



Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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Borough Bulletin ~ 29 July 2021

Tuesday 3 August 2021	Clubs – Prep to Grade 2
Friday 6 August 2021	ISS Make Up Round – Away – V – St Marys PS Footsteps Dance Class 5 & Yoga Session 1 TBC
Monday 9 August 2021	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
Tuesday 10 August 2021	School Athletics Trials – 9:00am to 12:30pm Clubs – Prep to Grade 2
Wednesday 11 August 2021	Greensborough Secondary College Production – Grades 5 & 6 TBC
Thursday 12 August 2021	History Box Incursion – Grade 3 & 4 – 9:15am to 12:15pm TBC
Friday 13 August 2021	ISS Make Up Round – Away – V – Watsonia Nth PS Footsteps Dance Class 5 & Yoga Session 2 TBC
Monday 16 August 2021	Poetry Competition – Short Listed Poems on display
Tuesday 17 August 2021	Clubs – Prep to Grade 2
Friday 20 August 2021	Footsteps Dance Class 6 & Yoga Session 3 TBC
Monday 23 August 2021	2021 Book Week Poetry Competition Winner announced
Tuesday 24 August 2021	2021 Book Week – Book Fair – Library Clubs – Prep to Grade 2
Wednesday 25 August 2021	2021 Book Week – Book Fair – Library
Thursday 26 August 2021	2021 Book Week – Book Fair – Library
Friday 27 August 2021	2021 Book Week Footsteps Dance Class 7 & Yoga Session 4 TBC
Monday 30 August 2021	Southern Cross Recycling Collection Deadline TBC
Tuesday 31 August 2021	Clubs – Prep to Grade 2 Southern Cross Recycling Collection 8:00am TBC
Wednesday 1 September 2021	Book Week – Multi-Age Day
Thursday 2 September 2021	Book Week Parade
Friday 3 September 2021	Footsteps Dance Class 8 & Yoga Session 5 TBC
Monday 6 September 2021	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
Tuesday 7 September 2021	Clubs – Prep to Grade 2
Wednesday 8 September 2021	Basketball Clinic – PE TBC
Thursday 9 September 2021	Basketball Clinic – PE TBC
Friday 10 September 2021	Footsteps Dance Class 9 & Yoga Session 6 TBC
Tuesday 14 September 2021	MSP School Photos TBC Clubs – Prep to Grade 2
Thursday 16 September 2021	Notables Expo – Grades 3 & 4 TBC
Friday 17 September 2021	Last Day of Term 3 – Early dismissal – 1:30pm

Principal's Report

We're definitely having déjà vu moments, as we welcome our students back onsite. It was so lovely yesterday to see the enjoyment on the children's faces as they met their friends and began to play their familiar games. We know that predictable routines support student mental health and wellbeing, and whilst teachers began the day with some fun and engaging activities, we swung back into our usual programs and specialist lessons. Keeping up to date with our Australian Olympic team's endeavours, was also a focus of the day and our students were united in cheering our athletes on.

Thankyou once again to everyone for supporting your children with their Home Learning Program. Thankyou also to teachers and education support staff who supported students during Remote Learning as well as those attending on-site. A big shout out to Laura T. for creating the staff Olympics video and bringing us a laugh during the lockdown.

We're now focussing on our priorities of re-engagement, wellbeing and academic outcomes.

Extra-Curricular Programs

Unfortunately we have had to postpone many of our extracurricular programs this term due to new Operational Guidelines and restrictions to visitors on-site. Yoga and Foosteps Dance are unable to proceed at the moment, and we are in regular contact with our providers to reschedule as soon as our guidelines allow. Interschool sport was initially cancelled, however we received an update last night that advised us we could proceed, so Daniela, our sports co-ordinator has pivoted again and is working hard to organise our make-up games for our senior students. Our Athletic Trials will be able to proceed as it will only be our school at Wilinda Park on the day.

The good news is that Book Week will still proceed, as will our Book Fair, Parade and Multi-Age Day. We are sincerely hoping that parents will be able to attend the outdoor parade, as this is one of the highlights of our school year. Jen has included more information for parents later in the newsletter. Clubs and Discovery programs will also continue, however the Grade 3/4 incursion and Notables expo for parents are still question marks at the moment. Be assured that as soon as restrictions ease, we will reinstate programs where possible, so that our students enjoy our usual suite of extracurricular events.

Allied Health Professionals

Students may still have their psychologists, speech and occupational therapists visit them on-site for health purposes, however they will not be working in classrooms. We will provide an alternative space where one-to-one sessions can be held. Parents/carers should contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

Help Needed-Weeding of Grimshaw St Fence Line

If any parents have a spare half hour to weed a section of the Grimshaw Street fence line, it would be greatly appreciated. Over the years our volunteers have beautified this area with plants, but the weeds /grass are taking hold. With the recent rains, the ground is quite soft, and the weeds pull out very easily (we know because we've been systematically tackling the weeds in the garden beds outside classrooms this term). If families are able to volunteer some time, please contact the office and Margaret or myself will leave a bin outside to place weeds in. We can leave the bin out on Friday night if any families would like to generously donate your time over the weekend – a half hour would probably clear at least one square meter.



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Parent Teacher Interviews

Due to the restrictions of our current Operating Guidelines we're unable to hold our Parent/Teacher interviews in person at school next Tuesday 3rd August and we're moving to an online platform instead. This is certainly not our preferred option, however we're aware we have rescheduled twice already, and we don't know when restrictions will be further eased to allow parents on-site.

We're mandated by DET to offer parents and carers interviews with class teachers, however we're very mindful that some families may not wish to attend an online meeting. We know families are just settling back into your normal routines and an online meeting may be challenging at the end of the day. Please be assured that if there were any areas of concern regarding your child's report, class teachers would have already contacted you before reports were sent home.

Today after school, teachers will transfer existing meeting times to a **Google Meet** platform and then families will be sent an invitation for your ten minute interview. ***If any families wish to change your meeting time or cancel it, please log onto COMPASS before 4pm today to make the changes.*** (Instructions sent via COMPASS last night).

If you wish to keep your existing meeting time, then you don't have to do anything, your time will be transferred by teachers and an invitation will be sent. As this will be our first, (and hopefully last), time we've organised online meetings we ask for your patience if we experience any glitches in the system. More information will be sent to families who accept the meeting invitation.

WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

In recent years we have invited all parents to complete the survey, rather than a random sample. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 2nd to Sunday 22nd August** and information will be sent home via COMPASS on Monday.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include; Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

I hope everyone enjoys the weekend, with freedom to travel beyond 5kms and experience the simple pleasures of life.

Angela Morrìt

Principal

2022 Prep Enrolments

This term we are planning in earnest for staffing and grades for 2022. So, if you know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please advise them to register their details as soon as possible, (this includes siblings of current students) as we will be finalising numbers in the Prep class.

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Reminder: Curriculum Day Term 4

We like to give families advance warning of Curriculum Days, therefore families are reminded that our remaining Curriculum Day for this year will be Monday November 1st, the day before Cup Day, when many families traditionally enjoy a long weekend. The focus for staff on this day will be moderation of student work samples and working on assessment and reporting. Students will not attend school on this day.

Go Girl – Virtual Event held 26th August 2021

Go Girl, Go for IT is a fun, virtual and **free** 1-day technology conference for girls in years 5-12 across Australia. It will be loaded with workshops, presentations and discussions – to inspire and excite girls for further studies and a career in IT. After a successful virtual event last year, they're back in 2021 to continue to inspire girls.

It's absolutely free! Please express interest by completing the form on the website and securing your spot! *Official registrations opened 18th June 2021.* A common perception is that 'IT' means coding. *Go Girl, Go for IT* challenges that view and aims to excite and engage female school students by introducing them to this world.

The one-day event focuses on inspiring students with fantastic role model speakers, showcasing technology of the future and challenging any preconceptions of what a career in IT might look like. It opens up the possibilities of following careers in everything from analysis to user design to development to data science (just to name a few!). Dozens of hands-on workshops, presentations and discussions provide girls with the right kinds of information to help them discover what a career in IT could mean for them.

Link to Go Girl: <https://www.gogirl.org.au/>

Link to EOI: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=gFDebDm3Z0WeKPME7ZxY9jerSszhK-hDvcXKS3Q-zNhUN1UxMUFIMEpUUk4zSTdYQjFFR0dTVzNUQi4u/>

Library News

Book Week Update

Book Week is the week when the Children's Book Council of Australia announces the winners for the best of Australian children's literature that was published in 2020. There are several categories of books that are selected to be shortlisted. Each category usually has 6 titles in the shortlist. More information is available at the CBCA website: <https://cbca.org.au/>



At present we have made a few small changes to our Book Week celebrations. During the week of **August 23rd to 27th we will hold our annual Book Week Book Fair**. The Book Fair will run from Tuesday 24th in the afternoon until Friday 27th. For those families unfamiliar with a Book Fair, it is just like us running a small book shop in the library. The children get to come along and browse and fill in a wish list of items that they like. There is no obligation to purchase but the library benefits from all purchases as we receive a percentage of sales. Hopefully parents or other family members will be able to attend but we won't know that until closer to the date.

Our Multi Age Day and Book Parade will be held the following week. The Multi Age Day on Wednesday 1st September is an activity-based day that we hold at school and the students work in groups made up of children from different grade levels. They work on activities based around the shortlisted books. The Book Parade will be held on Thursday 2nd September. This is a wonderful event where the children and staff all dress up as different book characters and we parade around the netball court.

I will send home a flyer with the next newsletter, outlining our Book Week events. This year's theme is Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds.

Happy Reading

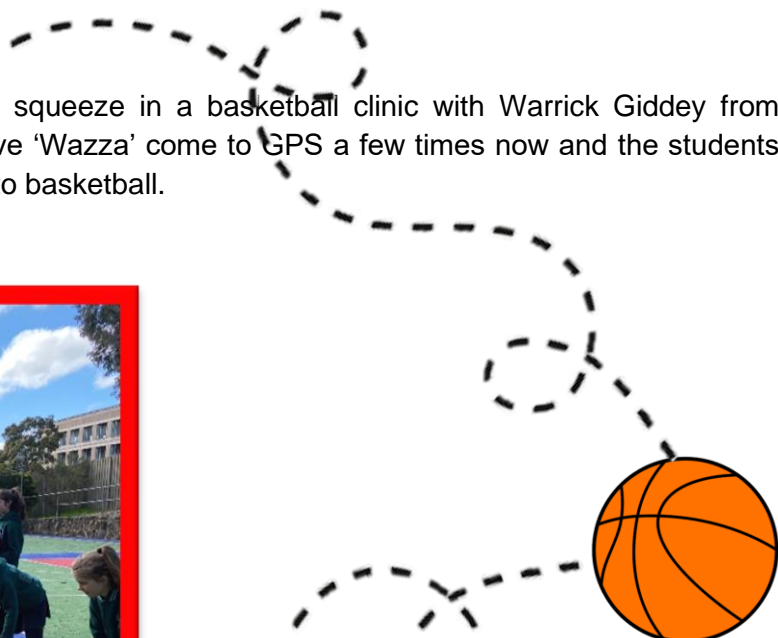
Jen Farley

Librarian Teacher

5/6 Basketball Clinics with Warrick Giddey

Just before lockdown, we were very lucky to squeeze in a basketball clinic with Warrick Giddey from Melbourne United. We have been lucky to have 'Wazza' come to GPS a few times now and the students have gained so much technical advice relating to basketball.

Here are a few photos from the day:





Pupil of the Week



Term 3 ~ Week 1

Prep	Raythan	For helping other to care for their belongings. Thank you!
Grade 1/2A	Lachie G	For amazing commitment to the start of Term 3, both in class and Remote Learning.
Grade 1/2 B	Stirling	For his descriptive language and detailed work. Great work!
Grade 3/4 A	Elouise	For her great attitude and persistence during Remote Learning. Well done, Elouise!
Grade 3/4 B	Xavier	For a great start to Grade 3 Philosophy. Well done!
Grade 5/6 A	Sienna N	For a great start to Term 3 and our Philosophy Unit!
Grade 5/6 B	Harmony	For trying her best throughout Remote Learning. Keep it up!
Art	Willow	For consistently outstanding work in Art. Fantastic work, Willow!
Library	Zoe M 56B	For giving some excellent insights into the meaning of the Book Week theme.
PE	Periana 56B	For excellent participation during the basketball clinic. Well done!

Term 3 ~ Week 2

Prep	Shelbie	For putting in fantastic effort on her poster about 'Giraffes'! Well done.
Grade 1/2A	Connor	For wonderful participation and effort during Remote Learning Class Meetings and Reading Sessions.
Grade 1/2 B	Stephanie	For active participation and enthusiasm during Remote Learning.
Grade 3/4 A	Zoe	For her wonderful video uploaded to Seesaw, titled 'How To Get Ready For School'.
Grade 3/4 B	Zak	For sharing some great laughs and stories during our Remote Class Meets! Well done!
Grade 5/6 A	Lola C	For her excellent effort with her Remote Learning this week. Well done!
Grade 5/6 B	William	For his outstanding commitment to learning throughout Remote Learning.

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Premiers' Reading Challenge

It has been wonderful to see so many students continuing to read during our recent lockdown and congratulations to all of the below children who have completed the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge:

Prep: Eva, Billie, Victor and Lily.

1/2A: Jay, Lachie G and Lizzie.

1/2B: Jacob.

3/4A: Maisie and Hunter.

3/4B: Bella, Hugo F, Liam S, Thomas H and Lachie H.

5/6A: Sienna F

5/6B: Aiden L.

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge inspires children to read, helping to build essential reading skills that support their learning and is open to the last day of Term Three. If you need any assistance with logging your books onto the Challenge, please see Mrs Storey for help.

Happy reading everybody!

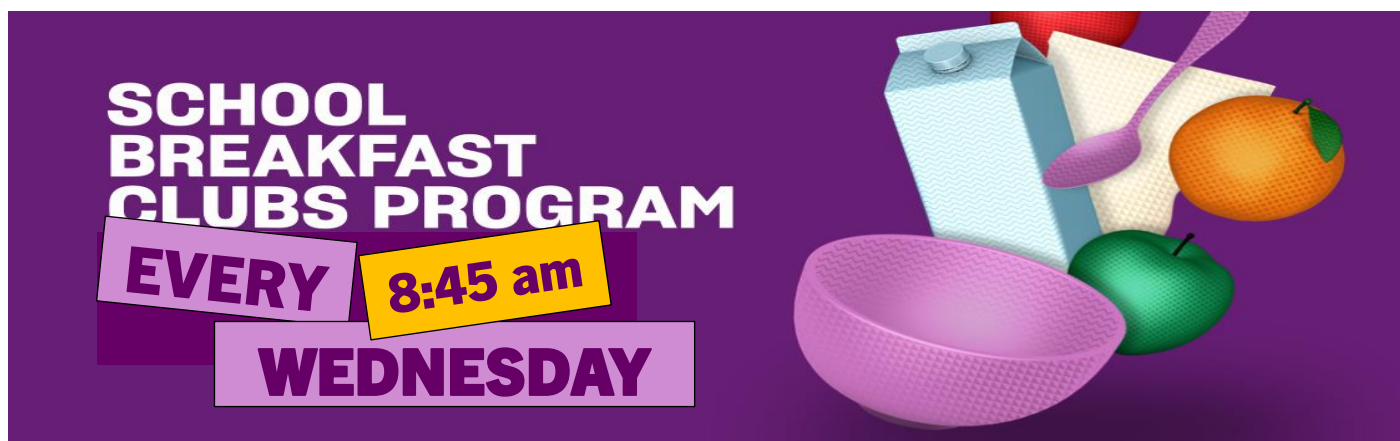
Claire Storey

PRC Coordinator



We have the Term 3 – 2021 (Spring) Healthy Schools Banyule newsletter available for your reading pleasure. You can access this newsletter via your Compass App under 'School Documentation'.

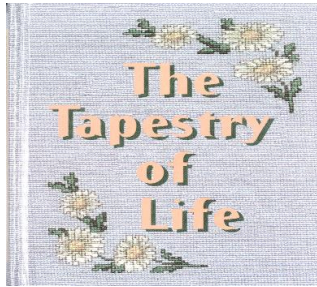
Healthy Schools Banyule newsletter is promoting recent health promoting school activities, focusing on information relating to healthy food and drink, as well as providing the latest relevant Covid-19. The Term 3 newsletter celebrates Healthy Schools Banyule, 10 year milestone and would love to hear from the school community on activities they have enjoyed over that time so as to include them in the next few newsletters.



STUDENT WELL-BEING

Hi Everyone!

WELCOME BACK!!



Have you heard the saying, 'Life is like a tapestry'? I have tapestries from both my mother and mother-in-law. When you look at the back it appears to be nothing more than a jumble of threads – tangled, frayed, occasionally knotted, and seemingly random.



But things are not always what they seem for when you turn the tapestry over you can see the astonishing beauty. It's only when you turn a tapestry over that you see the art: the rich colours, the texture, and the patterns that can make a tapestry a thing of astonishing beauty.

Life can seem like the back of a tapestry with its many bright threads of joy/laughter, and some dark threads of sadness, hurt or despair, then interwoven with threads of silver and gold – especially in those experiences of giving and receiving love, kindness, gratitude and generosity.



Sometimes Life is like viewing the backside of a tapestry. It appears to be nothing more than a jumbled mess and nothing really makes sense. No thread of experience—good or bad—is wasted. When it *appears* to be that way, we just have to remind ourselves that we are simply looking at the backside of a tapestry. ***We don't accomplish anything in this life alone...and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something.***

With the current COVID 19 pandemic and resulting lockdown restrictions, life at present can feel like the dark threads in the 'Tapestry of Life'; we can forget the many bright coloured threads AND MISS THE SILVER AND GOLD THREADS WE AND OTHERS WEAVE/CAN WEAVE INTO OUR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS. So, let's create threads of silver and gold into our lives and the lives of others, so that when our 'Tapestry' is turned over to the front, we see the caring, beautiful people we've become.

Some ideas for making a positive impact on the 'Tapestries of Life' of ourselves, our families and others:

- ★ Help those in need – food, clothing, a chat
- ★ Do fun things as a family – walks, dance, sing, play games, cooking, and creative activities
- ★ Write down what you are grateful for; have a grateful circle with your family
- ★ Celebrate small achievements
- ★ Be friendly – smile, wave
- ★ Say THANK YOU for little, as well as big things



I am sure that you and your families can think of many more 'Silver and Gold Threads' that you can weave. So, happy 'Weaving'. Take care and stay safe!

Robyn Mulholland



Student Wellbeing

Mondays 10:00am to 3:00pm & Wednesdays 8:30am to 1:30pm

robyn.mulholland@education.vic.gov.au

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New!
Rescheduled
Photo Date



Greensborough PS Photo Day

Tuesday 14th September 2021

Ordering can be made through
your Compass Portal,
via your email link

Alternatively log into your
Compass Portal and follow the link
under the 'Community' Section

Class Group Style



Place your order soon to ensure our best pricing!

Family/Sibling Photographs

Available for students with siblings at school

Family photo orders must be purchased
by 11.59pm the day Before Photo Day.



If you require assistance please contact us;
admin.nem@msp.com.au

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Active Kids Voucher Program – up to \$200

Does your child love sport and being active? Does your family have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card? You may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in physical activities. The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities.

Under the program, children may be eligible to receive up to \$200 to help with the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms, and equipment.

Special consideration also applies for children named on their own Australian Government Health Care Card or residing in care services as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students.

Applications for vouchers in round two of the program close at 5pm Friday 30 July. For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit the Get Active Victoria website.

Playing our part to build a national picture of child health.



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. 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 would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 9435 1496 and ask for an application form. Please check with Mehgan in our school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible. Applications close August 18th, 2021.

\$250 Power Saving Bonus

The \$250 Power Saving Bonus for Pensioner Concession recipients and some Health Care Card holders (including JobSeeker, Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy recipients) is now available. Before submitting an application for the bonus, please read the eligibility requirements.

Eligibility Requirements:

- You must be a Victorian residential energy consumer (i.e., have a residential electricity account).
- You must be receiving payments under one of the following concession programs:
 - Centrelink Pensioner Concession
 - JobSeeker, Youth Allowance, Austudy or Abstudy
 - Department of Veterans Affairs Pensioner Concession
 - Or hold a Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Card
- Pension Concession Card holders who are not receiving payments, and Health Care Cards holders who are not receiving Youth Allowance, JobSeeker, Austudy or Abstudy payments, are not eligible.



For more information, please log on to <https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au/>

Southern Cross Recycling

What can be collected?

The following items must be in a clean and reusable condition:

Clothing, shoes, hats, handbags, belts, towels, sheets, pillowcases and doona covers.

What can't be collected?

Anything wet, dirty and torn is **not** accepted:

Doonas, pillows, books, DVDs, CDs, **toys**, and **household items**.

What happens to the clothes?

Clothing is collected and sorted for reuse and recycling. They are distributed in Australia and globally to maximise their reuse and recycling potential, providing employment, affordable clothing and improving livelihoods in developing countries.

Why reuse and recycle?

- ❖ Divert from landfill
- ❖ Natural fibers like wool and cotton will decompose and create methane, a greenhouse gas which causes
- ❖ Climate change
- ❖ Saves resources such as cotton and wool as well as oil which is used to make synthetic clothing such as nylon and polyester



NEWSPAPER DONATIONS

NEEDED URGENTLY

*To all our wonderful school community,
Greensborough Primary School urgently need donations of Newspapers. It's a precious commodity which we would like to recycle. So, ask your grandmothers, grandfathers, or any bookworms who read a lot. We have plans to line garden beds and our wonderful Visual Arts Teacher requires quite a lot of newspaper for future projects. All donations can be left at the office.*

Thank you!

Newsletter



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

OSHClub Newsletter – Term 3 Edition 2

Hello everyone once again we are in lockdown! We are all struggling at the moment but please stay safe and positive and we will all survive this one too! It has been very quiet at OSHClub these days and we are all so looking forward to coming back to our normal numbers with the children surrounding us and having lots of fun altogether!

As we know how hard it is to keep your precious one busy in the house during home schooling in our news update we have attached our Moov Games link so that you can use at your own free time exhausting that extra energy that our precious ones have whilst at home! Please feel free to contact us for any help or advise. We are HERE for you all and we are all in it!

We would like to welcome all the children back as from today and looking forward to lots of fun and play activities.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



We would highly appreciate if you could please complete the parent survey providing feedback about our service and us!



MOOV Games at home series!!!



Please feel free to provide us with any of your favorite recipes so that we can all enjoy in service and share with our other families!



Newsletter



COMING UP

4th Aug

National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day

6th Aug

Jeans for Genes Day

9th Aug

International Day of the World's Indigenous People

13th Aug

Red Nose Day

News update!

Dear Families,

We miss you and look forward to seeing all your happy faces and bubbly personalities back in our services soon.

In line with the current lockdown, the decision has been made to put the Moov Games on hold until further notice. An updated communication will be provided when we are able to safely recommence. We appreciate your understanding during this time and cannot wait to get back into training like a champion with you!

In the meantime, we recognize the importance of staying healthy and remaining physically active, therefore we have teamed up with Moovosity to bring to you some of their best home-based games and activities.

Simply click on the link below and enter the password, moovosity, to gain access.

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7416252>

Our challenge to you is to participate in 1 hour of physical activity per day! We would love to see any pictures or videos of how you are staying active. Send them through to chantelle.magarry@junioradventuresgroup.com.au to be featured in our special edition "Junior Olympians"- Superstars Newsletter. We will be sending a weekly update on how our big OSHClub family around Victoria are taking part in

Moovosity

Faster, Higher, Stronger, with Moovosity!

Stay safe!

Kind regards,

Aspa and the team at Greensborough Primary OSHClub



RECIPE

Creamy Mac & Cheese

Ingredients:

- 2 cups of milk
- 2 cups of pasta shells
- 1 cup white cheddar cheese

In a medium saucepan, bring the milk and pasta to a simmer over medium heat. Cook for about 20 minutes, stirring often and making sure that the milk doesn't boil. Once the pasta is al dente, remove from heat and add the cheese. Stir until melted. If you like it a little creamier, you can add more milk. Add salt to taste.

ENJOY!



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Mon-Fri [06:45-08:45am

15:30-18:00pm

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