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Thursday 09 September 2021 to
Friday 17 September 2021

Remote Learning continues

Friday 10 September 2021

Collect Home Learning Packs – 2:30pm to 3:30pm
Grade 6 Graduation Fundraiser Raffle Sales

Monday 13 September 2021

School Assembly – Online at 9:00am
Grade 6 Graduation Raffle Drawn

Friday 17 September 2021

Last Day of Term 3
End of Term Assembly – 9:00am Online
Footy Fun Day Celebration
Return all Home Learning Packs & Materials– 11:30am to 1:00pm
Collect a Surprise Bag for Holidays
Remote Learning & On-Site Attendance – Early dismissal – 1:30pm

Monday 4 October 2021

First Day of Term 4

Principal's Report

We are very pleased for our colleagues in Regional Victoria that restrictions have eased and students are able to return to school and sincerely hope that Metropolitan Melbourne won't be far behind in Term Four. In the meantime, it's business as usual with the provision of our students' Home Learning program and planning not only for Term Four, but also 2022.

Whilst we're waiting to hear if swimming and Special Visitors' Day can proceed next term, we are still expecting Harold and the Life Education service to attend with their exciting and informative health programs. Preparations for Book Week and the Book Fair are in full swing, as are Grade 6 Graduation plans and Prep Transition sessions. We are in negotiations to have the DET mandated Grade 3 - 6 Sexuality Education program delivered online. (More information will be sent to parents of Grade 3 - 6 students before this program begins). An information night for our 2022 Camp is in the diary, as are school photos, the Prep/One breakfast at school and Grade Two sleepover. Digimaker Coding classes are again on offer for Grade 3 - 6 students during lunchtimes on Friday (see flyer later in newsletter).

Thank you to all the families who raised \$307 for our Grade 6 graduation raffle last week, by purchasing tickets when Home Learning Packs were collected. Congratulations to Sienna, Tahlia and Nikitta who had the winning ticket and James and Jacob who won second prize. We had such a magnificent response that we're holding another raffle this week, so please bring along your gold coins, as tickets sell for \$2 each or three for \$5. The raffle will be drawn at assembly next Monday morning.





Principal's Report continued...

The last of the breakfast cereal will also be on sale this Friday as well as plaster casts, suitable for a fun holiday craft activity. The casts were generously donated to the school and will sell for \$1 and \$2. We hope families enjoy showing off their creative flair by decorating the casts with paint, textures, glitter or whatever your imagination suggests. We'd love to receive some photos of completed casts to include in our newsletter next term.

I've enjoyed seeing students at assembly each week and would like to thank our Grade Six teacher, Erin and our school captains and vice captains for pre-recording their messages. A highlight is seeing the photos of our Pupils of The Week as we acknowledge their special skills and talents.

I've also greatly enjoyed joining the P - 2 and Gr 3 - 6 fitness sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays. It's been terrific to see our students and younger siblings huffing and puffing, and working on their flexibility, stamina and core strength, and having fun in the process. Thanks, Daniela for giving us the opportunity to take time out and look after our wellbeing.

Wellbeing and Footy Fun Day – Last day Of Term

To celebrate how hard everyone has worked this term and promote the importance of wellbeing, we have planned a half day of fun-filled activities for the last day of term, next Friday 17th September. The day's schedule is included in the Home Learning Packs that will be collected tomorrow. We're starting the day by dressing in our favourite footy colours and attending our end of term assembly at 9:00 am. Each grade will also have their own Google meets to celebrate their outstanding efforts this term. Families will then be able to choose from fifteen fun activities suitable for all age groups. You may even like to extend the joy and complete some activities over the school holidays.

Between 12:00 and 1:30pm, families will return all Home Learning packs and student resources, so that teachers can correct work over the holidays. A special **Surprise Bag** will be presented to each student when HL packs are returned.

Buildings and Grounds:



We've been able to complete several essential tasks to ensure our equipment is maintained to correct OH&S standards in the last few weeks. The yellow strips on our external stairs have been painted, door handles replaced, and repairs made to deteriorating seating and bridge in our Japanese garden. I'm sure you'll agree the new bridge, painted in iconic Japanese colours, looks magnificent.

The weeding and mulching/stoning of garden beds is an ongoing project, so donations of cardboard are still being gratefully accepted.



Cooperation **A**chievement **R**espect **E**mpathy

NAPLAN

Congratulations to our Grade 3 and 5 students on their NAPLAN results. Reports were sent home last Friday, and staff have already begun analysing results. Overall, our results are very pleasing, and staff are currently analysing our data to determine the curriculum areas across the school that are strengths or areas for improvement for our teaching and learning programs.

Whilst NAPLAN provides valuable information, we acknowledge that results reflect students' performance on one test on one day. As it's only one of the assessment tasks used to assess students' overall progress at school, it should be interpreted in conjunction with their Semester One report.

Psychology Clinic Services- University of Melbourne

Many families are currently having difficulty accessing mental health services and our DET psychologist has forwarded us information about Educational and Developmental Psychology Telehealth services offered by the University of Melbourne. Individual sessions are being offered at the reduced cost of \$10 per session. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer with additional information and contact details for families.

SunSmart

A reminder that when students return on-site next term, they'll be required to wear their hats for outdoor activities, this includes recess, lunch and Physical Education lessons. (From September 1st – April 30th is when the average UV alert is 3 and above.) The holidays may be a good time to check children's school bags or wardrobes for hats. (School hats are available at the office for \$11.00)

This is our last newsletter for the term and next week we will send relevant messages to families via COMPASS. I wish everyone a well-deserved restful break over the holidays, and I know many families have expressed that they're looking forward to spending less or no time on devices! Thank you again for your truly herculean efforts to support your children's Home Learning Program and your family's wellbeing. I hope everyone took some time today to not only ask others: R U OK? but to also look after your own wellbeing.

Stay safe and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in Term Four.

Angela Morritt

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.

JSC & ICY-POLES

We are looking forward to returning to school next term and to see all of you again! Upon our return, and provided we are allowed to, the JSC will recommence the selling of icy-poles every Friday lunchtime to continue our fundraising efforts to achieve our goal for this year! 😊

Hope you are all staying safe.

From the *Junior School Councillors & Mrs Grima*



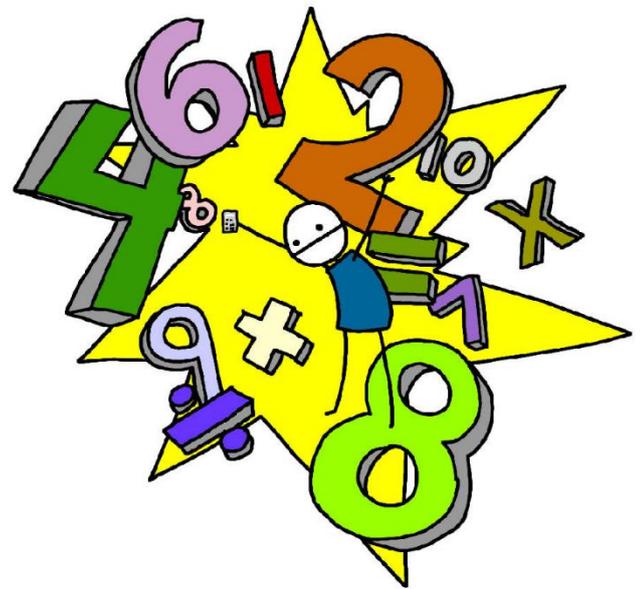
2021 APSMO MATHS GAMES

The Maths Games competition provides an opportunity for mainstream students in Years 4, 5 and 6 to learn valuable problem-solving skills and exposes them to the application of mathematical problem-solving strategies and techniques.

The Maths Games is aligned with the Australian curriculum and focuses on challenging students to think laterally and creatively when solving mathematically based problems.

Main aims of the Program:

- ★ Introduce students to important mathematical concepts
- ★ Teach major strategies and develop flexibility for problem solving
- ★ Foster creativity and ingenuity and strengthen intuition
- ★ Stimulate enthusiasm and enjoyment of mathematics
- ★ Provide for the satisfaction, joy and thrill of meeting challenges



At Greensborough Primary School, the students in Mrs Grima's Magic Maths class had the opportunity to take part in this National competition. There were 5 contests in total with 4 being completed onsite throughout the year. Unfortunately, due to Remote Learning, the last contest had to be completed remotely which means the results will not be added to their final scores.

Well done to Bella, Dan, Sienna N, Zoe M, Milly, Taegan, Alysha, Adrian, Aiden and Sienna W, for rising to the challenge and trying their best with the challenging questions. Everyone at GPS is so proud of your achievements.

Thank you to Mrs Grima for facilitating the practice questions with the students and supervising them on the Maths Games contest dates.

Daniela Darling
High-Ability Practice Leader



STUDENT WELL-BEING



Hi Everyone,

It is extremely important in this year of Covid 19 that we take care of each other and 'check in' on how they are 'travelling', especially mentally. Mental health problems are often not evident until they reach crisis point. It is often called the 'Hidden Pandemic'. *So, I encourage you to approach your family (adults & children), relatives, friends, neighbours, etc and ask, 'R U OK'?*

If you are having difficulties with your own mental health, I encourage you to speak to someone you trust and/or to seek professional help. *There is an old saying, 'a problem shared, is a problem halved'.*

I believe that many animals and young children are very perceptive when knowing how we feel.



And it's OK to say you're not



1. Ask



2. Listen



**3. Encourage
action**



4. Check in

Five tips for responding to someone who is doing it tough

1. A simple, 'I'm sorry to hear that' is a good response. You might follow this up with, 'would you like to talk about it?' to open up the conversation if the time and situation is appropriate. If not, agree on a more suitable time to talk.
2. Sometimes it can help to mention any changes you've seen that have caused concern.
3. There is great comfort to be given by simply listening and caring. Sometimes, too, people find it easier to talk when doing something like going for a walk, rather than sitting across a table from someone.
4. Focus on asking questions rather than trying to provide answers. Giving people a chance to share their experiences and voice their concerns without judgement is of great benefit. It helps people to feel less alone and more hopeful. Remember that responsibility for finding solutions does not lie with you. The best solutions are generally reached by the person themselves.
5. *Check whether they are connected to professional support.*

Let them know that you are always available should they want to talk. It's worth sending them an email or text a few hours later reiterating your support.

Remember a conversation could change a life and the simple gesture of compassion can have a profound effect on someone who is going through tough times.

Sometimes it's hard to express your feelings to the people around you. Not because you're afraid of what they'll say, but because our culture doesn't seem to be very keen on being honest about their pains. It's okay to admit that you're hurting, broken, or even confused about your current spot in life. It's okay...

1. IT'S OKAY TO CRY. Crying has been known to help regulate depression, anxiety and even stress.

2. IT'S OKAY TO GET FRUSTRATED. It's ok to not know the answer, solution, or reason for things that have taken place. Sometimes frustration is the breeding ground of change.

3. IT'S OKAY TO GET STRESSED. Let's face it, stress is unavoidable. It's ok to be stressed sometimes, just don't let stress become who you are.

4. IT'S OKAY TO NOT UNDERSTAND. Not everything is going to have an answer. Sometimes admitting that you don't know is the first step in finding peace and comfort in your situation.

For more details see:

- <https://www.ruok.org.au/>
- Need help?
 - ★ Beyond Blue - 13 22 4636
 - ★ <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>
 - ★ Kids Helpline - 1800 55 1800
 - ★ <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>
 - ★ Lifeline Australia – 13 11 14
 - ★ <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>

MAKE EVERY DAY 'R U OK? DAY

Please know that we are so proud of you all, especially the way you have endeavoured to do your very best in the different circumstances you have found yourselves in this term.

Please, please take the coming school holidays and embrace fun, gratitude and kindness (to both yourselves and others). Enjoy this season of hope 'spring', enjoying what nature offers, as you spend time outdoors whether at home or in your neighbourhood. Spend guilt free time with your loved ones and pets – you deserve it! **It will do wonders to the mental health of you and your children.**

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



Essential Visitors on site?



Pupil of the Week



Term 3 ~ Week 7

Prep	<i>Victor</i>	For his fantastic effort with writing and editing his creative Narrative then reading it to the class in our morning meeting. Well done!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Lizzie</i>	For always being consistent with her learning and demonstrating our school values
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Nikitta</i>	For consistently working hard during Remote Learning to achieve her goals, well done.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Joel J</i>	For his amazing research skills that he used to complete a timeline of Ned Kelly's Life. Keep it up!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Tahlia F</i>	For her efforts in Applied Maths, your Spinners were great, well done.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Jackson</i>	For seeking the assistance of his teacher when he is unsure of something. Well done and keep it up.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Jake</i>	For an outstanding information report about 'Comparing Stealth Bombers'.
PE	<i>William P 56B</i>	For continually participating in all PE activities during lockdown. Well done!

Term 3 ~ Week 8

Prep	<i>Lily</i>	For her fabulous work on sharing groups equally in Maths this week.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Evelyn H</i>	For being a Remote Learning Superstar, by always completing her tasks with great effort and skill. Keep it up, Evelyn.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Jacob B</i>	For always being a supportive and encouraging classmate to others during our Google Meets. You make us all feel happy!
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Madison</i>	For always having a positive attitude towards her learning and consistently presenting work to a high standard.
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Thomas H</i>	For his excellent Lego model of Ahn Do's 'Asylum-Seeking Boat'. Terrific creativity, mate!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Sienna F</i>	For her growing confidence and work ethic during Remote Learning.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Tiffany</i>	For working consistently, responding to feedback and always trying her best during Remote Learning.
PE	<i>Lola M 12A</i>	For her enthusiasm and positive engagement during the Prep - 2 PE Meets.
Library	<i>William P 56B</i>	For always doing a great job with his Remote Learning.

Research Lower Plenty Baseball Club is holding upcoming online information sessions throughout September to prepare for the Summer 2021/2022 Season.



2021/22 Baseball Summer Season
 Online Information Session
7:30pm Wednesday 8th September
juniorbaseball.com.au

Premiers' Reading Challenge

One more week to go before the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge closes for 2021. The following students have completed amazing reading during Remote Learning and have successfully completed this year's challenge.

Prep: Eva, Billie, Victor, Mary, Shyamala 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, Zoe, Matthew and Hunter.

3/4B: Bella, Hugo F, Liam S, Thomas H, Tahlia F, Patrick, Billie M, Justis, Joshua and Lachie H.

5/6A: Sienna F and Sienna N.

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

There is still time to participate in this year's challenge. We know that GPS students are amazing readers. Please contact Mrs Storey before Thursday 16 September 2021 if you need any assistance with logging on your books to the Challenge.

Happy reading everybody!

Claire Storey

PRC Coordinator



ART NEWS

Each year, Montmorency Secondary College invites students from all the local primary schools to submit artwork for the 'Arts Alive' competition and exhibition, which will once again be held online this year. All GPS students in Grades 4, 5 & 6 are invited to submit artworks and 20 finalists will be selected to have their artwork displayed online as part of the Arts Alive Online Exhibition 2021.

The theme for 2021 is **Inspiration**. *What, or who inspires you?*

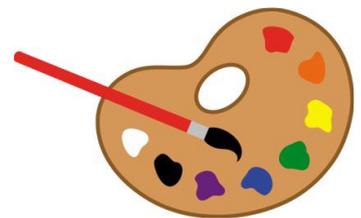
Awards will be given to the top 3 primary school students. Attached is a copy of the competition flyer. All artwork submissions must be provided in a digital format using the online form. A copy of the entry form must be completed with the student's details and accompany any artwork that is submitted. Students/parents need to provide the best possible photograph of the student's artwork.

The competition will close at 5pm on Friday 15th October. Twenty finalists will be selected for the exhibition, and awards for outstanding artworks will be presented at the online exhibition on Wednesday 27th October. Finalists will be notified by email by Friday 22nd October.

Looking forward to seeing your creations! Good luck!

Janet Troy

Visual Arts Teacher





Primary School Art Competition 2021

CALLING STUDENT ARTISTS GRADES 4, 5 & 6!

Primary students are invited to submit an artwork and take part in the *Primary School Art Competition* to be presented as part of Montmorency Secondary College's *ARTS ALIVE ONLINE 2021* exhibition.

Twenty finalists will be selected for the online exhibition, and awards for outstanding artworks will be given to the top three students.

1st PRIZE: \$100 voucher for Greensborough Plaza

2nd PRIZE: \$50 voucher for Greensborough Plaza

3rd PRIZE: \$25 voucher for Greensborough Plaza

The 2021 theme is:

Inspiration

What, or who, inspires you?

See page 2 for more details on how to submit your work.

For enquiries or more information please contact:
Montmorency Secondary College General Office - (03) 9422 1500 or
Claire Mooney - Claire.Mooney@education.vic.gov.au





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Artworks

**Artworks can be created using 2D, 3D or digital media.
This could include: painting, drawing, collage, photography, mixed media, printing, sculpture, animation or decorated food (like a cake)**

**All submissions must be provided in a digital format using our online form.
Make sure you take the best possible photographs of your artworks!**

Physical works will not be accepted.

[Click here for the online submission form](#)

Important dates

Submissions are due **Friday 15th October, 5pm
Finalists will be notified via email by **Friday 22nd October****

The exhibition will be presented online **Wednesday 27th October, 2021**

Award winners will be announced when the exhibition goes live.



Newsletter

OSHClub 
Outside School Hours Care



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

OSHClub Newsletter – Term 3 Edition 5

Hello Parents and Families, and welcome to the last Newsletter for term 3! Yep, it's nearly over and we are so disappointed of how things have turned out with the constant lockdowns and with the fact that we can't have all our children back with us. It's been hard on the children attending school too as they are all missing their friends that must homeschool.

We would like to thank you all for your beautiful words in our Educator's Day card, you all brought tears to our eyes. We highly appreciate your kind words, and we just want all our children back now!

We hope all our wonderful fathers had an awesome Father's Day. For the ones that their child/children are attending we hope you liked your presents. For ones that their child/children not attending well we owe you a double present for next year!

The children attending BSC and ASC have had the opportunity to participate in our ECO Warriors Club and have been having lots of fun learning about sustainability with our amazing activities. For the parents, whose child/children not attending I have been sending out emails with our activity sheets via Kidsoft for you all to be able to follow our program so that your child/children don't miss out.

Wishing you all a great school holiday and hopping to see most of you in our second week of vacation care and next term. We miss you and stay safe!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Last Day of Term 3 is on the 17th of September and we will be running an Early Finish Session from 1:30pm.



Please check updates about our upcoming holiday program as we have some very exciting things happening!



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!



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



[Greensborough OSHClub]
[2021]

Mon-Fri [06:45-08:45am
15:30-18:00pm]

[0447868204]
[Greensborough@oshclub.com.au]

Newsletter



COMING UP

6th-
12th
Sep

National Superhero Week

8th
Sep

International Literacy Day

10th
Sep

RU OK? Day

17th
Sep

School Early Finish 1:30pm

News update!

ECO WARRIORS CLUB

Our Club will be running this week and next week as we had a little pause to prepare our Father's Day presents. You can all check the activity sheet that I have sent out to you via Kidsoft.

VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Please check updates and emails by the company and me as per our vacation care program. As we will still be running our vacation care program, please don't hesitate to make bookings. If you require any assistance don't hesitate to contact me or our customer and billing team who will be able to assist you with any inquiry.

We have organized some amazing activities for our vacation care program, and you will all be getting an email soon with all our program and activities.

EARLY FINISH

As you are all aware on the 17th of September will be the last day of term 3. We as a service are running an early finish program as we do every term. We will be starting our session at 1:30pm, so feel free to create your bookings as we are planning some fun end of term activities with some delicious food!

We wish you all a safe and fun school holiday and looking forward to seeing you all next term.

Take care and stay safe!

Kind regards
Aspa and Adina



Recipe

Curry Rice (request from Raiden)

Ingredients:

- 1 cup long grain rice
- 16 ounces vegetable broth
- 1 cup green bell pepper
- ½ cup white onion, diced
- 1 tsp curry powder
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp black pepper
- ½ cup peas
- 2 fresh green onions cut for sprinkling over the top.

- Cook the rice with the vegetable broth.
- While the rice is cooking sauté the chopped onion and green bell pepper in 1 tbs water about 10 to 15 min.
- Stir in curry powder, salt and pepper and stir on low for 5 minutes
- Add the cooked rice and peas and cook for about 3 minutes.
- Serve with the chopped green onions sprinkled over the top and enjoy!





DIGIMAKER

Programming for young Makers

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CLUB!

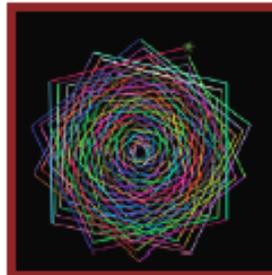
@ Greensborough Primary School

In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting coding club running at the school (in the event of school closure, lessons will be held online)



DEVELOP SKILLS

- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving



LEARN

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

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

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



MAKE

- Games
- Web pages
- Apps

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

9 WEEK TERM PROGRAM

Program for **Term 4 2021** is as follows:

Year levels: 3 to 6

Term Fee: \$135 + GST

LUNCH TIME

1:40pm – 2:25pm

BATCH

Friday's 8th Oct to 3rd Dec 2021

Fill out the form online by
Thursday 16th Sept 2021



<https://www.digimaker.com.au/enrol/>

Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email**

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

HOLIDAY E-LEARNING PROGRAM

2 HOURS OF FUN FILLED CODING
FULLY SUPERVISED OVER ZOOM
(5 DAYS A WEEK!)

<https://www.digimaker.com.au/events/school-holiday-coding-program/>



Educational and Developmental Psychology Telehealth Services

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are now offering intervention services for children, adolescents and families via telehealth.

We can offer short-term interventions for children and adolescents on a range of topics including:

- coping and resilience
- stress and anxiety
- self-esteem
- study and learning skills
- literacy
- behaviour management
- social skills and friendship

Individual sessions are being offered at the reduced cost of \$10 per session.



Please contact us at clinic-psych@unimelb.edu.au for further information