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Borough Bulletin ***17 December 2020***

<i>Thursday 17 December 2020</i>	Last day of Term 4 – Finish at 3:30PM
<i>Friday 18 December 2020</i>	Curriculum Day
<i>Wednesday 27 January 2021</i>	Curriculum Day
<i>Thursday 28 January 2021</i>	First day of Term 1
<i>Tuesday 02 February 2021</i>	Swimming Trial Grades 3 to 6 – 1:00pm to 3:00pm
<i>Wednesday 03 February 2021</i>	Prep students do not attend school today
<i>Friday 5 February 2021</i>	Inter School Sports – Away games – Streeton PS
<i>Monday 08 February 2021</i>	Camp Angahook – Grades 3 to 6
<i>Tuesday 09 February 2021</i>	Camp Angahook – Grades 3 to 6
<i>Wednesday 10 February 2021</i>	Camp Angahook – Grades 3 to 6 Prep students do not attend school today
<i>Friday 12 February 2021</i>	Inter School Sports – Home games – Watsonia Heights PS
<i>Wednesday 17 February 2021</i>	Prep students do not attend school today
<i>Friday 19 February 2021</i>	Inter School Sports – Away games – Watsonia North PS
<i>Tuesday 23 February 2021</i>	Twilight Sports Evening – 5:30pm to 7:30pm
<i>Wednesday 24 February 2021</i>	Prep students do not attend school today
<i>Friday 26 February 2021</i>	Inter School Sports – Away games – Bundoora PS

Principal's Report

What a year it's been! To say it's been challenging would be an understatement, however we're very grateful that our school life is returning to normal and we've been able to come together to enjoy many of our traditional end of year events as a whole community, albeit in a modified fashion. I'd like to congratulate our families for your work this year in supporting your children during Remote Learning and one of the longest and strictest lockdowns in the world. Thank you also for supporting our staff as we worked together to optimise your children's teaching and learning programs through online platforms. Congratulations also to the students who did their very best to stay connected to their peers and engage in Home Learning and the staff for their commitment to adapting to the ever changing operational guidelines and using new technologies to teach our students.

Graduation

Last Wednesday night we celebrated our Grade 6 Graduation and it was a terrific evening! Our graduates were able to invite two guests each, and other friends and family members were able to enjoy a livestreaming of the event. We even had audience members in France..... a first for us!

Our graduates have been excellent students at GPS and truly embody our school values. Graduation is a celebration of the students' primary school years and whilst this year has been interrupted and unique in our history, we remember our graduates entire time at GPS and the leadership and positive contribution they have made to our school culture over many years. We were very grateful that they could celebrate their primary school journey with their traditional speeches, songs and dances. The students' enjoyment was very evident during their dinner before the ceremony and the disco afterwards.



I'd like to thank Maria and Erin, who worked extremely hard in the planning and rehearsal stages to prepare the students and ensure the night ran without a hitch. We had several options planned, depending on the easing of restrictions and it was credit to staff how well they pitched in and adapted to each set of new guidelines to maximise the involvement of students and family members.

A huge thanks to parents Natasha and Fab P and Narelle B for setting up the magnificent decorations and transforming our hall into a very festive space and then packing them carefully away the next day. Natasha also organised the photo booth so students had many comical and poignant reminders of their night.



Thankyou Irene

It's not only our graduates who are moving on to exciting new beginnings next year. Irene Cotton, one of our very valuable Education Support staff is retiring after an outstanding career. Irene has worked at GPS for thirteen years and in that time has made a positive and lasting impact on not only the students, but also the staff. Irene has worked for DET for over twenty years and has been a mentor to new ES staff, sharing her experience and wisdom. Irene has been tireless in her support for the students she has worked with and we wish her a well-deserved retirement. Irene will be officially thanked at our final assembly tomorrow.

Christmas Picnic

Thank you to all the families who came along on Monday evening and enjoyed our traditional Christmas Picnic and carol singing. Whilst I couldn't be there as I was returning from the storms of Queensland, staff and parents have told me it was a terrific evening, with many of our families in attendance. With the year we've had, it's wonderful to come together and celebrate as a community. The Kaboom activities provided a lot of fun for families, including many of our future Preps.



Music Lessons

Parents will be pleased that private music lessons will resume next year. I have spoken to Claire from Harmonize Music and she is looking forward to resuming keyboard and guitar lessons in 2021. Claire took over the music program from Christian at the start of this year and was unable to continue due to COVID-19. More information will be sent to families via COMPASS, when we receive it from Claire.

Curriculum Day

I know many families like advance notice of our Curriculum Days, so 2021 dates are listed below:

- Wednesday 27th January
- Friday 5th March
- Friday 14th May
- Monday 1st November

Ice Cream Truck and Tabloid Sports

To celebrate students' achievements and efforts this year we organised a visit by the ice-cream van on Tuesday. Students had their choice of flavours and toppings and, as you can see from the photo, the ice-creams were greatly appreciated.



Youth Resource Officer for Banyule

Today we welcomed two officers from the Heidelberg Police Unit to speak to our senior students. The officers were high in their praise of our students' behaviour and the insightful questions they asked after the presentation. The officers spoke about the importance of our students being responsible and using their own judgement if they find themselves in situations where their friends may not be making wise choices.



We will have our final gathering for the year tomorrow, Thursday 17th, commencing at 3 pm on the netball court. We'll say our final farewell to the graduating class of 2020 and watch them perform a song and dance from their graduation ceremony. Family members are welcome to join us. Masks only need to be worn if physical distancing of 1.5m can't be observed.

I'd like to thank everyone for supporting our school programs, especially Parents and Friends who continued to raise funds this year for terrific resources for our students and also provided special lunch days this term. I'd also like to thank the staff for their ongoing support this year and commitment to our students and families.

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and peaceful holiday break – you've certainly deserved it. We are looking forward to catching up with everyone for the 2021 school year.

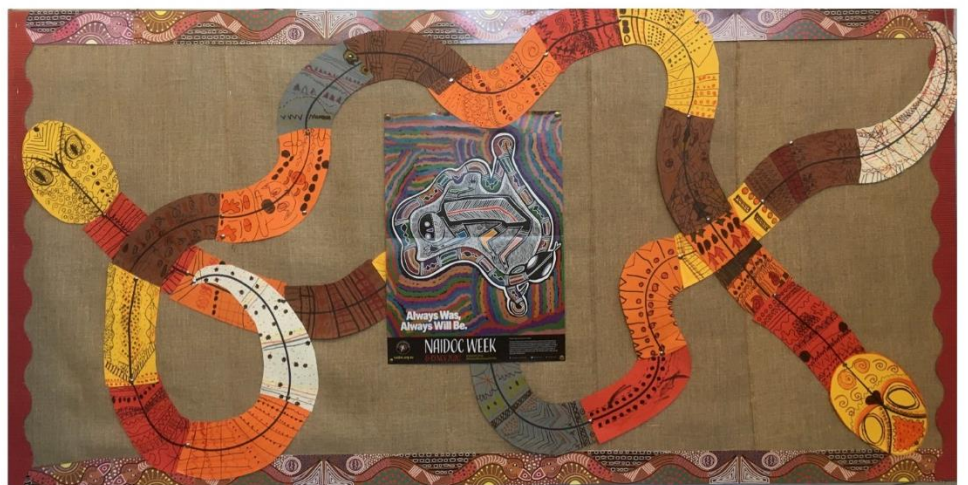
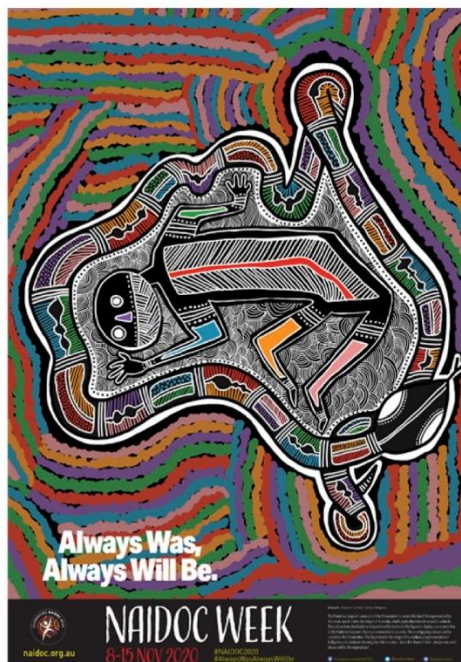
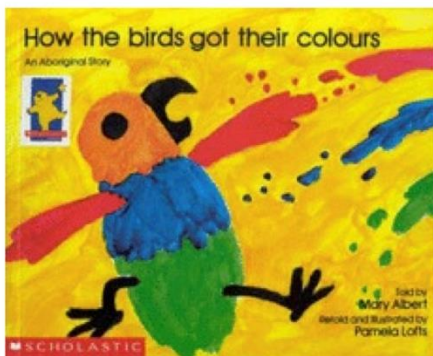
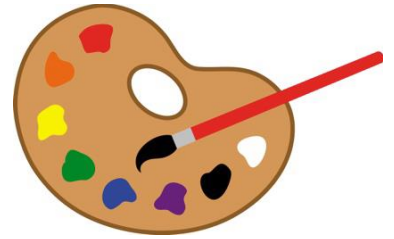
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Principal

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ART NEWS

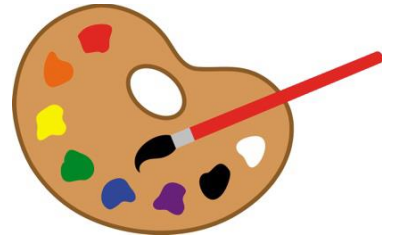
To celebrate NAIDOC Week and Book Week in November, some of our Art sessions focused on the artwork of the indigenous Australian. The Preps listened to the story 'How the birds got their colours', and painted their own colourful birds. Grades 1 & 2 heard the Dreamtime story of the Rainbow Serpent which also features in the 2020 National NAIDOC Poster below. Each student used their patterning skills to create a section of the serpent and enjoyed fitting them together like a puzzle. They also learned about the different styles of aboriginal painting using dots, lines and patterns and created their own 'Waterholes' artwork – Joel L and Charlotte C's fantastic artwork is shown below. The Grades 5 & 6 learnt about weaving and fibre arts, viewed some baskets made by the indigenous weavers on Elcho Island, Northern Territory and tried their hand at basket coiling with raffia. Grades 3 & 4 students have continued to enjoy a sewing project which will be completed in 2021. Further information about NAIDOC Week can be found online at <https://www.naidoc.org.au>



Janet Troy
Visual Arts Teacher

ART EXTENSION NEWS

Our Grade 3/4 students in the Art Extension group have done a wonderful job creating a new sign and rejuvenating the seat in our Friendship Tree area! They brainstormed and listed improvements that were needed and chose some projects to work on during Term 4. There's still more to do, but we thank Bella, Lila, Sienna F, Michael, Nala, Matthew, Kayleigh, Sienna N, Ayris and Harmony for giving up some lunch times to be part of this project. Well done everyone!



Term 3 National Health and PE Day

During Term 3 we celebrated National Health and PE Day on Wednesday 2nd September. Even though this was during Remote Learning, so many GPS students embraced this event and participated in various sporting activities using the activity grid provided. Students shared their photos and these were presented to ACHPER Victoria to show all of the wonderful things GPS students got up to. For all of your efforts, GPS has received a certificate which is in our office foyer and a \$50 voucher for RH Sports to purchase sporting equipment. Thanks to everyone who took part!

Daniela Darling

Sports Co-Ordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

At this time of the year I always like to extend my thanks to all those parents and volunteers who have helped out in our library. This year has obviously been a lot different to previous years, but I would like to say thanks to everyone in our school community who continued to encourage their children to read, helped make Book Week such a success by assisting with costumes or making purchases and who made donations to the school library.

A big thanks to Abby M who has run the Scholastic Book Club with great efficiency. And if you made a purchase, the school received points which I was able to use to select items for the library.

The wonderful Joan will be returning in 2021. Joan has been a constant in the life of the library – and I look forward to her returning on Mondays to shelve and make sure the library is looking top notch. If you would like to assist the library in any way during 2021. I am very happy for volunteers. I will be working on a Wednesday if you might like to assist with borrowing during lessons.

Thanks also to the Parents and Friends who allocated money for new class literacy sets in the Grade 3/4 area, Big Books and non-fiction take home books and guided readings sets. These monies come from all their hard working in fundraising for our school. So I'd like to thank them and the school community for supporting their events.

Overdues/Lost Books

As of Monday we had a large number of books that still had not be returned by children. I understand that it has been a difficult year as children borrowed books, then school closed, opened and closed again.

If you cannot find your missing books please keep an eye out for them over the holidays. If at the beginning of the new school year the books are still missing, then as per school policy there will a charge of 50% of the total cost of the book. This money will be put towards the cost of replacing the lost book/s. You are always welcome to pay for the full cost of the missing books. If books are not paid for, the school policy is that the cost of the books is added to student contributions.



I have sent notes regarding overdue books and thank you to those parents who have contacted me regarding their children's books.

If your child is leaving G.P.S at the end of 2020, lost books will need to be paid for before the end of the school year. Thank you for your understanding.

Premiers' Reading Challenge

Next year we look forward to being involved once again in the Premiers' Reading Challenge.

We had 50% of the school take part in 2019 and hopefully will look for more involvement in 2021.

Story Box Library

Since we took up the very generous offer for a free subscription to Story Box Library during lockdown, then continued with our subscription for another year [at a much reduced cost!], we have had over 1800 views in our community. This site has wonderful stories read by well-known authors and illustrators. Take the time to share one with your child. I think you will enjoy it as much as they do. There are at present eleven Christmas stories on their site, which would be lovely to share with your child.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas, with lots of reading!!

Oh and in case you're stuck on a Christmas idea – a book is always a wonderful gift!

Jen Farley

Librarian



Good News Story



On Friday I got my hair cut. I chopped off 30cm and donated it to the Cancer Council to be made into a wig for people who've lost their hair to chemotherapy. I wanted to make someone who is feeling dreadful, feel good. I hope they can get it in time for Christmas.

Isabella 34A



2021 Camp Angahook

Next year our 2021 Camp Angahook is very early in our school calendar. Camp will commence on Monday 8 February to Wednesday 10 February 2021.

Please note you can pay your camp fees by direct debit into our school account or over the phone. Please note that our phone will be unattended over the school holiday period. Please contact Mehgan this week or from the 27 January 2021, if you have any queries or wish to make payment over the phone.





Pupil of the Week



Term 4 ~ Week 9

Prep	<i>Tamim</i>	For trying so hard with his writing and making excellent improvements.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Sila</i>	For being such a friendly, happy and hard-working member of 1/2A.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>All Grade 1s</i>	For their beautiful manners and behaviour at the Prep, Grade 1 Breakfast.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Lila</i>	For being a wonderful student in 3/4A. We will miss you next year and all the best at your new house and school.
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Vanessa</i>	For always completing her work with a positive attitude! Great job!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Lolita, Lola, Starr and Sofia</i>	For the excellent effort you put into your school captain speeches. Fantastic work!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Levi and Jake</i>	For their outstanding effort during our excursion to 'Road to Zero', especially during the ad making session.
Art	<i>Joel J 12A Charlotte 12B</i>	For a fantastic job with patterns, colour and dot painting on their 'Waterhole' artworks.
Chinese	<i>Ayris 34A</i>	For her excellent attitude and hard work in class!
Library	<i>Lizzie 12B</i>	For an excellent response to her 'Wish for Christmas'. Well done!
PE	<i>Raiden 12B</i>	For doing a great job with his ball bouncing skills during PE.

Term 4 ~ Week 10

Prep	<i>Philippa, Evelyn and Fatima</i>	Being such excellent helpers all term and always willing to lend a hand. Thank you!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Stirling</i>	For all the effort he's put into improving his writing this term. We are very proud of you!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Thomas H</i>	For his enthusiasm during our applied maths lesson when he measured the whole classroom using dinosaur footprints.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Caden</i>	For his positivity and determination shown in this challenging year. We will miss you next year!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Will P</i>	For a wonderful Grade 4! Great effort, Will.
Grade 5/6 A Grade 5/6 B	<i>All Grade 6 students</i>	On an excellent Graduation Evening. You made us so proud!
Art	<i>Hugo F 34A</i>	For fantastic improvement with his sewing skills.
Library	<i>Jesse 34B</i>	For a fantastic effort during his Library Quiz! Well done.
PE	<i>Anne-Sophie 12A</i>	For doing a great job during Musical Statues. Well done!



**YOUTH MAKING
A DIFFERENCE**



DIAMOND VALLEY
community support



Diamond Valley Community Support

The DVCS YMAD (Youth Making a Difference) Project is a 6-month project focused on bringing local young people together to work on small projects in Banyule and Nillumbik to support other local young people who are doing it tough.

Why: Because Youth working together Make a Difference and have a greater impact in our community.

Diamond Valley Community Support (DVCS) is a not-for-profit charitable organisation that has been serving the local Diamond Valley community since 1972. DVCS services are free, confidential, impartial and independent. We assist over 2,000 people experiencing financial and/or personal hardship each year, and we are supported by more than 100 volunteers and 5 staff.

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Emergency Relief, Material Aid
- Food Support, Transport Support
- Education Support
- Homelessness & Hygiene Support
- Financial and Personal Counselling
- Family Legal Service, Tax Help
- Public Internet & Computer Kiosk

DVCS recognises that young people are some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable in our local community. Young people face greater barriers when it comes to access to education, employment, housing, and transport to name a few. However young people are also the experts on devising solutions to address their own barriers and to lead the way.



HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

We are calling on schools, community youth groups and other organisations to work with us by creating your own fundraising or advocacy events, projects or activities that will help us support youth with emergency relief in our local community. These events or campaigns can be as small or as large as you want them to be and will contribute to the DVCS Youth Programs.



Examples of Projects:

Host a youth charity auction,
Sausage Sizzle, Car Wash
Donations Drive

Launch a Crowdfunding Campaign;
Host a Parent's or Peers Afternoon Tea Party
Fundraising Raffle, Jeans or Casual Dress Day, Bake Sale
Online advocacy campaign...

The possibilities are only bound by your imagination!

If supporting our **KidsAssist** grants, funds raised will go towards providing families and young people in financial crisis with grants for up to \$500 to go towards educational items and activities.

If supporting **Thrive Packs**, you can donate items, or funds to purchase the items, that make up a Thrive Pack. This includes:

- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes & Mouthwash
- Hairbrush, Shampoo & Conditioner
- Deodorant & Soap & Face washers & Towels
- Pads/Tampons, Sanitary Bags
- Sun Screen & Water Bottle
- Beanie, Scarf & Sleeping Bags



WHAT TO DO NOW TO PARTICIPATE?

We would love you to partner with us and work towards our goal of providing more support to youth in the local area; and combined with the efforts of other groups such as yours we can all make a big difference.

Please contact:

Kerri Wellington on volunteers@dvsupport.org.au
(Client Programs and Volunteer Coordinator)

Or

Gavin Watson on eo@dvsupport.org.au
(Executive Officer)



Hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4.30pm

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EC WAVES SWIM CLUB 2021 PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS SWIM PROGRAM



EC Waves Swim Club is excited to offer non-registered swimmers the opportunity to receive quality coaching in preparation for School Swimming Sports, District Swimming Sports & beyond.

THE COACH

Alex Hirschauer has been a swim coach for 20 years & has coached multiple State & National Champions. He has twice been named as Victorian Coach of the Year. Alex is Head Coach of EC Waves Swim Club, & of the Eltham College Swim Program.



WINNER!
EC WAVES SWIM CLUB
SWIMMING VICTORIA
CLUB OF THE YEAR 2019

THE PROGRAM

The program is for competent swimmers who can swim at least 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke & 25m breaststroke. The program is not a 'learn to swim' program. The program is designed for swimmers aged 9-12 years as at 1 January 2021. Swimmers will receive stroke correction, video analysis, dive start practice, & race strategies.

LA TROBE UNI PROGRAM

Monday 4, 11 & 18 January: 9.30am to 10.30am

Wednesday 13 & 20 January: 9.30am to 10.30am

Friday 8, 15 & 22 January: 9.30-10.30am

LaTrobe Uni offers an indoor heated, 5 lane 25m swimming pool. Located at Car Park 6 LaTrobe University Bundoora Campus

MINI SWIM MEET

The program will conclude on Monday 23 January 9am with a mini swim meet of 4 x 50m Races. This mini meet will be held at Eltham College 1660 Main rd Research

COST & PAYMENT

Total price: \$120

Payment by direct deposit

BSB 633-000, Account number: 149712887

Reference: SSSP, Swimmer Name

HOW TO ENROL

Email Alex at swimcoachalex@outlook.com with the following information:

- Full name of swimmer, date of birth, current primary
- School & summary of current swimming ability
- Parent/guardian name & contact number
- Proof of payment (i.e. bank transfer record/receipt)
- Any relevant medical conditions





free

BANYULE *drive-in movies*



**Saturday
19 December 2020**

visit banyule.vic.gov.au/Movies



Arthur Christmas (G)

4.30pm (movie starts 5pm)

Henry St Car Park, Greensborough

Book at: trybooking.com/BMTOC



Christmas with the Kranks (PG)

7.30pm (movie starts 8pm)

Henry St Car Park, Greensborough

Book at: trybooking.com/BMVTs

COVID-19 restrictions may affect the staging of these events

1st Greenhills Scout Group

Christmas Tree SALE

Direct from the **Scout Hall** in Community Drive.
Intersection of Community Drive, Mountain View and
St Helena Roads, GREENSBOROUGH

NOVEMBER

Fri 27th 6pm - 8pm

Sat 28th 8.30am - 5pm

Sun 29th 9am - 5pm

DECEMBER

Sat 5th 8.30am - 5pm

Sun 6th 9am - 5pm

Sat 12th 8.30am - 5pm

Sun 13th 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Sat 19th 8.30 am to 5.00 pm

Sun 20th 9.00 am till sold out.

Come and select your own **FRESHLY CUT**
tree for Christmas 2020 and help support
our fundraising efforts to send our
Scouts to major events in 2021.

EFTPOS FACILITIES AVAILABLE



KidsAssist Education – Diamond Valley Community Support Service.

Diamond Valley Community Support has decided not to have any online applications or assessments in future due to fraud.

For this reason DVCS has removed the online application for KidsAssistEducation. We will require all parents and 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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