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<i>Friday 05 February 2021</i>	InterSchool Sports Round 1 - GPS vs Streeton PS - Away
<i>Monday 08 February 2021</i>	School Camp - Students to arrive - Laurimer St Gate at 8:40am
<i>Tuesday 09 February 2021</i>	School Camp – Camp Angahook in Airey’s Inlet
<i>Wednesday 10 February 2021</i>	Prep – No school today School Camp – Students returning to GPS at 3:00pm approx.
<i>Friday 12 February 2021</i>	InterSchool Sports Round 2 - GPS vs Watsonia Heights PS - Home
<i>Wednesday 17 February 2021</i>	Prep – No school today Grades 1 to 6 Parent Teacher – Meet & Greet – 2:10pm to 7:30pm
<i>Friday 19 February 2021</i>	InterSchool Sports Round 3 - GPS vs Watsonia North PS - Away
<i>Wednesday 24 February 2021</i>	Prep – No school today
<i>Friday 26 February 2021</i>	InterSchool Sports Round 4 - GPS vs Bundoora PS - Away
<i>Friday 05 March 2021</i>	Curriculum Day InterSchool Sports Round 5 - Bye
<i>Monday 08 March 2021</i>	Labour Day Public Holiday
<i>Friday 12 March 2021</i>	InterSchool Sports Round 6 - GPS vs Norris Bank PS - Home
<i>Tuesday 16 March 2021</i>	Southern Cross Recycling Collection Morning – 8:45am
<i>Friday 19 March 2021</i>	InterSchool Sports Round 7 - GPS vs St Marys PS - Away
<i>Friday 26 March 2021</i>	InterSchool Sports Round 8 - Finals - Away
<i>Thursday 01 April 2021</i>	Last day of Term 1 - early finish at 1:30pm

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Principal's Report

We warmly welcome new students and families to Greensborough Primary, especially our Preps who are very excited to be embarking on their school journey. We're sure you'll enjoy your time with our excellent community and we look forward to getting to know you and your children better. We also welcome returning staff member, Anne Loney, who will be working as a Literacy tutor this semester. We are looking forward to a better year in 2021 and hoping for an uninterrupted year of learning. We are very pleased we are able to have family members join us for assemblies outdoors and the community events we have planned for this term. Our COVID-safe plan is in place and by working together we'll achieve our goals for a safe, engaging and productive year of learning.

I'd like to congratulate everyone on the very smooth start we've had to the year. Our students have quickly adapted to the new routines of their classrooms, including the Preps, and teachers are building relationships and getting to know the new personalities in their grades. Our specialist programs of Visual Arts, Library, Chinese, STEM and Physical Education have resumed much to the students' delight and all classes are involved in our Start-UP T.E.A.M (Together Everyone Achieves More) program. This is where class and school values are discussed, procedures and processes to achieve optimum learning are put in place, and team work and social / behavioural protocols are established. Staff are combining our Discovery Teaching strategies into our Start-Up program and Student Voice is being built into all aspects of our work, resulting in increased engagement, enjoyment and learning outcomes.

Staff returned to school during the holidays to set up their classrooms, plan together to ensure consistency in the delivery of teaching and learning programs across grades and ensure a smooth start to the year for our students. Our Pupil Free day last Wednesday was very productive as staff worked through the list of all students enrolled at the school to ensure there is understanding and consistency with important medical, social/emotional and academic information. We also completed our First Aid update, with CPR, Anaphylaxis and Asthma training, so overall it's been a busy but very productive few days!

2020 was an unprecedented year and in response to Remote Learning, DET has mandated that all schools in 2021 focus on student wellbeing, connectedness to school and student achievement. We have prioritised these areas in our goals for this year's Annual Implementation Plan and have already begun our tutoring, extension and intervention programs, and included Student Voice in our planning to increase student engagement. This semester we will be running a CLUBS program where students participate in engaging, fun activities they have planned with their teachers. We were successful in our grant application for a student wellbeing worker and will soon be interviewing for this 10 hour a week position. Interschool sport resumes this week and next week our Grade 3-6 students will be attending camp. It's terrific that our usual suite of extra-curricular programs is able to be resumed and in next week's newsletter we will include photos for families to enjoy, as spectators are currently not allowed at these events.

As families are aware, our newsletter is published fortnightly and fits in with the cycle of administrative tasks Mehgan completes in the office. This is currently an 'off-cycle week' for the newsletter, hence it's shorter than usual and our normal newsletter will be published next Thursday.

Congratulations Miss T!

Many of you are aware that Laura Tillotson's wedding was originally scheduled for school holidays last year and unfortunately her plans had to be rescheduled several times due to COVID-19 restrictions. We are delighted for Laura that she is finally able to proceed with her wedding plans! Laura will be on Leave from next Wednesday 10th – Friday 19th February.

We are very fortunate that Melanie MacDonald will teach the grade in Laura's absence. Mel is well known to the students and staff as she is one of our regular Relief Teachers. Not only has Mel built good relationships with the students, staff and many of our school families, she is also familiar with our class and school programs. Mel will have a thorough handover with Laura and will also work closely with Alison and Claire in 1/2A to ensure continuity of class programs.

Parent Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions Wednesday 17th February

Information will be sent home via COMPASS in the next few days for parents/carers of children in Grades 1-6 to book a time for Parent/Teacher "Meet and Greet" sessions. This is the first time we have used COMPASS for this purpose and we are working hard to ensure we've ironed out any glitches before we open the system to parents. If any parents/carers experience difficulty, please contact the office for assistance. Families with more than one student attending GPS are advised to book early so that you are able to arrange sessions close together, rather than have large time gaps between meetings. Due to the need to minimise time spent onsite and social distancing, meetings will need to run on time and adhere to the ten minute time allowance. If any parents require additional time, a further meeting can be arranged on another date.

Students in Grade 1/2A will be contacted with a different date as Laura will be on leave on Wednesday 17th.

The 'Meet and Greet' sessions provide an opportunity for parents to meet with your child's new class teacher to share information about your child and discuss any relevant issues. Information about class programs, organisation and learning goals will also be provided to parents at this meeting. Prep parents are not required to attend the 'Meet and Greet' sessions as we have shared information during transition sessions.

Some parents of students who participate in Student Support Group meetings have indicated they no longer require these additional meetings, so at the "Meet & Greet" class teachers will clarify this with parents.

Twilight Sports Tuesday 23rd February

Don't forget to put the date of our Twilight Sports Night into your diary! This annual event will be held on the oval on Tuesday 23rd February. This is a terrific night where students come dressed in their House colours and compete in their grade levels in House Teams, cheered on by their parents and family members. At this stage we're unable to hold our usual Parents and Friends' Barbeque, due to COVID restrictions, however families may still bring a picnic with rugs and chairs. Our Grade 5 and 6 students run various stalls to raise money for Graduation, including Face Painting, Hair Spraying, Nail Polishing in House Colours and much more, so please bring along your gold coins! The picnic will begin at 5:30pm and sporting events at 6:00pm. More information will be sent home closer to the date

Curriculum Day Friday March 5th

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

- Friday 5th March: NESST Curriculum Day
- Friday 14th May: Assessment and Reporting
- Monday 1st November: Assessment and Reporting

For our curriculum Day on March 5th we will be combining with other schools in our North East Small Schools Team (NESST) and our focus will be on Professional Development for the DET initiative 'Respectful Relationships', as well as establishing goals within our Professional Learning Teams for the remainder of the year. OSHClub has advised me they will be open on March 5th to provide care and supervision for students who are booked in.

Music and Coding Lessons

Parents will be pleased that private music lessons from *Harmonize Music* and coding with *Digimaker* will resume this year. Attached to the newsletter is another flyer for Coding. If any parents haven't already booked to begin these programs and would like your children to participate, please contact the companies directly or the office for more information.

BUNNINGS Sponsorship

We are very fortunate to have the support of our local Bunnings store for school projects. Their Activity Organisers, Rebecca and Kate have often visited our school to work with teachers and students on garden projects, e.g. the Japanese garden in the fernery or the ART extension project in the outside courtyard. Their assistance with providing materials to our school and sharing their time and expertise is always greatly appreciated.

This week we were pleasantly surprised when Rebecca contacted us to donate a \$100 gift voucher and also a bee and insect sanctuary to our school. Unfortunately due to Bunnings' COVID-Safe Plan, Rebecca and Kate are currently unable to join us to work onsite with students, however Bunnings has continued their support by providing us with the gift card. We're looking forward to putting the card to good use with our grounds projects and welcoming Kate or Rebecca back onsite as soon as restrictions ease.



COVID Safe Plan Update

As mentioned earlier in the week on COMPASS, Greensborough Primary School is committed to ensuring that the health, wellbeing and safety of our community is our priority. It is our absolute goal to have everything at school happy, relaxed and as 'normal' as possible, however we are obligated to follow the current and up to date operational guidelines included below.

- Assemblies will be held on the netball court at **3pm on Mondays**, so that family members can attend and social distancing can be maintained. In the case of inclement weather, assembly will be moved indoors and unfortunately only students and staff will be able to attend.
- Face masks need to be worn by adults when inside the school buildings and outside when socially distancing can't be maintained. Please ensure that you carry a mask when on school grounds.
- Parents are asked to not enter the classrooms or buildings unless necessary, as this allows us to adhere to our density limit rules and COVID-safe plan.
- If parents/visitors are in the school building for 15 minutes or longer, you will need to sign in at the office.
- Students will continue to practise good hygiene and sanitiser will be used in classrooms. If you would like for your child to have their own sanitiser, please feel free to do so!
- The school will make every effort to minimise risk. Examples of risk minimisation is moving activities outdoors when we can, leaving doors and windows open and encouraging social distancing.
- All students are expected to attend school if they are well. If you have special circumstances such as forced quarantine, or a medically vulnerable child please contact the school to discuss how the school may support your child's learning.
- Please do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms including a fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose or loss or change of smell or taste. Please be mindful that headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea are also symptoms. If you are unsure if you should send your child to school, please call the school to discuss. We will isolate, and call you to pick up your child if we think that they are sick
- Extra cleaning will continue at the school according to health advice.

We are so pleased that restrictions have eased this year and we are able to run outdoor events such as Twilight Sports later this month (more information in coming weeks). We will keep families informed of any updates to DET's guidelines, however if you have any queries, please contact either myself or Assistant Principal, Margaret Hirth.

I wish our Campers a safe and happy time at Angahook camp next week and thank Jesse Stephens for all his work planning the camp and ensuring everything will run smoothly. I also wish Laura much happiness for her wedding next week and a joyful life together with her soon husband-to-be!

Angela Morritt

Principal

From DET:

Health warning on mosquitoes and Ross River virus in South-West Victoria

Residents and visitors to the Surf Coast, Geelong and Bellarine Peninsula areas of Victoria are being warned to protect themselves against mosquito-borne diseases such as Ross River virus and Barmah Forest virus.

Ross River virus has been detected in mosquitoes in Anglesea.

These viruses can cause symptoms including joint pain and stiffness, headache, fever, rash and fatigue.

The best protection from these diseases is to avoid mosquito bites. Protective measures include:

- * regularly using mosquito repellent containing picaridin or N,N-Diethyl-m-toluamide (DEET) on all exposed skin (for children it's safer to spray or rub insect repellents on their clothes rather than directly onto their skin)
- * wearing long, loose-fitting clothes when outside
- * ensuring accommodation, including tents, are properly fitted with mosquito nettings or screens
- * limiting outdoor activity at dusk and dawn when mosquitos are most active
- * removing stagnant water from around your property at least every week. This includes in flowerpots, pet bowls, bird baths and buckets.

A range of information about protecting against mosquito bites is available on the Better Health Channel's Beat the Bite web page.

2021 Camp Angahook



2021 Camp Angahook commences on Monday 8 February to Wednesday 10 February 2021. So, only four sleeps to go...

A list of things to pack was supplied to all students last week. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher or Mehgan at the office.

All camp payments and medical authorities are overdue and it is very important that these things are provided to the school by Friday 5 February 2021 at the latest. Please contact Mehgan this week if you have any queries or wish to make payment over the phone.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

Once again the school will be offering the school community the chance to order books through Scholastic Book Club. We will be giving parents the opportunity to purchase books during Term One, Two and Four, as we will be holding our annual Book Fair during Term Three.

For those who are unsure of what Book Club is – we send home a small magazine listing books and items for sale through Scholastic. Items can be purchased using the order slip attached to the catalogue. If you select this method all orders must be returned to school by 12th February 2021.

The other method is to purchase books 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 Book Club Loop.

★ <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 to G.P.S and we will receive a credit for the library to spend based on how many orders we take.

I would like to extend my thanks to Abby M for once again coordinating the Book Club . All purchases allow us the opportunity to redeem rewards points and purchase books for the Library and the Grade 3 - 6 class literature sets.

This will be Abby's last year as a parent at G.P.S and will be relinquishing her role as Book Club coordinator. Thus we are on the lookout for someone to take the job over in 2022. I'm giving everyone lots of time to think about it!

Prep Bags 2021

Every year, the Department of Education and Training provides every Prep student starting at a Victorian government school a bag of engaging resources to celebrate this milestone in their educational journey. The mix of items are specially designed for Prep students and their families to help them learn and thrive from the start of Term One.

This year's Prep bag contains five quality children's books to help build literacy skills and encourage a love of reading from an early age. The bags will be handed out to the Preps by the end of the week. Could I please ask all parents to name their bag and send it back to school for use as your child's library bag.



If you have already organised a library bag then you can keep it at home or donate it to the library as a spare.

Thanks

Jen Farley

Teacher Librarian



Pupil of the Week



Term 1 ~ Week 1

Prep	<i>Aramis</i>	Sharing and being helpful and kind to others. A fantastic start to school.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Bethany</i>	Welcome to Greensborough Primary. We are so happy to have you in 1/2A.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Charlie</i>	For always following instructions and being an excellent example to others in 1/2B.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Joel L</i>	For a fantastic start to Year 3. Keep it up!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Jett</i>	For an excellent start to Grade 3! Well done.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Sienna N</i>	For an excellent effort during all sessions and a fantastic start to Grade 5!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Arnold</i>	For a great start at GPS. We are very happy to have you in 5/6B
Student Wellbeing	<i>Daniel S 5/6B</i>	Welcoming our new student to GPS and helping him navigate his way to different classrooms.



GLEN KATHERINE

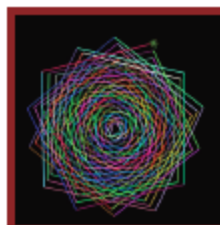
Anthon Beale Reserve, Greensborough
 Friday Nights 5:45pm – 7:00pm
 Please contact Scott Devers 0413 544 570
 Megan Jueff 0418 562 518

In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting coding club running at the school. Digimaker will re-commence lessons at the school in Term1 2021.



DEVELOP SKILLS

- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving

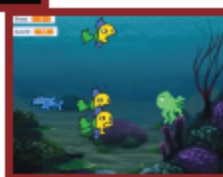


LEARN

- Computer Science Concepts
- Fundamentals of programming
Loops, Events, Randomness and more

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

- Scratch
- Python
- Javascript
- .. and many more



MAKE

- Games
- Web pages
- Apps

The club will run for 8 to 10 weeks each term (depending on the length of the term) and is charged on a per-term basis. Students will use school computer during the lesson.

8 WEEK TERM PROGRAM

Program for **Term 1 2021** is as follows:

Year levels: 3 to 6
Term Fee: \$120 + GST

LUNCH TIME	BATCH
1:40pm – 2:25pm	Friday's 05th Feb to 26th Mar 2021

Fill out the form online by **Thursday 4th February 2021** www.digimaker.com.au/enrol
Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email**

** All important emails from Digimaker will be sent from info@digimaker.com.au. Please ensure this address is whitelisted in your Junk Email filters or added as a Trusted contact.

HOLIDAY E-LEARNING PROGRAM
2 HOURS OF FUN FILLED CODING
FULLY SUPERVISED OVER ZOOM
(5 DAYS A WEEK!)
<https://www.digimaker.com.au/events/school-holiday-coding-program/>