application for KidsAssistEducation. We will require all parents/guardians to present to our Greensborough office for assessment. To assist in completing forms (and any requirements for assessment) we have uploaded a downloadable pdf form to our website; <https://www.dvsupport.org.au/kidsassisteducation> so that parents can fill in the application form prior to arriving at DVCS. Please note that parents will need to present at our office for assessment with identification showing their current address, and showing the children on their application form as their dependents (such as with a Health Care Card).

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DISCOVERY LEARNING

At Greensborough Primary School each 'Discovery Learning' unit allows students to question and wonder whilst actively exploring and discovering the world around them, students think deeply about their own learning.

Our 'Insect Discovery Learning' unit has allowed students in 3/4 to interact with their environment by handling and investigating objects, carrying out observations and experiments and exploring real life questions and problems i.e. Are the insects found in our grounds Friends or Foes?



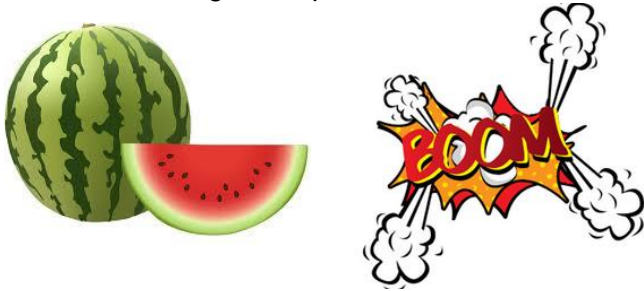
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STEM

We have had a BLAST in STEM over the last two weeks, and I say that literally, as we BLASTED apart watermelons!

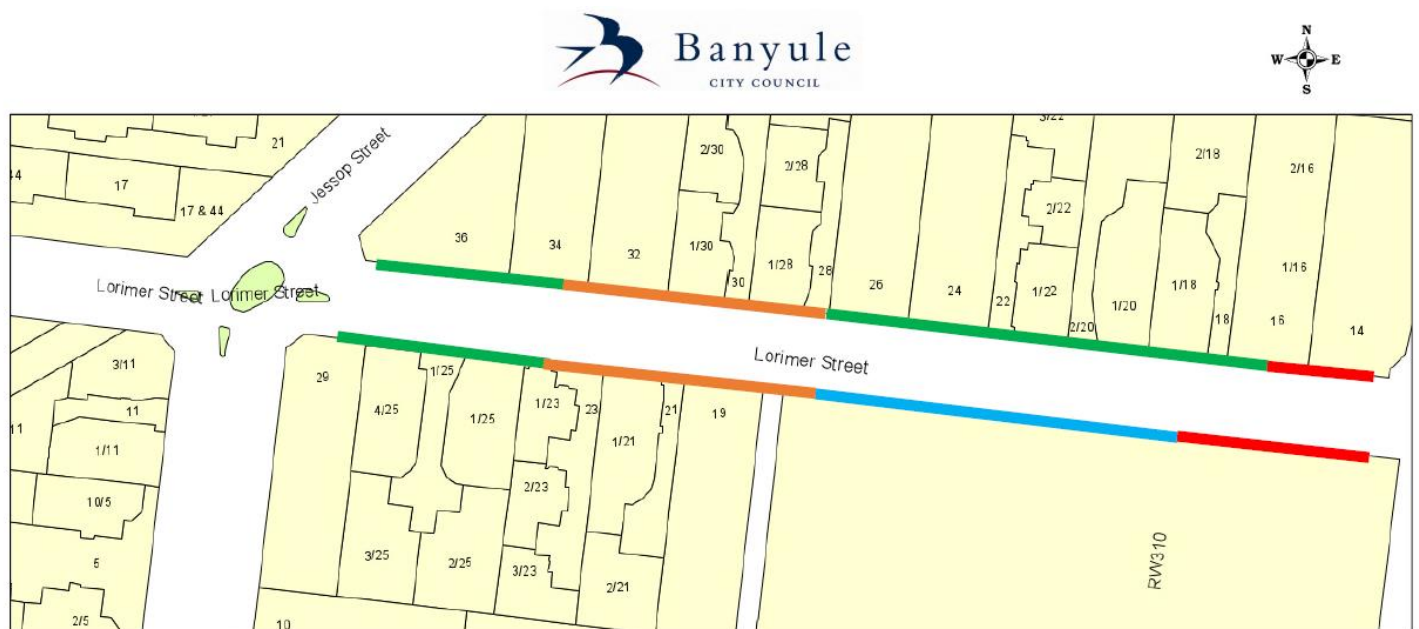
Each class managed to explode a watermelon using between 600 and 1000 rubber bands on each one.

We had a great time estimating and predicting what would happen and performing the experiments, and of course, watching the explosions.



Notice of changes to parking restrictions in Lorimer Street

Greensborough Primary School has received this diagram from Banyule City Council outlining the changes to parking restrictions for Lorimer Street.



LEGEND

Existing	Proposed	
No Stopping 8.15am – 9.15am 3pm – 4pm 	No Stopping 8am – 9.30am 2.30pm – 4pm 	Existing 3P restrictions to remain unchanged
P1/4 8.15am - 9.15 am 3pm - 4pm 	P1/4 8am – 9.30am 2.30pm – 4pm 	Existing permanent No Stopping restrictions to remain unchanged

Disclaimer: No guarantee or warranty is given as to the accuracy or completeness of the details shown on this map.



Pupil of the Week



Term 4 ~ Week 3

Prep	<i>Fatima</i>	For trying her best and showing resilience.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Joel J</i>	For his excellent concentration and effort this week. Keep it up, Superstar!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Xavier</i>	For his excellent contributions to our discussion: 'Dogs are better than Cats.' You made some excellent arguments.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Hollie-Rose</i>	For her persistence and stamina during 'Big Write' this week. Well done, Hollie-Rose!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Kashton</i>	For your enthusiasm and curiosity during discovery learning! Well done!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Emma B</i>	For your excellent effort and achievement during the HAPL Program. Keep it up!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Aiden L & Sienna W</i>	For their outstanding dedication and attitude towards all areas of learning. You are both incredible role models. Keep it up!
Art	<i>Thomas T & Thomas H 12B</i>	For fantastic concentration in Art and focussing on their work.
Chinese	<i>Holly S</i>	For her making and colouring a nice Chinese AFL Jersey and working well with others this week.
Library	<i>Evelyn H Prep</i>	For completing the labelling of her picture story book to an excellent standard.
PE	<i>Talia B 34B</i>	For trying her best during PE and having a positive attitude. Well done!

Term 4 ~ Week 4

Prep	<i>Tamim</i>	For doing a great job sharing his subtraction strategies.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Hunter</i>	For his excellent knowledge about editing writing. You're a whiz!!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Reese P</i>	For being a caring and respectful member of our classroom.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Ayris</i>	For always trying your best and being an inclusive clan member!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Hunter K</i>	For an excellent explanation of his inferences about 'Where The Forest Meets The Sea!'
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Will D</i>	For your extra effort in Writing this week. Keep it up!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Indiana</i>	For always trying her best in all areas of learning. Keep it up!
Art	<i>Daniel S 34B</i>	For an excellent job with his sewing.
Chinese	<i>Aiden H 12B</i>	For being able to tell the time from one to twelve o'clock in Chinese and working so well on the set task.
Library	<i>Mia R 56B</i>	For her great responses when discussing the fiction book we were reading.
PE	<i>Jacob B Prep</i>	For doing a fantastic job with the PE rotations. Well done!

PLAY CRICKET!

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— WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A BAT OR YOU'RE A COMPETITIVE CRICKET STAR!



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Sunday 22nd November 2020 to
Sunday 7th March 2021
Lower Plenty Cricket Club



JUNIOR CRICKET

AGES 9-17 | 2-4 HOURS

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www.lowerplentycricketclub.com

Junior Blasters Coordinator: Colleen Robertson 0448300290

juniors@lowerplentycricketclub.com

Register at www.playcricket.com.au



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brighter for children in need**

DONATION POINTS

- DVCS: Shop 378a Level 3 Greensborough Plaza
- Donation chute: Level 1 (Opposite to Post Office) Greensborough Plaza
- Financial donations can be made on: dvsupport.org.au
Or using the QR Code below

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