

Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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Borough Bulletin ~ 12 August 2021		
Friday 20 August 2021	Return to On-Site Learning TBC	
Monday 23 August 2021	2021 Book Week Event moving to Term 4 Poetry Competition Winner announced Event moving to Term 4	
Tuesday 24 August 2021	2021 Book Week – Book Fair – Library <mark>Event moving to Term 4</mark> Clubs – Prep to Grade 2	
Wednesday 25 August 2021	2021 Book Week – Book Fair – Library Event moving to Term 4	
Thursday 26 August 2021	2021 Book Week – Book Fair – Library Event moving to Term 4	
Friday 27 August 2021	2021 Book Week Event moving to Term 4 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 Event moving to Term 4	
Thursday 2 September 2021	Book Week Parade Event moving to Term 4	
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 wish families all the best as we continue into another week of Remote Learning and sincerely thank everyone for supporting your children with their Home Learning program. Teachers have reported that Google Meets sessions are well attended and teachers are following up with individual families with offers of support if they're experiencing technical or other difficulties. We're very happy for everyone in Regional Victoria that schools have reopened, and we hope that Metropolitan Melbourne joins them next Friday. In the meantime, next week's Home Learning Packs will be ready for collection on Friday from 2:30 – 3:30 pm outside the Art room.

We were very pleased with the response to the online Parent/Teacher interviews last week (it's hard to believe they were only a week ago!). Over two thirds of parents and carers attended, with many others communicating by email or phone. The staff certainly enjoyed the opportunity to meet with parents and carers, as it's been so long since visitors have been allowed onsite.

It is with great sadness that we inform everyone that Lilly, one of our much-loved school mascots, was euthanised this week. Lilly developed a condition that apparently is quite common in rabbits, that affected her mobility and self-care, and a humane decision was made. We thank the wonderful team at Montmorency Veterinary Hospital for their terrific care of Lilly. Lilly brought joy to our students, (and staff) as we watched her daily in the fernery and she'll be sadly missed.

If any of the students would like to write a message about their memories of Lilly or draw a picture, we'll display them on the fernery windows. We continue to care for our other rabbits, Jack and Lila, and our chickens during this lockdown.



The loss of a pet can be difficult, and the attached link has tips to help families deal with this loss. <u>https://www.helpguide.org/articles/grief/coping-with-losing-a-pet.htm</u>

Grants: Inclusive School and Minor Capital Works

Margaret and I have been busy over the last few weeks completing grant applications. The Minor Capital Works Grant Application is for work for renovation and refurbishment of our indoor and outdoor toilets. The Inclusive Schools Fund Application is for an inclusive playground on the Lorimer St boundary of our school. I thank our senior students who assisted in evaluating the playground design to ensure it met the seven universal design principles, which was one of the grant criteria.

The Grants process is highly competitive, with hundreds of schools applying for a limited amount of funding. When we are advised of the outcome of our applications, we'll let families know.

Extra Curricular Programs

We've had to add the Book Week Parade and Book Fair to the list of extracuricular programs mentioned in our last newsletter, that we've moved to either later in the term or Term Four. Be assured that we are working hard to reschedule, rather than cancel these programs, as they are highlights of our school year and provide many happy memories for students.

Get Active Victoria

When children participate in regular physical activity, it boosts their physical and mental health and improves academic performance. Physical activity throughout the day also improves concentration, and the ability to retain information and solve problems. There are many benefits to being active and 'getting your move on', but a lot of children aren't moving enough, particularly while learning from home. 15 minutes 4 times a day is all it takes.

To help support your children to stay active while learning from home, families can access a range of free COVIDSafe ideas to stay active and games through Get Active Victoria. <u>https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/</u> Families should remember that whatever gets children moving, gets them active.

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

A reminder to families that the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is still open and we are keen for families to give us their feedback. Information was sent home to families in a COMPASS post last Tuesday August 3rd with an invitation and link to the survey.

This 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.

The survey is 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 some sunshine over the weekend.

Angela Morrítt

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.

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



STUDENT WELL-BEING

Hi Everyone!

CHANGE & UNCERTAINTY

How are you and your family coping? If you are like me, you are feeling a little flat and am already missing our school community and family and friends. But I refuse to dwell on the negative and prefer to live in hope, ACCEPTING WHAT I CANNOT CHANGE AND CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN.



A guide to dealing with constant change due to COVID-19 (Thanks to 'REACH OUT')

From the moment when COVID-19 first steamrolled into our lives, we've had to learn to deal with change, as each stage of the pandemic has changed the way we live, work and socialise. While it's normal to feel frustrated and unsettled by all this uncertainty, there are ways you can equip yourself while dealing with life changes.



Much of the anxiety during COVID-19 comes from the reality that many decisions are out of our hands. Figuring out precisely what you can and can't do will help you to maintain a sense of stability and reduce any fear or anxiety. **But how?**

You can't prevent a storm from happening, but you can pack an umbrella. Preparation is the key to figuring out what you can and can't control. You'll take back your decision-making power.



Chances are your self-control has already been well tested during COVID-19. Whether you've been studying remotely or working from home, you'll have faced many tempting distractions – PS4, anyone? Try strengthening your self-control by setting yourself mini tasks each week to strengthen your self-control. Maybe all the time you're spending online is keeping you from family time, but you're finding it hard to look away. Start small by committing to switch off your phone/IPAD etc...during lunch. Then, day by day, slowly increase the amount of time you spend offline. The key to building self-control is to use small victories to work up to bigger wins.



It's easy to see the negatives when things change, but it can help to try and see the positives, too. If certain friends are continually banging on about how crazy everything is, then maybe mute them for a while and focus on people who look for the silver lining. Laughing is also a sure-fire way to feel more positive when the going gets tough. Do you know any good jokes/comedies, or fun board games? Practising positive self-talk and *GRATITUDE* can also be a big help. Each week, write down one thing you like about yourself. THINK OF SOMETHING THAT YOU ARE GRATFUL FOR EACH DAY, NO MATTER HOW BIG OR SMALL. At the end of every week, you'll then have a little list that proves you're a legend. Ultimately, the better you feel about yourself, the more likely you'll be to find the good in any situation you face.



Hands up if you've had a rough day and gone straight down the rabbit hole? Often our default response to change is negative thinking. This is because there's safety in the familiar, and change feels like a threat to our comfortable setup. But learning to adjust your thought patterns will do you a world of good during uncertain times.

Having negative thoughts is normal, but sometimes the best way to deal with them is to put a limit on them. If you notice you're on a slippery slope with worries, anxieties or fears, allow yourself only a certain amount of time each day to dwell on those thoughts. The Reach Out Worry Time app lets you decide on a time, place and length of time to deal with your worries each day. This means you can do it in one sitting, rather than carrying your worries around with you 24/7. Use bubbles – symbolically blow your worries away with each bubble.



It's easy to find yourself gazing into the COVID crystal ball and worrying about what the future might hold, especially if your school, work and livelihood have been affected. But if you invest too much time in thinking about what hasn't happened yet, you might just miss out on the moments that are right in front of you.

Try meditation or mindfulness. Smiling Mind is an Australian-made mindfulness app designed for users of all ages. It works off the idea of dedicating just ten minutes a day to focusing on the here and now. Try going for a walk/run, whipping up a cake, or meeting up with friends via phone, facetime or ZOOM.

NEED TO TALK WITH SOMEONE?

Don't go it alone. Please reach out for help:

Lifeline:

13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au

Beyond Blue:

1300 22 4636 or beyondblue.org.au

Are you anxious? Take the Beyond Blue quiz to see how you're tracking and whether you could benefit from support

Beyond Blue's coronavirus support service:	1800 512 348 or coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au
Kids Helpline:	1800 55 1800 or <u>kidshelpline.com.au</u>
Headspace:	1800 650 890 or <u>headspace.org.au</u>
Parentline:	13 22 89

Parentline is a phone service for parents and carers of children from birth to 18 years old. We offer confidential and anonymous counselling and support on parenting issues.

A sign of GRATITUDE that I received this week came from two students in thanks for the warm milo and fruit the students attending school were given!



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Other signs of positive thinking and reaching out to others that I saw in the Greensborough area this week on my daily walks included:

So, let's' continue to weave those silver and golden threads into our lives and the lives of those around us. It will truly change the outlook of yourselves and your children!

I look forward to keeping in touch via the newsletter, phone and email and hopefully face to face! Do not hesitate to contact me via my email address below if I can support you and your family in some way.

Take care & stay well!

Robyn Mulholland

Student Wellbeing Mondays 10:00am to 3:00pm & Wednesdays 8:30am to 1:30pm robyn.mulholland@education.vic.gov.au



Library News

2021 Book Week Update

As you are aware our Book Week celebrations were going to kick off on Tuesday 23^{rd,} with our Book Fair. Due to the existing lock down conditions, we have decided to move our Book Week to Term 4 as we did last year. On a positive note, this gives everyone lots of time to prepare their costumes for our parade! I will supply you with more information as soon as dates are finalised.

Thank you for your understanding

Happy Reading

Jen Farley

Librarian Teacher



	Pa	pil of the Week	
		Term 3 ~ Week 3	
Prep	Mary	For her excellent effort during Reading this week. You are practising your strategies so well!	
Grade 1/2A	Hugo S	For putting effort and care into his writing this week. Impressive, Hugo!	
Grade 1/2 B	Tamim	For his detailed 'Senses' poem. Your worked so hard and used fantastic adjectives.	
Grade 3/4 A	Jaxon	For his incredible persuasive text 'The Wolf Is Innocent'.	
Grade 3/4 B	Tyler	For his creative publishing on the computer.	
Grade 5/6 A	Milly & Holly S	For the excellent video they made for the Olympics involving their cousins and little sister!	
Grade 5/6 B	Arnold	For his great work during 'Discovery' and sharing his stop motion animation skills.	
Art	Charlotte 34A	For her excellent artwork in celebration of 'NAIDOC' Week!	
Library	Charlie 34A	For working so well on his written task during Library. Well done, Charlie!	
Student Wellbeing	Sienna W 56B	For demonstrating both leadership and respect to assist a teacher in the yard. An excellent role model!	
Term 3 ~ Week 4			
Prep	Mary	For her excellent effort on her information text about Hedgehogs, based on her Guided Reading text.	
Grade 1/2A	Leirian	For working super hard to learn so many of his Magic Words. Keep it up, Superstar!	
Grade 1/2 B	lvy	For being a focused and hardworking member of 12B. Your hard work is paying off and you should be so proud!	
Grade 3/4 A	Charlotte	For her fantastic concrete poem about a gum leaf. Well done, Charlotte!	
Grade 3/4 B	Aidan H	For his determination and participation during Guided Reading sessions. I am proud of your hard work!	
Grade 5/6 A	Darcy	For his excellent work during our Melbourne Olympics study, working hard to research all the points on his map. Well done.	
Grade 5/6 B	Aiden L	For showing great construction and paper-mache skills in his Penguin Project.	
Chinese	Eva O Prep	For her excellent colouring and efforts in decorating her Mandarin book cover this week.	
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Achievement





Premiers' Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have been doing such wonderful reading during Remote Learning, and have now completed the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge:

- Prep: Eva, Billie, Victor and Lily.
- 1/2A: Jay, Lachie G and Lizzie.
- 1/2B: Jacob, Nikitta, Stirling and Anjali.
- 3/4A: Maisie, Elouise, Charlotte and Hunter.
- 3/4B: Bella, Hugo F, Liam S, Thomas H, Tahlia F, Patrick and Lachie H.
- 5/6A Sienna F and Sienna F.
- 5/6B: Aiden L, Sienna W and Will.

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. Please contact Mrs Storey or Mrs Farley if you need any assistance with logging on your books to the Challenge.

Happy reading everybody!

Claire Storey

PRC Coordinator





2021 Prep Parent Survey – Red Prep Bag

At the beginning of the school year, the Department of Education and Training provided every Prep student attending a Victorian government school with a red Prep bag.

The Prep bags contained 14 items, including children's storybooks, flyers, stickers, and stationery items, all designed to help Prep students and their parents and carers thrive from the start of Term 1.

The Department is now inviting families of current Prep students to participate in a short survey, closing Sunday 29 August.

Feedback will help inform what Prep students and their parents and carers like about the Prep bags and what can be improved in 2022.

To have your say, complete the survey through SurveyMonkey.

The survey takes about five to ten minutes to complete.

For more information on this year's Prep bags, refer to the <u>Prep Bags 2021 web page</u> on the Department's website.





100 Days of Scho

An enormous CONGRATULATIONS to our Prep students on reaching their 100 days of school milestone on the 30th of July.

The excitement had been building all year as we counted the days each morning. So, we felt very lucky that we were able to come back to school to spend our 100th day of learning together and celebrate in our classroom.

To celebrate this special occasion, we had a day full of activities to 100! We started by making special '100 Days of School' crowns and decorating them with numbers that counted by 10 all the way to 100 - we are getting pretty good at counting by 10 s! After this we put our crowned heads together to brainstorm what kinds of things we might be doing when we turn 100 years old... Some of the Preps decided they would watch TV all day and not brush their teeth, others predicted that they would drive BMW's and there was a lot of talk of eating ice cream for breakfast, lunch, AND dinner! We wrote about our predictions and got to take some funny photos using a photobooth app that made

us look 100!







After recess we got creative with our counting. We made some pretty sweet necklaces out of Froot Loops. We used 100 s charts to count out 100 fruit loops each and strung them onto a necklace to wear for the rest of the day. Our carpet got a bit crunchy, but it was a lot of fun and the room smelled yummy!

To finish off the day we made our very own crafty gumball machines, with, you guessed it... 100 GUMBALLS! We set up stations to cut out, decorate and stamp our gumball machines. We used bingo stamps to make 100 rainbow gumballs in each machine. There were lots of beautiful patterns and designs.

It was a spectacular day, and we are so proud to be 100 days (and counting) smarter.

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New! Rescheduled Photo Date

msp photography

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



Greensborough OSHCLUB

Newsletter

OSHClub











WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ...

OSHClub Newsletter – Term 3 Edition 3

Hello Parents, Guardians and Families, as we are jumping from lockdown to lockdown we are still here and running to support you in any way. We are all into this together and we will all get out of this stronger and wiser!

Since our last newsletter we had a little time with the children in the service and as they were all getting used to being back, they are now obliged to stay home again due to another lockdown! The week that the children were back they were so excited and got up to doing lots of fun things around the service. We experimented with slime making and kinetic sand making! Our slime worked out pretty good and the children enjoyed playing with it but..... with our kinetic sand well.... I'll stick to the professionals and buy some as the children enjoy playing with it and are getting very creative! We cooked up some delicious food: vegetable fritters were a success and our gnocchi too!!!!!! We are so looking forward to everything getting back to normal again so we will just have to stay positive and be patient!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



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!







[Greensborough OSHClub] [2021] Mon-Fri [06:45-08:45an 15:30-18:00pm [0447868204] [Greensborough@osholub.com.au]

Newsletter

COMING UP

National Science Week

Keep Australis Beautiful Week

National Book Week

Daffodil Day

News update!

NEW CLUB STARTING 9th August

As we are once more in another lockdown, we have decided to run a mini OSHClub Club! Over the next 5 week we will be running Mini Oshclub ECO WARRIORS! As we will be focusing on Sustainability with a variety of fun activities we would like to invite you to join the fun! For the children attending OSHClub during lockdown we will be running the club every Wednesday. For the children homeschooling during this lockdown, we will be sending you emails every week with all the activities and the resources needed to do these activities at home with your child! We are giving you all the opportunity to not miss out on anything that is happening in service and to have some fun times with your precious ones at home, so they won't feel left out whilst they are away! The activities are easy and so are the resources needed and the children will have loads of fun learning about sustainable practices! Please feel free to provide any photos of the activities as we would love to see the children at home sharing their fun time during these activities!

Please feel free to contact us any time if you have any questions. We are here for all of you, and we will be happy to assist you in any way plus it will be great to hear from you too!

Take care and stay safe!



Chocolate Crackles

Ingredients:

4 cups coco pops

·250gr baking milk chocolate melted

- Melt chocolate in microwave
- Mix chocolate with coco pops
- Spoon mix into patty cake papers
- Refrigerate until they are set ENJOY!





15:30-18:00pm

[0447868204] Greensborough@oshclub.com.au]

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RECIPE



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!



Email juniors@riversidecricketclub.com.au Junior Coordinator - Kristy 0412 888 296 www.riversidecricketclub.com.au

Research Lower Plenty Baseball Club

Tball Smash for 5 – 8 years olds



Come and Try Tball Family Day Sunday 29th August 11am-1pm Glenauburn Park, Lower Plenty For more information and to register your interest please visit juniorbaseball.com.au

Baseball for 9 – 12+ year olds



Come and Try Baseball Family Day

Sunday 29th August 11am-1pm Glenauburn Park, Lower Plenty For more information and to register your interest please visit juniorbaseball.com.au