



# Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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## Borough Bulletin ~ 19 May 2022

Thursday 19 May 2022	NAPLAN Walk To School Day
Friday 20 May 2022	Curriculum Day- Student Free Day ISS Bye
Tuesday 24 May 2022	Cancelled - Mandarin Sing-along due to staff shortage
Friday 27 May 2022	ISS GPS v Bundoora – 9:00am to 11:00am – Home Match Bogan Bingo Trivia Night – 7:30pm ( <i>Child-free event</i> )
Monday 30 May 2022	Melbourne Museum Excursion – Whole of School – 9:00am – 3:30pm
Wednesday 1 June 2022	2022 Art for Tiny Tots – Preschool Program – 9:30 to 10:30am
Friday 3 June 2022	ISS Streeton v GPS – 9:00am to 11:00am – Away Match
Monday 6 June 2022	Student Free Day - Professional Practice Day for all staff
Wednesday 8 June 2022	2022 Stories at School – Preschool Program – 9:30 to 10:30am
Friday 10 June 2022	ISS GPS v Watsonia North – 9:00am to 11:00am – Home Match
Monday 13 June 2022	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 22 June 2022	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Friday 24 June 2022	Term 2 – Last Day – Early finish – 1:30pm

## Principal's Report

It was lovely to see so many students and family members walk to school this morning for National 'Walk To School Day'. We were all very disappointed that the police unit that was going to meet us on The Circuit corner to encourage our healthy walking habits was unable to attend, however it was terrific that several teachers were there to greet everyone as they walked by. Thank you also to Bella and Harmony for serving breakfast on the netball court and Claire, our ES staff member, for assisting them.



We have a suite of extracurricular events planned this term. These are above and beyond our usual programs and I thank families for supporting us, and the staff for ensuring our children are exposed to a wide range of teaching and learning programs. These activities meet our goals not only for student achievement but also student engagement and wellbeing.



The Prep Mother's Day afternoon tea was well attended and greatly enjoyed by each child's special visitor. From a delicious afternoon snack to nail polishing and hand massages, our Preps took great care of their mums and grandmothers, with the highlight being the poem recited by the Preps showing how much they love and care for them.

The cross-country team certainly showed great stamina and endeavour as they trained over the last few weeks and participated in the District event on Monday. Once again, our students competed with great sportsmanship and proudly represented our school. Congratulations to everyone in the team on their efforts and special mention to Kayleigh who finished in the top ten and will go on to represent GPS at the Division event on Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to the parents who attended and supported the team, especially those who acted as marshals or assisted with the supervision of children.

Claire S. will be sending home information about the **Premiers' Reading Challenge** in the next few weeks, and we hope to increase the number of students participating. The importance of reading to and with children each day is well documented, and we hope all families can set aside twenty minutes each day to read together and reap the benefits. We greatly appreciate Claire organising this event for students each year.

Our Grade Prep-Two Clubs and Discovery programs continue to engage students and also build on our goals for wellbeing and engagement. Students have a voice in the types of clubs offered and they cover a range of interests, including cooking, drama, games, arts and crafts. These hands-on programs complement our class Discovery units this term.



Our Spelling Extension students are entering a Writing Competition being held by the Whitlam Institute on the topic, "What Matters?" This is the second year we have entered this competition and it provides our students with a great opportunity to research a topic and extend their vocabulary even further, and then use the words correctly in context.

As work progresses on the Hurstbridge Rail Duplication Project (HLD), our Grade 5/6 students have the opportunity to design and create artwork that the project will have printed onto hoarding or gawk screen (material hung on fencing to reduce the visibility). Paula, Erin and myself have met with members of the HLD Project to finalise themes for the artwork and our Grade 5/6 teachers will continue to liaise with them and have student input in the design.

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May our entire school will attend an excursion to Melbourne Museum, and this is the highlight of our Discovery units this term. As well as the highly engaging exhibits, each class will also have a session in the IMAX 3D cinema. Thank you to the parents and carers who have volunteered to attend with us. Laura T has sent out a COMPASS post advising that we still have several vacancies if additional parents would like to accompany us and help supervise the students.

*Please note that depending on traffic conditions, buses may arrive back at school slightly after 3.30pm.*

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## Parents and Friends BBQ and Cake Stall

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help at the BBQ or bake items for the cake stall this Saturday for election day. Funds raised on the day will be used to purchase valuable resources for all students to use and we're very grateful to P&F for generously donating their time and effort to support the school. If any more parents can assist, please respond to the post placed on COMPASS yesterday.

## NAPLAN

Well done to our Grade Three and Five students who completed NAPLAN in the last fortnight. The protocols for NAPLAN testing are very different to the way students normally work in class, as they are unable to ask the teachers for assistance, nor speak to their classmates and the tests have strict time limits. This year the tests, apart from Grade 3 Writing, were all completed online, and I thank Mr Stephens, our NAPLAN coordinator, for ensuring the tests ran without a hitch. Class teachers had ensured students were familiar with this new process and that they felt comfortable to complete the tests. All students worked to the best of their ability on the day.

## Attitudes To School Survey

We value Student Voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction, and in June we are conducting a survey to find out what children in Grades 4-6 think of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school.

Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. Further information will be sent home to parents of students in Grades 4-6 via COMPASS. Participation in this survey is voluntary and if parents do not wish for their child to do the survey, they will be able to opt out.

## Student Free Day

A reminder that tomorrow **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May is a Curriculum Day and students do not attend school.** OSHClub is available for parents who require care and supervision of children on this day.

## Firewood

Last week, one of our trees was felled by our arborist and we have approximately two - three small trailer loads of firewood (not split) available to families for \$20 a trailer load. The first three families who contact the school will be able to share the firewood and collect it after school or on the weekend by arrangement.

## Staffing

It is with mixed feelings, that we wish Rock Kho all the best as he moves to a new school. Rock moved house during the holidays and his new location greatly increased his travel time. Rock was successful in applying for a position close to home that started immediately, so we are employing one of our ex-teachers, Nic Crowe as a CRT to run an environmental program whilst we advertise the position. Nic's program runs on Tuesdays allowing joint planning time for teachers as grades attend STEM or environmental session.

Rock brought great energy to his teaching of Mandarin and the students were highly engaged as he incorporated music into his program. He will be missed professionally and personally.

*As you would be aware we're currently experiencing the same plight other schools began to experience in Term One, and that's an increase in staff and students testing positive to COVID and having to isolate for seven days. It's been challenging to replace staff, however, to date we've been able to rearrange the timetable to cover classes with myself, CRTs and part time staff working additional hours. We've been able to avoid splitting grades, however the reality is we may not be able to avoid this all term. Thank you to parents for your patience as the office is also undermanned at the moment. Just as we've done over the past two years, we'll continue to all work together to achieve the best outcomes for our community.*

**Angela Morrìtt**  
Principal



## 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.

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## Friendship Tree

Today at the Friendship Tree, we had lots of fun! Our three Friendship Tree Leaders, Mia, Elouise and Bella ran lots of activities. There was drawing, colouring, elastics (Mia was good at that!), Lego, limbo, reading, music (Elouise even sang a song and the Preps played along, we all loved it!) and Bella also did a magic trick! The Friendship Tree is great, and everyone had an amazing time! So...

*If you ever need a place to play,  
come to the Friendship Tree today!*

*Bella, Mia and Elouise*

2022 Friendship Tree Leaders

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## 2022 Parent Payments

Dear School Families,

Thank you so much to all of the school families who have made their 2022 payments. We work extremely hard to keep costs to the absolute minimum and greatly appreciate the support of families to deliver the best in programs and resources.

As part of the Education Department's updated policy on the collection of Parent Payments for essential school items, we are no longer able to issue statements which we understand is frustrating for families trying to stay on top of what they have and haven't paid. If you need to know the current status of your account please contact Mehgan as, if you request it, she is able to provide a verbal or printed copy of your account summary. Below we have reattached a summary of the 2022 charges.

In addition to the Curriculum Contributions, families are invited to support programs at the school with the option of \$30 contributions towards:

- The Library Program
- Student Welfare Activities
- ICT (Information, Communication and Technology) equipment and programs

We are pleased to advise that the school has diligently kept, as a Financial Commitment, the small contribution the Education Department has made to the swimming program for 2020, 2021 and 2022. Because the swimming program has not been able to be run for the past two years, we have now have sufficient funds to ensure that the Term Four Program will be able to be run at no cost to families for 2022. Further details and permission notes for the Swimming program will be sent out next term. Those families who have CSEF funding will be able to access these funds for all remaining excursions and activities this year without needing to set aside funds for the swimming program.

Yours sincerely,

*Margaret Hirth*

## 2022 Parent Payments – Continued

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<b>Year Prep- 6 classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$10)</li> <li>Science – chemicals, equipment (\$5)</li> <li>Mathematics – numeracy blocks (\$5)</li> <li>English – book boxes (\$10)</li> <li>Sports – equipment (\$5)</li> <li>Mandarin – equipment(\$5)</li> <li>Library – books, library systems (\$5)</li> </ul>	\$45
<b>Online Subscriptions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See-Saw(\$8)</li> <li>Compass (\$10)</li> <li>On-Line learning platforms (\$10)</li> </ul>	\$28
ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$10
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10
<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
School Sports Victoria membership	\$5
Student wellbeing programs	\$20
First aid equipment	\$5
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$20
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$143</b>

## Financial Support for Families

Greensborough Primary understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Referral to community-based support agencies where available
- Payment Plans to meet family needs

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Mehgan Uren on 94351496 or [greensborough.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:greensborough.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

## Payment Methods

There will be three options to make Parent Payments.

- Via your Compass App
- Via Direct Debit to the school account:
  - Bank: Commonwealth Bank – Greensborough
  - Account Name: Greensborough Primary School
  - BSB: 063 185 Account Number: 1014 8099
  - Please put the name of the student surname in the reference section
- In person at the office

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## Student Wellbeing



Hi Everyone,

With the district cross country event this week, I began thinking about the importance of instilling the personal value of **PERSEVERANCE** in our children.



**Perseverance** is very important for kids to develop because life is full of challenges – and **perseverance** is what helps you get through the difficulties to get to what you are aiming for.

Even though it feels so hard when you are working through a challenge, **perseverance** keeps pushing you through to your goal and to the good feeling that comes with knowing ***you did your best.***

Taking the easy way out by cheating, quitting, or avoiding a situation doesn't make the challenge go away. It just makes you have to deal with it at a different time.

In a culture of instant gratification, one of the best gifts that we can share with young children is to teach them the ability to **persevere** when faced with challenges. For children to develop these skills, they must have opportunities to take on challenges, problem-solve, and pick themselves up to try again.

Encourage and teach self-encouragement: Everyone wants and needs to be encouraged. When children are encouraged, it helps them to feel motivated, with the ability to develop their own inner voice to power them through challenges later in life. *Give children mantras to repeat when they are frustrated, such as:*

- ★ 'If you don't succeed, try, try again!'
- ★ 'I think I can, I think I can!'

*This will help encourage children to find a sense of pride in their effort and ability:*

- ★ 'You just kept trying and didn't give up... You must feel so good that you finished!'

*'Hope is a function of struggle'.*

What does that mean? When we don't allow our children to experience struggle, failure and disappointment, we take away their hope. The hope that there is always a **chance** to overcome a struggle. The hope that when you fail, you can try again and succeed. The hope that when you feel disappointed, there is always a chance to experience success.

All this does not only apply to schoolwork or sport. It can also be applied to dealing with the challenges of friendships, living through the current COVID pandemic, following interests/hobbies, to name a few.



**SO, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CROSS COUNTRY RUN THIS WEEK – CONGRATULATIONS FOR PERSEVERING, FOR YOUR EFFORTS AND FOR ACHIEVING YOUR PERSONAL BEST!**

Take care & stay well!

**Robyn Mulholland** 🍌

Student Wellbeing

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

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## Prep News



Last Friday, our Preps and their special visitors were treated to an early Mother's Day Afternoon Tea at school. It was a lovely afternoon filled with scrumptious treats, as well as tea and coffee served fresh for every one of our special visitors. Our Preps had been practising all week in preparation for our hand massage, manicure and reading stations where we got to pamper our Mums.

Lastly, we presented our special poem to our Mums, along with our handmade posters to remind them of just how much we love them!

Thank you to everyone who made this beautiful event possible and thank you to everyone who came to the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea to spend time with us. It was heart-warming to see our Preps and their special visitors have such an amazing time bonding and making lots of cherishable memories.

*Miss Chen*

Prep Teacher







# Discovering Our Ancient Past

*Discovery in Grade 3/4*





## District Cross Country Event – Monday 16 May 2022





## Gardening Club



As part of student voice at GPS, students suggest and vote on themes for our Clubs Program which runs for an hour each week on a Wednesday afternoon. In Term 1, the Grade 1 & 2 students in the Gardening Club chose to focus on improving the school vegetable garden. They spent many hours hard at work, weeding and cleaning up. With the help of a seasonal growing chart provided by the Cassidy family, the students found out which seedlings would be suitable to plant for winter vegetables.

Finally, the exciting day arrived when we planted the seedlings, which included potatoes, carrots, cabbage, lettuce, beetroot, broccoli and spring onions.

The Gardening Club hopes that everyone at GPS can help care for our garden! If you happen to walk past and see that it needs watering or weeding, feel free to give it some TLC!

Many thanks to Megan Cassidy for her assistance and thank you to Phillipa, Ella F, Ella M, Bethany, Nikita, Liam S, Billie G, Fatima, Mary, Olivia, Lola & Tamim for their hard work on the school vegetable garden.

*Janet Troy*

Visual Arts Teacher





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



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

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



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

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# Pupil of the Week



## 2022 ~ Term 2 ~ Week 2

<b>Prep</b>	<i>William G</i>	For showing tremendous growth in his writing and demonstrating great resilience.
<b>Grade 1/2 A</b>	<i>Drew</i>	For his effort during 'Big Write' this week.
<b>Grade 1/2 B</b>	<i>Evelyn H</i>	For demonstrating great determination and problem-solving skills.
<b>Grade 3/4 A</b>	<i>Anastasia</i>	For making smooth papyrus paper and writing her name beautifully in hieroglyphics.
<b>Grade 3/4 B</b>	<i>Liam G</i>	For a wonderful 'Rocket Write'! Keep it up mate!
<b>Grade 5/6 A</b>	<i>Elouise</i>	For always being resilient and trying her best towards all set tasks.
<b>Grade 5/6 B</b>	<i>Evelyn</i>	For always being a respectful and cooperative member of our class.
<b>Library</b>	<i>Natasa 12A</i>	Thank you for being a Superstar in Library lessons and doing your best all the time.
<b>PE</b>	<i>Isaac K 34A</i>	For supporting his friends and with a big smile!
<b>STEM</b>	<i>Liam G 34B</i>	For working hard and completing his circuit.

## 2022 ~ Term 2 ~ Week 3

<b>Prep</b>	<i>Spencer</i>	For always showing consistency in the way he completes all tasks. He always puts in his best effort!
<b>Grade 1/2A</b>	<i>Mary</i>	For her effort and excellent work in Reading this week. Keep it up, Superstar!
<b>Grade 1/2 B</b>	<i>Ella F</i>	For always encouraging others to achieve their goals and celebrating their success. You're a great friend!
<b>Grade 3/4 A</b>	<i>Jackson C</i>	For his resistance and determination training for Cross Country this week.
<b>Grade 3/4 B</b>	<i>Charlotte</i>	For gaining your Pen Licence! You deserve it!
<b>Grade 5/6 A</b>	<i>Madison</i>	For always bringing a positive attitude to Softball practice and showing great leadership.
<b>Grade 5/6 B</b>	<i>Matthew</i>	For his effort and attitude towards his assessment this week.
<b>ART</b>	<i>Kira Prep</i>	For drawing lots of different kinds of lines and shapes on her owl.
<b>PE</b>	<i>Tiffany 56B</i>	You've done it again! European Handball is right up your alley.
<b>STEM</b>	<i>Arnold 56B</i>	Your interest and passion is clear. Keep it up mate!

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# Newsletter

May 2022 Edition 2

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## What's been happening...

Hello parents and Guardians,

It has already been two weeks in our new term, and we have been so busy doing so many things within the service!

As the children were the ones that decided on which Clubs, we will be running this term they have shown great interest in them.

Fit Kids Club is always a success as the children love outdoor play which benefits their overall health and wellbeing!

Science Squad is all about getting our hands dirty and spikes our curiosity!

Mini Bake-off is always successful as the children love eating what they make!

Waste Warriors is all about teaching sustainable practices and the activities provided are awesome!

We will be very busy this term so look forward to many photos and updates!

We would love to hear from you all!

Please provide us with your feedback which will give us the opportunity to improve!

Thank you,

ASPA



**Pupil Free Day  
at  
Greensborough  
OSHCLUB on  
20<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Mon-Fri 06:45 am-08:45 am and 09:30 pm-06:00 pm  
0447866204  
greensborough@oshclub.com.au

oshclub.com.au  
1300 395 735



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## Coming Up

May  
2-27

Eye Spy Curiosity Through Your Eyes Campaign!

May  
19

EYE SPY swimming spaghetti activity

May  
20

Pupil Free Day

## Special Announcements

**PUPIL FREE DAY 20TH May 2022**

We are excited to announce that on the 20th of May Greensborough OSHCLUB will be running a Pupil Free Day to accommodate for all of you as the school will not be running.

We will be organizing some fun activities for your child/children on that day.

One more Pupil Free Day will be also running on the 6th of June 2022.

We will be updating you all shortly!

## Quality Area Reflection

Focusing on.....

Quality Area 1.1.3. Program learning opportunities.

We make sure that all aspects of the program, including routines, are organised in ways that maximise opportunities for each child's learning.

Each child's interests are accommodated for through our planning cycle.

## Holiday Program

### Highlights of CLUBS!





## Coordinator's Corner

Welcome, Womingeke, Huanying!

Our New Clubs are up and running with a lot of interesting and interactive activities!

Monday: Fit Kids FOMO Club

Tuesday: Science Squad FOMO Club

Wednesday: Waste Warriors FOMO Club

Thursday: Mini Bake-off FOMO Club

Our EYE SPY Campaign has also started and when the children were asked to provide CURIOUS questions, they sure did that!!!!



Biggest debate was the chicken and the egg!!!

Regards Aspa

## Photos speak for themselves!



## Recipe

### Fairy bread Choc Crackle Roll

#### Ingredients

- 105gr rice bubbles
- 120gr pink and white marshmallows
- 50gr butter
- 180gr white chocolate chopped
- 40gr sprinkles
- 20gr mini marshmallows

#### Directions

- Grease baking tray and line with baking paper. Spread sprinkle over pan evenly. Place rice bubbles in heatproof bowl.
- Cook marshmallows and butter over medium heat until melted and smooth. Add to rice bubbles mix well and place in pan.
- Melt white chocolate and let cool for 2 min. Then place over rice bubble layer. Set aside for 5 min to set slightly.
- Using paper, carefully lift from pan. Arrange mini marshmallows along one long side. Using paper to help you, roll mixture tightly from 1 long side to form a log. Enclose in baking paper. Refrigerate for 2 hours or until firm.
- Trim ends of roll. Cut into 1cm thick slices. Serve at room temperature.
- Enjoy!



Triple P is an evidence-based parenting program that aims to:



Strengthen the parent's capacity to support their children's safety, stability, development and wellbeing.



Increase parental confidence, skills and knowledge about raising children.



Increase positive interactions between the parent and their child.

*"I love how Berry Street provides accessible seminars and parenting tips to the community, as not everyone has family or friends to go to."*  
- Triple P participant

We believe that children, young people and families should be safe, thriving and hopeful.

For more information:

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Berry Street acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands, skies and waters across Australia. We recognise that we operate on stolen land and that sovereignty was never ceded. We are committed to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in our care to connect to their cultures, countries and communities.



Berry Street is committed to the principles of social justice. Berry Street supports the LGBTQIA+ community and celebrates diversity.



**Triple P – Positive Parenting Program**  
Small Changes, Big Differences.

**BERRY STREET** | Belonging to Children, Young People, Families, The Future.





# Playgroup

We offer 2 groups during school terms

Tuesdays

10:00 – 11:30am

Thursdays

10:00 – 11:30am

Come and check us out for FREE!

\$15 per family, per term.

For children 0 to 5

**Everyone welcome!**

Lots of great toys, stories, craft,  
activities and fun!

Come along and join us for a chat and a play.

For more information contact  
Natalie on 0417 119 791

