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Borough Bulletin 11 February 2021	
<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 – Assessments only 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 – Assessments only
<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

Principal's Report

We welcomed our campers from Grades 3 – 6 back yesterday afternoon, and we're looking forward to hearing more about their adventures, from surfing to the low rope course. From all accounts to date, everyone had a fabulous time and felt tremendous pride in themselves as they pushed through their comfort zone to participate in activities, such as the Giant Swing. Our staff were impressed with the facilities, meals and care our students received at Camp Angahook. Equally impressive was the behaviour of our students and their inclusive interactions with each other in their activity and work groups. The fun our students had is very clear from the photos, and from their weary expressions as they exited the bus, it's evident they engaged fully in all activities.

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I'd like to thank our teachers and Education Support staff who attended camp and ensured our students had a safe and happy trip, and created lifelong memories. We appreciate staff giving up their time with their own family and friends to attend camp, and our ES staff volunteering their time well beyond their normal working hours to ensure our students have a successful camp. Thank you also to our parent helper, Henderick, who attended and I'm told was 'worth his weight in gold.' Special thanks to Jesse Stephens our Camp Coordinator, for the extensive hours of camp preparation which begins many months prior to camp.



Whilst our Grade 3 – 6 students were away at camp, our Prep – 2 classes, were hard at work with their usual curriculum programs of Literacy, Numeracy and Discovery. We did however, take some time out to build some happy memories of our own, by surprising Laura with a wedding cake and showering her with 'confetti' as she walked down the aisle between students with her bouquet. We wish Laura all the best, for her wedding and a happy life with her soon-to-be husband.

(Special thanks to our resident 'wedding planner', Margaret Hirth!)

Buildings and Grounds

Whilst we had a restful break over the January holidays, we also took the opportunity to complete some regular maintenance and school ground improvements. Our three new shade sails were installed over the senior and middle school playgrounds, as well as the senior school outdoor eating area. The sails were purchased with a combination of funds from our successful Shadesail grant application and our planned maintenance budget. A bee hive was removed from the chimney in the heritage building and a plate installed over the top so they couldn't return. The leaf and tree litter has been removed from the top of the chicken coop in readiness for the installation of a shade-cloth. Once this is in place, we will be able to have chickens back onsite again in 'Cosy Coop'.



Wayne was once again hard at work completing maintenance tasks improving our indoor and outdoor areas, including repairing outdoor seats, making shelves for our Literacy room and installing blinds in Curiosity Corner. Geoff has returned to help Wayne to repair the tap and bench in the grade 5/6 area and also make changes to the sink in the outdoor learning area, so that students can enjoy accessing the water to assist their engineering projects in the sand pit, without blocking the pipes.

We are very grateful for the ongoing support of our volunteers, especially Wayne who is in his **fifteenth year** of generously donating his time and expertise to our school. Our school hall was named in honour of Wayne, several years ago, in recognition of his contribution to our school, and we greatly appreciate his continued support.

Parent Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions – Wednesday 17th February

Thank you to families of students in Grades 1 – 6, who have booked their meeting time on COMPASS for next Wednesday's Parent/Teacher 'Meet and Greet' sessions. A reminder that masks need to be worn inside the school building and, 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 via COMPASS as Laura will be on leave on Wednesday 17th.

Notes have been sent to parents of students who participate in Student Support Group meetings providing them with the option to have a 'Meet and Greet' session on Wednesday or an SSG at a later time.

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 6pm. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

We are in the fortunate position to have an abundance of pre-loved uniforms donated by families when their children have grown out of them. These items are available for families to purchase for a gold coin donation to the school, which is used to pay for food for our rabbits. At the moment we have so many uniform items we are unable to store them all, so weather permitting, Emilia, one of our ES staff will display the items next Monday afternoon near the junior school playground so families will be able to easily select your child's sizes before and after assembly at 3pm. The extra uniform items come in very handy as back-ups, especially over the winter months when drying uniforms can be difficult or when students accidentally leave their jumpers at school overnight.

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School Council Elections School Council 2021

One of the major tasks for first term is the election of the 2021 School Council. We have four parent positions available for nomination for a two year term of office. I would urge all families to consider involvement in this important aspect of school management. The current Parent Representatives on School Council at Greensborough Primary are:

Parent Member	Term on School Council Commenced	Term on School Council ends
Simone W	March 2019	March 2021
Kim H	March 2019	March 2021
Cassie F	March 2019	March 2021
Vacancy-	March 2019	March 2021
Megan B	March 2020	March 2022
Clare H	March 2020	March 2022
Tracey H	March 2020	March 2022
Shareen B	March 2020	March 2022

The parents whose two year term on School Council has come to an end, have the opportunity to renominate for subsequent terms on School Council. School Council involvement includes two x two hour School Council meetings per term, and involvement in a School Council subcommittee.

Parents can either nominate themselves for School Council or they can be nominated by another person. **Nomination forms will be available at the office from Friday 12th February and are to be returned to the office by Friday 26th February.** If the number of nominations matches the number of vacancies, then the parents who have nominated are automatically on School Council. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies there is an election process.

Notice of Election and call for nominations	Friday 12 th February 2021
Closing date for nominations	Friday 26 th February 2021
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday 3 rd March 2021
First Council meeting to elect office bearers and co-opt Community members.	Monday 15 th March (To Be Confirmed)

School Council provides a pivotal role in the effective management of the school. If you have any further queries about School Council involvement please do not hesitate to contact either Margaret or myself or a current School Council member.

Curriculum Day Friday March 5th

A reminder that our Curriculum Days for 2021 dates will be held on the dates 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.

We are back on track with our fortnightly newsletter cycle, so our next newsletter will be published on Thursday 25th February. Any information that needs to be communicated to families prior to this date will be on COMPASSS

Angela Morrìt

Principal

CSEF

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 03 9435 1496 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page. Please use the link below:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/resources>

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Library News

A big welcome back to all our families at Greensborough Primary School. This year I will be working on Wednesdays. The Grades P - 2 will be attending the library weekly during Terms One and Two. The Grades 3 – 6 will be having supervised borrowing with their class teachers on a weekly basis.



Opening Hours –The library will be open Wednesday before school 8:30am – 9:00am and after school 3:30-3:45pm. Please feel free to drop in if you have the time. Children are always welcome. The 8:30 opening time is to allow children in Grades 3 – 6 to have additional time for browsing, checking out new books and for me to give them advice if required when making selections.

Borrowing

Preps will begin library sessions in March, as at present they do not attend school on Wednesdays.

Children can renew books if they do not finish reading them in their borrowing period. Children in Grades 3 – 6 also borrow books for their class book boxes which are borrowed for a longer period.

Parent Helpers

Last year I had some wonderful parents who helped with borrowing and various other tasks. Please contact me if you would like to assist in any way. You do not need to attend school to help. I can send books home to cover if that is what you prefer.

Class Bags

It would be appreciated if all children in **Grades Prep – Grade 2** have a named library bag to protect their library books. It is also a handy way of keeping track of the books when they bring them home. The bag can be fabric or strong plastic. I have some spare bags at school if someone forgets their bag or requires one.

Lost Books

We still have not had some books returned from 2020. I understand that last year was incredibly disjointed for the children and books can have easily gone missing. I will send reminder notes home this week. Thanks to all those who have returned them this year.

Book Club.

A reminder that Book Club orders must be returned to school by 12/2/2021. 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.

Story Box Library

Just a reminder that the school has a subscription to Story Box Library. Story Box Library is a subscription based educational website, created for children to view stories by local authors and illustrators, being read aloud by fantastic, predominantly Australian and New Zealand, storytellers. Reading aloud to children, greatly improves language and literacy skills, especially in the early years of a child's development. Story Box Library is committed to supporting and encouraging the practice of storytelling.

The user name and password are **green01**

Happy Reading

Jen Farley

Teacher Librarian



It was a busy first lesson back for the Grades 3 – 6 in STEM. With a focus on '*staying safe in STEM*' we performed a number of activities in our lessons including a challenge to work in teams to build the tallest tower with the allocated materials, in under 5 minutes. The students all worked well in their teams and we built some very creative towers.

We also worked in small groups to '*explode*' a ziplock bag using bi-carb soda and vinegar which the students thoroughly enjoyed.

2021 G.P.S SWIM TRIALS

Well done to the Grade 3 – 6 students who attended the G.P.S Swim Trials at WaterMarc on Tuesday 2nd February. Everyone tried their best in their chosen events and exhibited the school values when supporting their fellow school mates.

Thanks to Erin Donaldson for ensuring the event ran smoothly and a big thanks to the parents who helped with the running of the event. We really appreciate your support.

From the trial results, a District Swimming team will be formed who will compete at WaterMarc on Thursday 18th February. These students will be notified this week.





Pupil of the Week



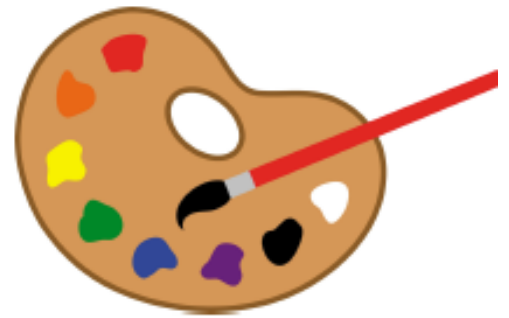
Term 1 ~ Week 2

Prep	Olivia	Always working beautifully in class and listening <u>so</u> well! Great work ☺
Grade 1/2A	Cody C	For completing all his work in 1/2A. Keep it up Superstar!
Grade 1/2 B	Philippa	For her enthusiastic approach to everything.
Grade 3/4 A	Madison	For her wonderfully detailed paragraphs in her narrative 'the Day I Fell Into My Favourite Book'.
Grade 3/4 B	Sila	For always approaching her learning with a positive attitude and a smile on her face.
Grade 5/6 A	All Campers	For your exceptional team-work, resilience, achievement and patience. You were all sensational! Well done
Grade 5/6 B		
Art	Lachie G 1/2A	For fabulous painting techniques, without using paint brushes!
Library	Ella M 1/2A	For her fantastic drawing and writing about the library. Well done!
PE	All Preps	For doing an amazing job for their very first PE class. Well done!



More photos from 2021 Camp
Angahook
Surfing lessons – sans surf!

From the Art room...



Welcome back to GPS! Once again, I'm looking forward to seeing some wonderful creativity from all our students in the Art room. This year, I am working at GPS on Wednesdays. Prep, Grade 1 & Grade 2 students will have an Art session each week during Term 1 and 2. Grades 3 – 6 will attend Art during Term 3 and 4. As part of student voice at GPS, we've also commenced a Clubs Program where children chose and vote on what they'd like to do. As a result, I'll be facilitating an Art & Craft Club for 1 hour each week for the Prep-2 students where we'll be having fun with activities such as construction, collage, drawing, painting and sewing.

VISUAL DIARIES

The majority of student work in Art is completed in a visual diary, which is retained in the Art room. This book lasts for around 2 to 3 years and is an excellent way of acknowledging and keeping a record of each student's work. Once their first visual diary is full, the student can bring it home and will be provided with another one. If you would like to see more of what your child is achieving in Art, you are most welcome to come to the Art room and view their Visual Diary. They are located in labelled tubs on the bench just inside the Art room door.

SMOCKS

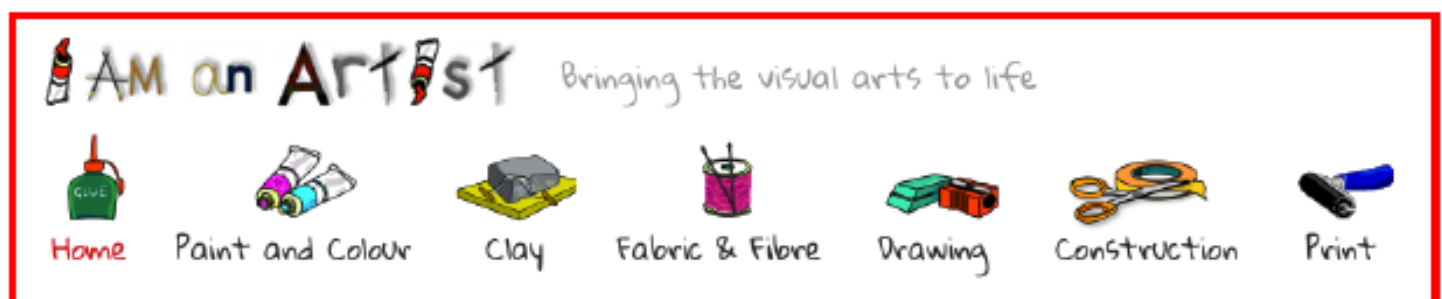
The Art room now provides smocks for students, so there is no need to purchase a smock. This means that every student has access to an appropriate long-sleeved waterproof smock for occasions when we are working with paint, clay or other messy media.

ART FOCUS FOR TERM 1

This term's skill focus is Painting, Colour and Clay. We'll also be looking at and responding to the work of several artists. Exploring the topic of 'Summer' Grades 1 & 2 will be learning about painting techniques, warm and cool colours, taking rubbings and use tools to create shapes and textures with clay. Later this term, Preps will be introduced to the Art room and become familiar with the materials and equipment that we use.

AN ART RESOURCE www.iamanartist.ie

If your children would like to do some extra Art at home, I recently discovered this website: "I Am An Artist". It is a visual arts initiative aimed at supporting primary teachers and pupils in the adoption and delivery of the visual arts curriculum in Ireland. By comprising 30 short TV programmes (each 6 minutes in length), an interactive website with slideshows, lessons, weblinks and interactive games, it provides a stimulating collection of curriculum-mapped resources for empowering and supporting the teacher and pupil. You will have to listen extra hard but you will get used to the Irish accents!



Janet Troy

Art Teacher



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