



# Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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## *Borough Bulletin ~ 26 August 2021*

<i>Friday 27 August 2021 to Thursday 2 September 2021</i>	<b>Remote Learning</b>
<i>Friday 3 September 2021</i>	<b>Return from Remote Learning</b>
<i>Monday 6 September 2021</i>	<b>School Council Meeting – 7:00pm</b>
<i>Friday 17 September 2021</i>	<b>Last Day of Term 3 – Early dismissal – 1:30pm</b>
<i>Monday 4 October 2021</i>	<b>First Day of Term 4</b>

## **Principal's Report**

Thank you to the parents and carers who assisted your children to log in to our online assembly on Monday morning. Students from over seventy of our families joined us and it was lovely to connect with everyone and start our week together as a community. Whilst our 2021 School Captains couldn't be with us, we were very happy that our 2002 School Captain, (and current Grade 3/4 teacher), Mr Jesse Stephens, was able to take a trip down memory lane and lead us through the assembly. We were pleased to recognise and celebrate students' achievement of Magic Words certificates and Pupil of the Week ribbons together, (these will be sent home in packs this Friday). We will continue to hold online assemblies at 9am Monday mornings until we resume onsite.

"People just want a laugh," was a headline in Saturday's Age newspaper and this certainly reflects our discussions with family members who collected students' Home Learning Packs last Friday. I hope everyone enjoyed Margaret's and my attempt to start the week with a laugh, with our 'Lockdown Six' video on Monday. Kudos to Margaret's scriptwriting and whilst we won't be expecting any Oscar nominations, we will continue our efforts to prioritise the wellbeing of families, as well as student achievement during Remote Learning.

I thank staff who are including interactive, fun sessions in their weekly programs as well as tutoring and extension programs, and differentiated Numeracy and Literacy lessons. I have seen students having fitness lessons, dressing up and enjoying Wacky and Rainbow Wednesdays, honing their skills in Science and Cooking lessons, and participating in an 'Australian Notables' presentation, where the great Nancy Bird made an appearance (looking remarkably like Ms Gauci!).

Once again, I thank parents and carers for doing your absolute best to support your children and acknowledge that you/we can't 'do it all'. We understand that logging in to every online session is often impossible with work and other family commitments. What's important is that you continue to prioritise your family's safety and wellbeing, and complete what you can with Remote Learning tasks.

We're looking forward to celebrating Book Week in Term Four and I thank Janet Troy and Jen Farley for the amazing display they have created outside the Library. Jen has included a photo later in the newsletter and I hope everyone has a chance to see it in person in Term Four.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Parents and Friends Fundraiser last week by purchasing cereal as the Home Learning Packs were collected. We greatly appreciate that family members came prepared with gold coins and \$5 notes and the \$167 raised will assist P&F to meet their fundraising targets this year. P&F funds assist with our annual laptop and i-pad leases, among other items, and will also be used to purchase a screen and projector for the hall. We are very grateful to Kim and the members of P&F who

generously give their time and expertise to raise funds and purchase resources for our students to use and enjoy.

## **NAPLAN**

Congratulations to students, parents, aides and teachers in Victoria whose hard work was reflected in the remarkable results for this year's NAPLAN tests. We don't have our individual school results yet, however we celebrate that Victoria has held the top spot as the highest-performing jurisdiction on seven out of ten measures in the primary school years. Our Year 3 and Year 5 numeracy results were the highest in the country.

Victoria also improved on our 2019 results. Reading was a particular highlight, with students in years 3, 5 and 7 demonstrating significant improvement. In years 3 and 5, over 13,000 more students are achieving at the highest reading levels compared to 2015.

We look forward to receiving our students' results in the coming weeks.

## **Online Meeting Protocols**

Thank you to students who are remembering to adhere to the online meeting protocols that teachers have discussed with them. It's terrific to see students attending meetings on time, with pencils, paper or books ready to begin work. Recently several class teachers have noticed some 'shift and drift' in students' behaviours during meetings, which is perhaps understandable. This is a gentle reminder to students to be prepared for meetings and remember to avoid distracting behaviours, e.g.: changing their backgrounds during meetings. Overall, keep up the good work and we hope you're back in class soon.

## **Buildings and Grounds:**

Over the last few weeks, Margaret and Claire E. have organised the weeding and mulching/stoning of several garden beds at the front of the school. Margaret has rallied the support of staff and students who are onsite during recess and lunch breaks, and the garden beds have been transformed. We're continuing our efforts to move the mulch on the oval, bucket by bucket, and if any families have cardboard boxes we can use for 'weed matting' they can be dropped at school on Friday when the new Home Learning Packs are collected.



*Thank you to Montmorency Veterinary Clinic who sent a lovely condolence card to our students and community on the recent passing of Lilly. It was a lovely surprise to read the handwritten messages from the staff and a comfort to know that Lilly was in such great care when she passed.*

**Angela Morrìtt**

Principal



## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

## Library News



### Book borrowing and returns

Thank you to those parents who contacted me to organise books to send home. They will all be coming home this Friday in your children's bags. Please feel free to contact me if you would like me to select some books for your child/children.

Also, a big thanks to all those parents who returned library books last Friday. I will leave a tub out again this Friday so you can return books when you pick up your Learning Packs.

### Book Week

Due to the current lockdown our Book Week has been moved to the second week of Term 4, starting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. I will send a flyer home before the end of term outlining our events and information about the Book Fair. I'm looking forward to seeing our children dressed up as their favourite characters and book titles.

I would like to extend my thanks to our wonderful Art teacher, Janet Troy. Once again, she - with my assistance [as in helping put the display together!] has created a fantastic display for this year's theme – Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds. We are very lucky to have such a talented staff member.



## Library News continued...

### Poetry

This term Poetry has been a focus across the school. Bella in Grade 3/4 wrote a poem about books which I thought I should share. A diamante poem is a poem made of seven lines of words that are arranged in a special diamond-like form. Bella is an avid reader who certainly loves books!

DIAMANTE BY BELLA



Books

Mysterious Unpredictable  
Reading Escaping Discovering  
Adventure Facts Worlds Galaxies  
Learning Finding Loving  
Creative Heart warming  
Stories

Happy Reading

*Jen Farley*

Librarian Teacher



**VHAP**

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The VHAP accelerated reading program has been an amazing experience. The ten week program is a great opportunity to expand our vocabulary and open our eyes to a new way of writing.

In the seven weeks we have participated in, we have loved the unusual writing strategies and formulas such as the hero's journey, archetypes and genre mixing.

We have talked about different writing genres such as comedy, sci-fi and mystery and learnt about how we can make those genres more interesting the next time we write about them. So far, the experience has been a wonderful opportunity for the both of us and we are looking forward to the coming weeks!

*Aíden L* and *Sienna W*





To our GPS families,

In the 1 / 2 area, we have focused on procedural texts in both Reading and Writing the last week. We have learned that procedural texts can come in different forms and that you need specific materials/ingredients and follow steps in a particular order.

We spend more time in our homes during the lockdown than ever before, and some of you might be discovering new hobbies and interests, maybe even talents!

An example of a procedural text that I enjoy is a recipe. I have been cooking many beautiful dishes for my house, and it leaves me feeling happy and excited to share a meal with my family.

If you would like to contribute, I will be collating a book of simple yet delicious recipes into a 'GPS Cookbook.'

Have a chat with your families and submit your recipe and a picture (if you like) to me at [laura.tillotson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:laura.tillotson@education.vic.gov.au)

I look forward to seeing all your lovely recipes!

Miss T

## Visual Arts



You'll find lots of activities for children and families on the Arts Centre Melbourne website, including:

### Mountain Goat Mountain

#### *An at home theatre experience for families to do together*

Step into an imaginary world of hidden tunnels, lava pits and underwater caves without ever leaving your home! In this interactive journey, families will be guided with audio through a series of playful activities before being carried along through an immersive soundscape. Created entirely in isolation by a brilliant team of artists, *Mountain Goat Mountain* is designed for children and grownups to share together. Happy travels adventurers!

<https://www.artscentremelbourne.com.au/community/content-hub/together-with-you/families/>

- Tickets:** \$14.95 for a 30 day access family pass.  
*All funds will go to Threshold and the artists who created this work.*
- Age range:** Suitable for ages 5+
- How many can play?** Created for family units of any size. Minimum - a grown up and a small person.
- How long does it take?** Around 45 minutes, about as long as a show at the theatre!
- What do you need for this journey?**

A charged audio device (computer, phone or tablet), a bed sheet (the bigger the better), a piece of blank paper (A4 will do) and your favourite pencils, pens or textas.

# STUDENT WELL-BEING

Hi Everyone,

Thought I'd get in a little early - Spring is in the air! The days are getting longer and a little warmer, rose bushes are shooting, daffodils are flowering. blossom is appearing. *It brings HOPE, IMPROVING OUR MENTAL HEALTH during our experiences of lockdown due to COVID.*



Spring is the season of hope – that things will get better after they were worse. The river will 'flow again after it was frozen' – Ernest Hemingway, wrote of Spring.

'If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant' – wrote English poet Anne Bradstreet. 'If we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.'

Spring is arguably the most profound of the seasons in terms of its meaning, promise, inspiration and experiences. It is the season of new starts and ideas bursting from the ground like the return of grass, daffodils and blossoms.

In her diary, written under an even more extreme and frightening lockdown, Anne Frank advised those who could, to 'go outside, to the country, enjoy the sun and all nature has to offer. Go outside and try to *recapture the happiness within yourself*, think of all the beauty in yourself and in everything around you and be happy.' (World War 11)



There's even some science to the joy of spring. Research suggests that for many people, the extended daylight boosts mood, well-being and energy. Dopamine -- a neurotransmitter associated with attention, motivation, pleasure and mood

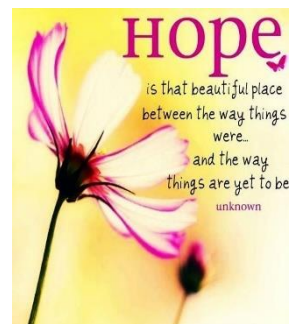
Across the seasons, research has found that taking walks in nature slows your heart rate and makes you more relaxed.



After months spent conserving energy, flowers bloom in the spring, once they sense that the days have grown longer and the weather has turned warmer. A 2008 study of hospital patients found that having flowers in the room made people feel more positive and reduced their pain and anxiety.

Temperate weather makes it easier to get the fresh air you need. Opening your windows and allowing the breeze in serves as an important way to ventilate indoor spaces, according to the EPA. Spring brings the perfect opportunity to throw open those windows and doors and get the air moving again

*I have been enjoying the warmer Spring weather on my daily walks and have seen creative signs of reaching out with hope and kindness in my neighbourhood. I have noticed bees, butterflies and lorikeets enjoying the grevilleas in my garden – unfortunately they don't 'wait' while I try to take a photo! I have begun to prepare my vegetable patch – a great activity to do with your children!*



**Take care & stay well!**

**Robyn Mulholland**



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# Pupil of the Week

## Term 3 ~ Week 5



<b>Grade 1/2A</b>	<i>Rohan</i>	For being a super Remote Learner. You are doing a wonderful job.
<b>Grade 1/2 B</b>	<i>Carter</i>	For participating enthusiastically and working hard to improve during his Reading Zoom classes. Well done!
<b>Grade 3/4 A</b>	<i>Vanessa</i>	For her persistence and great attitude towards her learning. Keep it up, Ness!
<b>Grade 3/4 B</b>	<i>Sila</i>	For her confidence and engagement during our Google Meets and Guided Reading!
<b>Grade 5/6 A</b>	<i>Starr</i>	For your excellent effort during our 'Potato Olympics' – you always put 100% into everything you do. Keep up the work, Super Starr!
<b>Grade 5/6 B</b>	<i>Riley H</i>	For his outstanding contributions during Guided Reading and online Google Meets.
<b>PE</b>	<i>Victor Prep</i>	For his excellent drawing and information about the Olympic event of 'Running'. Well done!

## Term 3 ~ Week 6

<b>Prep</b>	<i>Eva</i>	For her fantastic rewrite of the narrative – 'Little Red Riding Hood', and for her excellent editing. Keep up the good work!
<b>Grade 1/2A</b>	<i>Heidi</i>	For your excellent and confident contributions to our class meetings. Keep it up, Heidi.
<b>Grade 1/2 B</b>	<i>Scarlett</i>	For using her personal reading goal successfully, to stop and reread if something doesn't sound right. Keep it up!
<b>Grade 3/4 A</b>	<i>Kobe</i>	For his wonderful contributions during our Google Meets and Guided Reading sessions. Keep up the good work, Kobe!
<b>Grade 3/4 B</b>	<i>Tyler</i>	For his excellent response to feedback about finding the area and perimeter of compound shapes.
<b>Grade 5/6 A</b>	<i>Lolita</i>	For your outstanding work during our Study on Information Reports – your excellent research and writing skill really shone through in your text about Space.
<b>Grade 5/6 B</b>	<i>Tiffany</i>	For her outstanding efforts during Remote Learning. Keep it up!
<b>PE</b>	<i>Lachie G 12B</i>	For designing a fantastic 'Ninja Warrior Course'. Well done!

### 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. <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/>

Families should remember that whatever gets children moving, gets them active.



## Premiers' Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have accomplished exceptional reading during Remote Learning, and finished the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge:

**Prep:** Eva, Billie, Victor, Mary and Lily.

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

**1/2B:** Jacob, Nikitta, Stirling and Anjali.

**3/4A:** Maisie, Elouise, Charlotte, Joel J, Vanessa and Hunter.

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

**5/6A:** Sienna F and Sienna N.

**5/6B:** Aiden L, Sienna W and Will.

It is not too late to complete the Premiers' Reading Challenge! We have three more weeks until the closing date of 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 [Prep Bags 2021 web page](#) on the Department's website.

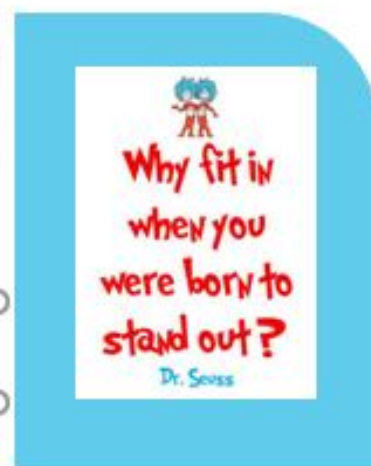


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# Newsletter

**OSHClub**  
Outside School Hours Care



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

### OSHClub Newsletter – Term 3 Edition 4

Hello Parents and Families, we hope you are all doing well although in lockdown. I know it is very hard on all of us and we are so thinking of you all and missing you all too! I hope that you have all received my emails with our ECO WARRIORS Club and that you too with the children at home are managing to do the activities as they are a lot of fun. The children at the service are making the most of it! We have had a scavenger hunt searching for natural resources in the school yard, we have been making crazy hair containers and we have been using the compost! During science week we did several experiments but the one that was a great success, and the children loves was making Elephant Toothpaste! This week we are creating our own sustainable bird feeders!

Please feel free to contact us if you need any help whatsoever or to even talk to us we would love to hear from you. If you would like to also share some photos with us so that the children in service can see what their friends at home have been up too! We will continue to provide you with information of the resources required for our ECO Warriors activities so that you can set them up at home helping your children not to miss out on the activities!

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



Please provide us with any recycled resources for our ECO WARRIORS club!!!



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!



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# Newsletter



## COMING UP

1st-30th Sep

National Footy Colors Day

1st Sep

Wattle Day

3rd Sep

Walk to Work Day

5th Sep

Father's Day

## News update!

### ECO WARRIORS CLUB

We will still be running the new club although in lockdown and will still be providing all of you information required for you to set these activities up at home too!

**During Science week** the children requested to make elephant toothpaste which was such a fun activity and worth making at home with your children.

**This week is Book Week** and we will be setting up some fun activities with the children. You too at home can have some fun reading books or even making a bookmark with your precious ones!

**Father's Day** soon to be celebrated by all of us and we would love to wish all our beautiful dad's a great day with your loved ones and keep up the great work dads we really appreciate all that you do for your children especially these difficult times!

**Vacation Care** is coming up soon and we are organizing some fun activities I will be updating you with all the information required for our Vacation Care program in separate newsletter.

Please contact us we would love to hear from you all and even talk to the children!

Take care and stay safe!



## Science

### Elephant toothpaste

#### Ingredients:

- ½ cup Hydrogen Peroxide
- ¼ cup dishwashing soap
- A few drops of food colouring
- A packet of active yeast with some water mixed well.
- Pour Hydrogen Peroxide in a plastic bottle
- Add dishwashing soap to hydrogen peroxide and food coloring and stir a little.
- Mix yeast and water to create a paste.
- Carefully pour yeast mix in the bottle and watch the magic happen!
- Have fun!

