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Borough Bulletin ~ 28 April 2022

<i>Friday 29 April 2022</i>	ISS GPS v Watsonia Heights – 9:00am to 11:00am – Home Match
<i>Monday 2 May 2022</i>	Mother's Day Gift Stall 2022 Starting to Count – Preschool Program – 9:30 to 10:30am Cross Country Trial – 9:30 to 11:00am
<i>Friday 6 May 2022</i>	ISS Norris Bank v GPS – 9:00am to 11:00am – Away Match
<i>Monday 9 May 2022</i>	2022 Starting to Count – Preschool Program – 9:30 to 10:30am
<i>Tuesday 10 May 2022</i>	School Photos NAPLAN begins – 9:00am to 11:00am
<i>Friday 13 May 2022</i>	ISS GPS v St. Mary's – 9:00am to 11:00am – Home Match
<i>Monday 16 May 2022</i>	District Cross Country Event
<i>Tuesday 17 May 2022</i>	2022 Sizzling Science – Preschool Program – 9:30 to 10:30am
<i>Friday 20 May 2022</i>	Curriculum Day – Students do not attend ISS Bye
<i>Tuesday 24 May 2022</i>	2022 Mandarin Sing-along - Preschool Program 9:30 -10:30am
<i>Friday 27 May 2022</i>	ISS GPS v Bundoora – 9:00am to 11:00am – Home Match Bogan Bingo Trivia Night – 7:30pm (<i>Child-free event</i>)
<i>Wednesday 1 June 2022</i>	2022 Art for Tiny Tots – Preschool Program – 9:30 to 10:30am Division Cross Country
<i>Friday 3 June 2022</i>	ISS Streeton v GPS – 9:00am to 11:00am – Away Match
<i>Wednesday 8 June 2022</i>	2022 Stories at School – Preschool Program – 9:30 to 10:30am
<i>Friday 10 June 2022</i>	ISS GPS v Watsonia North – 9:00am to 11:00am – Home Match
<i>Monday 13 June 2022</i>	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
<i>Wednesday 22 June 2022</i>	Parent/Teacher Interviews – 2:00pm to 7:00pm
<i>Friday 24 June 2022</i>	Term 2 – Last Day – Early finish – 1:30pm

Principal's Report

Once again, we've had a very smooth start to Term Two and it was wonderful to welcome everyone back and hear about their holiday adventures. The relaxing of mask rules for our staff and grade 3 - 6 students has certainly been welcomed and it's lovely to see students' facial expressions as they engage in class programs and interact with their peers and teachers.

I was very proud of our School Captains and Vice Captains last Monday when they represented our school at the ANZAC Day service at War Memorial Park. Our school leaders honoured our service men and women by laying our wreath at the cenotaph. This was a very moving ceremony, and it was terrific to see so many students from GPS in attendance with their families to commemorate the contribution of all those who have served Australia and New Zealand.

On our first day back, we held our school ANZAC Day ceremony on the netball court and Grades Prep - Six respectively listened whilst our House Captains did an exemplary job of explaining the origin of Anzac Day and what it represented. They read The Prayer of Remembrance and The Ode and laid a wreath at the base of the flag. Parents should be very proud of the mature and respectful manner in which all students participated in the service, listened to The Last Post and observed a minute's silence at the end.



Easter Parade and Grade Six Egg Toss Champions

It was lovely to see all the family members who came to watch our Easter Parade and activities on the last day of Term One. Congratulations to all the students who made a special hat and contributed to the fun and colour of the day! Each year the creativity and ingenuity of our community amazes us, and this year was no exception, making it extremely difficult to select the 'Most Amazing Hat' for each grade level.

A special highlight of this event is the annual Grade 6 Egg Toss where pairs of students throw a raw egg over increasing distances until the egg is broken. Congratulations to Reece and Gabriel who were the student winners of this year's event with their skilful throwing and deft catching! Unfortunately, they were beaten by less than a metre by their teachers, Erin and Paula!



Thank you to everyone who sent eggs for the raffles and purchased tickets to support P&F's fundraiser. Congratulations to our raffle winners: Victor, Mary, Hayden, Josh, Bella, Tyler x 2, Naihi, James & Jacob and Liam & Jazmin

'Step Into Prep' Transition Programs

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer with our suite of transition programs that supports pre-schoolers to transition successfully into Prep in 2023. Following on from our hugely successful 'Starting To Read' sessions last term, we are offering 2 sessions of 'Starting To Count' and a session with each of our specialist teachers. We are offering the program on Mondays - Wednesdays, so that children who attend kinder on different days, may have the opportunity to attend some, if not all, of the activities. If you know any families of 4-year-olds, please let them know about our programs, so they can ring the office and book a place.

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Additional Student Free Day Term Two

Under the new Industrial Agreement, the Department of Education and Training has recently mandated schools to provide a Professional Practice Day for teachers each term. For Term 2, 2022, DET has recommended to hold each teacher's allocated Professional Practice Day on the same day for all staff. This is to enable the most effective and efficient use of this day and students are not required to attend school on this day. (Please note that this day is in addition to the two remaining curriculum days families have previously been advised of, i.e., Friday 20th May and Monday 31st October.)

We know families prefer as much advance notice as possible, of student free days, however schools are required to consult with staff and have the date approved by School Council and we are currently following this process. We will advise families early next week of the date, so that parents/carers can make suitable arrangements for the care and supervision of children. Please contact OSHClub if you wish to book your children in on this day.

Footsteps Dance Program Term Three

We like to give parents/carers advance notice of events to assist with family budgets. In Term Three, students in Grades Prep – Six will participate in the ten-week Footsteps dance program, at a cost of \$38.00 per student. The program uses dance as a vehicle to develop students' inter/intrapersonal skills, fitness levels and provide teachers with classroom resources. The program is fun and exciting for students and culminates in a performance for parents. Previously, Montmorency Secondary College donated the use of their theatre as our venue, and we are liaising with them to see if that is a possibility for this year also.

Footsteps was scheduled for last year, and cancelled due to COVID restrictions. ***Families who paid for their child's Subject Contributions in 2021 have covered the cost of the program. Families new to GPS this year, and those who did not pay their full Subject Contributions last year will be sent an invoice for \$38.00 to cover the cost of the program.*** Please contact the office if you have any queries.

Year 6 - 7 Transition Information

Information will be sent home to families of Grade Six students tomorrow, giving parents all the relevant information about applying for Year 7 placement. Please contact Grade Six teachers, Erin or Paula, if you have any questions about this process.

School Photos

School Photos will be taken Tuesday 10th May. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer from MSP photography explaining the process for ordering student and sibling group photos.

RAT Screening Program

DET will continue to supply RATs for the first 4 weeks of Term 2 to support the early detection of COVID-19 in our school. A box with a fortnight's supply, will be sent home with each student tomorrow, Friday 29th April, unless families indicated last term that they did not want to participate in the screening.

The testing recommendations remain the same this Term for students and staff, with mainstream schools recommended to test at home twice a week.

DET Covid safe Guidelines

Information was sent to families via COMPASS on Monday outlining the following changes to COVID Safe measures for schools that will apply from the start of Term 2.

- **Face masks:** While recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.
- **Screening requirements:** Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

- **Household contacts:** Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine. They may return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times during their 7-day period. They are required to notify the school that they are a household contact.
 - ★ Students aged 8 years and above who are household contacts are required to wear face masks when indoors at school unless they have a valid exemption.
 - ★ If a student household contact returns a positive RAT result, they must isolate for 7 days.
- **Vaccination requirements for visitors to schools:** Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

Mother's Day Stall Monday 2nd May

Thank you to Parents and Friends for organising the Mother's Day stall next Monday. Many hours are spent wrapping and preparing presents for our children to give to a very special person in their lives on Sunday 8th May and it's lovely to see the joy it brings them as they spy the perfect gift to give. I wish everyone a happy Mother's Day!

Our newsletter is sent home fortnightly and Meghan alternates compiling the newsletter with other fortnightly administration tasks. This is an off-cycle week for the newsletter as we wanted to welcome and update families for the beginning of term. Next week, Thursday 5th May, a brief news 'sheet' will be sent home and then we'll resume our normal fortnightly schedule, with the subsequent newsletter published on May 19th.

Angela Morrìtt

Principal

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is soon approaching and will be held in Weeks 3 & 4 of this term. NAPLAN provides one set of assessment data and contributes to the multiple forms of assessments teachers employ to determine what students have achieved and their areas for improvement and future learning.

Last term, all students in Grades 3 and 5 were given an information overview for families, with the option to discuss any queries or concerns parents and carers may have. The deadline for these discussions is fast approaching, so this information will be re-sent via Compass. *If any parents have concerns or queries about their children participating in NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher or myself, by next Wednesday 4th May.*

The NAPLAN schedule is outlined below. If a student is absent, a catch-up test will be held, where possible, when they return to school.

Week 3

Tuesday 10th May – Grade 3 NAPLAN Writing at 10am.

Wednesday 11th May – Grade 3 NAPLAN Reading & Grade 5 NAPLAN Writing at 9.15am

Thursday 12th May – Grade 5 NAPLAN Reading at 9.15am

Week 4

Tuesday 17th May – Grade 3 & 5 NAPLAN Conventions of Language at 9.15am.

Wednesday 18th May - Grade 3 & 5 NAPLAN Numeracy at 9.15am.

Stay tuned to Compass for further information regarding NAPLAN.

Jesse Stephens

NAPLAN Coordinator

2023 Prep Enrolments

If any families have siblings of current students who are starting school next year, please contact Mehgan at the office and lodge an enrolment form. If families know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please encourage them to register their details as soon as possible. We have already had a number of enquiries and school tours for places in 2023 and the sooner we get a sense of our intake for next year, the sooner we can start planning for grade structures.

GREENSBOROUGH PS PHOTO DAY

Tuesday 10th May 2022

Ordering Now Open!

Orders can now be made through your Compass Portal via your email link or under the 'Community' tab.

Place your order now to ensure our best pricing!

Family/Sibling Photos are available for students attending the school.

Family photos orders must be placed by 11.59PM the day before photo day.



Parents with 3 or more children can receive a concession with our Premium or Classic Packs. To take up this offer, please contact us prior to photo day at family.nem@msp.com.au

Class Group Style



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Student Wellbeing



Hi Everyone,



It has been great seeing all your smiling faces, looking happy and relaxed, that includes staff too! I've enjoyed hearing about all the activities you have been up to. I have heard of trips away, fun at home and in the local area, etc, etc.

While Hubby worked, I was in MY HAPPY PLACE - my garden has been weeded and re-mulched, plants have been re-potted, roses de-budded, and while carefully working around numerous bees I cut any finished flower spikes on my grevilleas. In the evenings I made two baby beanies for new babies in the extended family. Last week we puppy-sat our 'fur' grandchild – our son thought his border collie 'Echo' would love another holiday with us! Actually, I really enjoyed his

company for long walks and games of catch the ball. He got me up at 7 am each morning for his morning SPEED walk – good practise for this week! The fresh COOL air was refreshing and 'woke' me up!



I look forward to engaging with you again this term. I am looking forward to the social/emotional MAT (Martial Arts Therapy) PROGRAM with some of our students. Don't forget Breakfast Club each Wednesday at 8.30 am – all students are welcome! Some parents may like to share too. With the cooler mornings we will be adding warm baked bean jaffles to the menu on some mornings. One of our helpers, Sarah, will also be making her scrumptious muffins for other days of the week! Her daughter, Rachael,

a former student of GPS, will also be joining us some Wednesdays as a volunteer!

SO, have a great term of PLAY, LEARNING & OF GROWING TOGETHER!

KEEP SMILING! WE CAN DO THIS – WE JUST NEED A GROWTH MINDSET!

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I am able to help you or your family in any way.

Take care & stay well!

Robyn Mulholland 🍌

Student Wellbeing

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

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Victorian High Ability Program

A key initiative of the Victorian Government has been the establishment of Student Excellence Program. Working alongside teachers and leading academics, this has seen the establishment of the Victorian High Ability Program. This program will provide an enriching learning experience to challenge and extend our high-ability students in English or Mathematics over a 10 week course and provide students with the opportunity to engage with like-minded peers.

Six of our Grade Five students are participating in a Maths Program this term. The name of this program is Patterns: From Symbols to Secrets. This course will encourage students to discover that Mathematics is not about 'getting to the answer', by demonstrating there are often multiple solutions and multiple strategies. Students will explore concepts that are not usually covered in the Primary Mathematics curriculum, such as number patterns, alternative numeral systems and cryptography. They will be pushed to view Mathematics as a process of exploration, and encouraged to ask questions, make conjectures, and test ideas.

Congratulations to the following students who are participating in this program this semester.

Lachie H, Bella E, Xavier M, Hugo F, Joshua F and Liam S.

We look forward to hearing about these students' learning throughout the term.

Claire Storey

High-Ability Practice Leader



2022 Premiers' Reading Challenge

Every year at GPS, we strongly encourage and fully support all our students to participate in the Premiers' Reading Challenge. Each and every book that a child reads continues to build their knowledge, wonderment, fluency in reading, vocabulary and comprehension.

Since the challenge began 18 years ago, Victorian children have read more than 45 million books - that is enough to fill nearly 11 Olympic swimming pools. This year children across Victoria will read at least another 4 million books.

We are excited and optimistic that our students at GPS could read a record number of books during the 2022 challenge. **In the coming weeks,** letters will be sent home to families that will provide further information regarding the Premier's Reading Challenge and these letters shall contain your child's Premiers' Reading Challenge login and password alongside a special bookmark.

In 2021, 45 students completed the challenge. This was a remarkable achievement due to Remote Learning and the closure of libraries. These students were rewarded with a certificate signed by the Premier, which was presented at our end of year assembly, and a special 'fish and chip' lunch in Term Four.

We are expecting that this year's Premiers' Reading Challenge to be bigger than ever!

Claire Storey

P.R.C Coordinator



Parents & Friends

Bogan Bingo – Save The Date – Friday 27th of May (Child-free event)

We are excited to announce the team from Bogan Bingo will be our hosts for our upcoming fundraiser! This promises to be a wonderful night, with prizes, plenty of silent auction items and lots of laughs!

Tickets will go on sale at the start of Term 2. Anyone in the community is welcome to attend.

As this is our major fundraiser of the year, we are busy sourcing donations for the event. If you know of a business who would be happy to donate items/services for this event, please let either myself, Cassie Fox or the office know.

Mother's Day Stall – Monday 2nd of May

The Mother's Day stall will be on this Monday, 2nd of May. We have many beautiful gifts for the children to choose from for their Mum, Nanna/Grandma or Special Person.

We have a variety of items up for offer, with prices ranging from 50c to \$7.

Some of the items are lanyards for \$1.50, keyrings \$3, candles & mugs (\$4 each), bracelets for \$5 and earrings for \$7.

Please send money with your child in a named envelope, purse, or plastic bag on the day, it is also helpful to send a bag to place their purchase in.

Election Day BBQ + Cake Stall – Helpers will be required – Saturday 21st of May

The school has been advised by the Australian Electoral Commission that we will be a polling booth for the upcoming federal election. This is a great opportunity to fundraise funds for the school. A volunteer slip was sent home on Tuesday, we would greatly appreciate if people will be able to assist with the day.



Bogan Bingo – Save the date – FRIDAY 27th of MAY (adult only event)



We are excited to announce the team from Bogan Bingo will be our hosts for our upcoming fundraiser! This promises to be a wonderful night, with prizes, plenty of silent auction items and lots of laughs!

Tickets are on sale now up at the office. \$30 per person early bird price, \$40 if paying on the night. Anyone in the community is welcome to attend.

As this is our major fundraiser of the year, we are busy sourcing donations for the event. If you know of a business who would be happy to donate items/services for this event, please let either myself, Cassie Fox or the office know.

A huge thank you to the following businesses for kindly donating items for the event:

Watermarc, Autobarn Eltham, Mask Co, Natio, Collingwood Childrens' Farm, Lollipops, Quest Doncaster, Skaterz Eltham, Swimwear Galore, Urban Grooves, Bunnings Eltham, Gold Standard Barber Shop Watsonia, Pancake Parlour, Heidelberg Golf club, Montsalvat and Quest on William.

Thankyou,

Kim Hill

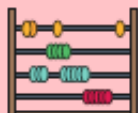
On behalf of P&F

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Greensborough Primary School warmly
welcomes preschoolers to our fun and
engaging Term 2 programs



STARTING TO COUNT
Monday 2nd May
Monday 9th May
9:30am - 10:30am



SIZZLING SCIENCE
Tuesday 17th May
9:30am - 10:30am

Open to all
children
commencing
primary school
in 2023

FUN MANDARIN
SINGALONG
Tuesday 24th May
9:30am - 10:30am



ART FOR TINY TOTS
Wednesday 1st June
9:30am - 10:30am



STORIES AT SCHOOL
Wednesday 8th June
9:30am - 10:30am

Book your place
as numbers are
limited.
Scan the QR
code or call the
school to register

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Sporty Stars

DEVELOPING POSITIVE FUTURES

TERM 2
2022

Greensborough Primary School

All our qualified instructors encourage opportunities for cognitive, social and emotional development through and during movement activities within all our programs



Dance Stars

Fundamentals of dance, movement, space & energy. Teaching posture, technique, extension and building strength, balance and co-ordination. Focus on integrating isolations, rhythmic exercises, floor patterns, improvisation & dance routine combinations choreographed to different styles of music.

Day: Thursday

Time: Lunchtime

Start Date: 5th May

Finish Date: 23rd June

Who: Prep-Grade 4

Cost \$120 (8 sessions)

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