



# Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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## Borough Bulletin ~ 16 June 2022

Wednesday 22 June 2022

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Friday 24 June 2022

Term 2 – Last Day – Early finish – 1:30pm

Monday 11 July 2022

Term 3 commences

Friday 16 September 2022

Term 3 – Last Day – Early finish – 1:30pm

### Principal's Report

This week we warmly welcomed our new Mandarin teacher, Mr. Han Hung to GPS. Han quickly built a great rapport with students and staff, and it was a pleasure to see how engaged students were in their lessons in the heritage building. We're looking forward to getting to know Han better as he shares his skills and expertise with our community.

This has been a busy and productive term, as staff worked hard to plan engaging activities for their classes, including excursions, Discovery Units and Clubs, as well as regular class programs. The whole school excursion to the museum was a resounding success and the discussions and follow up activities demonstrated the understandings and knowledge students gained on the day, as well as answers to their 'wonderings' and questions they had prior to the excursion.

Student Voice and Agency is being developed through the Friendship Tree (coordinated by ES Lynette Taylor) and JSC (coordinator Paula Ly), and ES Claire Embling, is coordinating a new program, 'Kindness Crusaders'. This program includes students from last year's JSC who missed out on performing their leadership role due to Remote Learning.

The Victorian High-Ability Program and Challenge and Enrichment Series is continuing to engage and extend selected students and will continue next term. Claire Storey coordinates this program and feedback from families and students has been very positive. The Premier's Reading Challenge has begun, and the P - 2 Clubs program is a highlight of their week.

Thank you to Kashvika's father, Aravind, for organising the Sustainability Education & Action inspiration session for our Grade 3 - 6 students. Jesse Stephens has included information about this event later in the newsletter and it was pleasing to get positive feedback from Aravind and his co-presenters who were *"inspired by the kids as much as we tried to inspire them. It was amazing to see their creativity and enthusiasm combined with empathy and care for our planet and all living beings."*

With the last week of term approaching our focus remains on student engagement and achievement. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> is the Watsonia District Girls Soccer Round-Robin to be played at Greensborough Secondary College. We know our students will represent us proudly and we wish them good luck on the day! On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> our JSC is showing great leadership as they've organised a Super Hero Dress Up day and movie screening in the hall at lunchtime. (See flyer later in the newsletter). Our Grade Six students are celebrating their last year of primary school with a special excursion to the Artvo Exhibition at the docklands!

Planning for next term's programs is well underway and the creation of the Lego Discovery Room has engaged both students and staff. Mrs Hirth has led this project and our student volunteers are currently very busy sorting our new Lego purchases into different colours and themes. Each grade will be timetabled for a minimum of two sessions in the Lego Discovery Room each week and will spend time creating both their own designs and also responding to challenge tasks. We can't wait to see and share photos of their designs with families.



### **Think You Know Presentations for students and parents**

Next week Libby West, Youth Resource Officer, Banyule PSA, will deliver a Think You Know (TUK) presentation to our Grade 5/6 students. TUK sessions are delivered by State and Territory police to build positive engagement between children, young people and police, while equipping students with the knowledge and skills to be able to take actionable steps to maintain their safety at all times.

We are currently confirming a date with Australian Federal Police Officers to run a parent TUK session in Term Three. Parent TUK sessions recognise that parents and carers play an important role in protecting your children from harm. They aim to support parents and carers in preventing and managing safety challenges that your child may face, as well as guiding your child to understand these and feel empowered to take action. More information will be sent to parents as the date is confirmed.

### **Reporting and Parent/Teacher Interviews Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Thank you to the staff for their diligence and hard work in evaluating student results and writing reports. Staff spend many hours on this process and whilst it is a normal part of their role as teachers, they have demonstrated their deep knowledge of the students they teach and reported accurately to parents so that our students' social and academic progress can be celebrated. Areas for improvement and future learning were also identified and these will be the focus for future learning in Semester Two.

Thank you to parents who have logged on to COMPASS and booked your P/T interview time. If any families haven't booked a time by tomorrow morning, teachers will allocate a time for you, and you'll receive a message on COMPASS. If you are unable to attend this appointment, please log on and change the time. Reports for students will be sent to parents and carers via COMPASS tomorrow afternoon, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 4:00pm.

### **Parents and Friends**

I'd like to congratulate Parents and Friends for their excellent fundraising efforts this semester and all our families who supported them. A great deal of time and energy goes into organizing the fundraisers and we greatly appreciate their efforts. Not only does P&F raise funds for valuable school resources, it provides many entry points for parents and family members to engage with the school and be connected to our

community. This is a really important aspect of the culture of our school, and I'd like to thank the current committee members, especially Kim, not only for their hard work but also for establishing an inclusive and welcoming culture for our families.

*Thank you everyone for a terrific term! This will be the final newsletter of the term and if there are further updates next week, families will be notified by COMPASS. I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to everyone returning reinvigorated on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a final assembly at 1:15 next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, followed by our usual end of term finish time of 1:30pm.*

**Angela Morrìt**  
Principal

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## Reminder: Curriculum Days 4

Families are reminded that our remaining curriculum day for the year will be Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>. The focus for this day will be analysis of student data for Assessment and Reporting. Students will not attend school on these days and if numbers permit, OHS Club will provide care for students – please contact them for more information.

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## 2023 Prep Enrolments

Next term we will begin planning in earnest for staffing and grades for 2020. 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.



## Our VHAP Experience

VHAP (Victorian High Ability Program) is an extension maths program that Hugo, Josh, Lachie, Liam, Riley and Bella have participated in. It has been a very enjoyable experience, and in it we do lots of activities like decoding numeral systems such as the Babylonian and Mayan systems. We have also learnt lots of different types of codes like pigpen and binary.

Each week on Thursday we gather in a Webex Meeting with students from other schools and there is a teacher who tells us about all the different types of Mathematics. We are given homework to complete and if we would like a challenge, we can complete extra Extension work.

We have learnt so much about Mathematics that we wouldn't have learnt during normal class time, and we are very grateful for the opportunity to have been able to do this. We have enjoyed it every single week.

We are very excited about the remaining lessons before the end of term

From,

*Bella, Hugo, Josh, Lachie, Liam and Riley*

VHAP Participants for Greensborough Primary School -.

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# Student Wellbeing

Hi Everyone,

This term has been short – only 9 weeks – but with **the constant change** throughout the term it has been very tiring. Added to that has been numerous cases of COVID and flu/colds for both students and staff and therefore absences.



For those who have been in the education system for a couple or more decades, they have commented that they have never experienced a term like it. Comments such as this come from staff statewide.

But as we approach the end of term two, we can all say **WE MADE IT! WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST! THE STAFF CREATED MANY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE TERM - on behalf of the students, thank you!**

## YES, WE ALL NEED A 'BREAK' BECAUSE BREAKS:

### 1. Improves the memory

It has been shown that increase concentration and facilitate the memorization of new content.

### 2. Serves as an energy boost

It is very common to feel drained of energy when we focus all our attention on one task. Resting can be useful to allow your body to recover.

### 3. Reduces stress

Constant worry can lead to chronic stress, and students have been reported to be more likely to suffer levels of stress, which can have a physical and mental impact.

### 4. Improves your health

Rest and sleep have been shown to have a positive impact on your immune system. It also reduces inflammation and decreases the risk of other illnesses.

### 5. Boosts your performance and creativity

Sometimes, new creative approaches to problems may arise when doing different activities.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY, THERE IS A WHOLE 'WORLD' TO EXPLORE AND ENJOY OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM, WHICH CREATES FUN AND 'LEARNING', PRECIOUS MEMORIES AND RELAXATION WITH THOSE MOST PRECIOUS TO US. (Don't let the weather stop you!)**



So, I wish to thank you all for your ongoing support and **WISH YOU ALL A REFRESHING TERM BREAK!**

Take care & stay well!

**Robyn Mulholland**

Student Wellbeing

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

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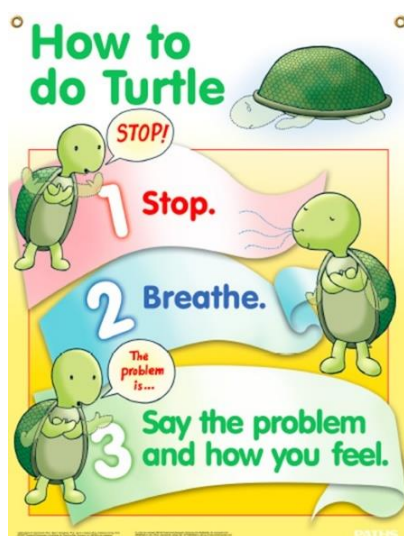


*As the PATHS program will feature in your child's report, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce, or reacquaint our community with the program.*

The Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS®) program is a school-based social and emotional learning (SEL) curriculum that aims to help children in primary school manage their behaviour, understand their emotions, and work well with others. PATHS is delivered through lessons given two to three times a week over the school year. The program is based on the principle that understanding and regulating emotions are central to effective problem solving.

The lessons focus on (1) self-control, (2) emotional literacy, (3) social competence, (4) positive peer relations, and (5) interpersonal problem-solving skills. There is a separate curriculum for each grade.

The program's mascot Twiggie the turtle, can be seen at the front of the office, to remind students to "Do Turtle" the three-step process below. Using this process and language at home can be very beneficial when managing 'uncomfortable feelings' and the behaviours that may occur as a result.



In conjunction with our wellbeing program PATHS I have constructed (with a lot of help from my Dad) a sensory wall which assists with reducing anxiety as well as improving focus and overall learning outcomes. The wall has a different variety of objects that can be pushed, pulled and moved in an interactive and fun way. The wall will be reinstalled between the two grade 1/2 classrooms these school holidays. As Mrs Morritt and I have previously mentioned, if the wall is looked after it can be enjoyed by all for a long time.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact me.

*Laura Tillotson -*

PATHS Coordinator

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# How Might We Stop Plastic Polluting Our Oceans?



**A big thank you to Aravind and his team from Accenture for their exciting and insightful Sustainability IncurSION for students in Grades 3 - 6!**

Addressing this 'Big Issue' was a challenge made simple by *creative design thinking*, which gave students the opportunity to think about sustainability solutions without limits. From thinking of solving issues as superheroes, to designing rough drafts to machines, we were able to better address how we might go about solving challenges that this generation are going to face – and solve!



We reflected on the session with an individual pledge, which can be viewed in the corridor by the 1/2A classroom! By acting local, we are thinking global!

Well done to everyone involved!

*Mr. Stephens*

3/4B Teacher



**JSC PRESENTS:**

# **SUPERHERO MOVIE DAY**

**TUESDAY 21ST JUNE**

DRESS UP AS YOUR  
FAVOURITE  
SUPERHERO  
COST: GOLD COIN  
DONATION

JOIN US TO WATCH  
SPIDEY AND HIS  
AMAZING FRIENDS  
COST: GOLD COIN  
DONATION

WHEN: TUESDAY 21ST JUNE  
TIME: LUNCH TIME 1:35PM  
WHERE: THE HALL

Bring your lunch and sit back  
and relax and enjoy the movie!

All proceeds will go to  
The Friendship Tree!



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## 2022 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge



What an incredible start we at G.P.S have made to this year's Premiers' Reading Challenge! – 38 students have logged on to commence the challenge and these students have read a total of 343 books.

Congratulations to Jackson, Laura, Sienna and Stirling who have already completed the challenge. The following students have also commenced their reading.

I can't wait to see how many more students read in the coming weeks; we are already on track to break last year's reading record.

Happy Reading everyone,

*Mrs Claire Storey*

Premiers' Reading Challenge (PRC) Coordinator

Victorian premiers' reading challenge	2022 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge
Prep	William G, Abigail G, Agnes D, Ella F and Ethan R
1/2A	Jacob B, Mary B, Victor S, Olivia M, Philippa A, Billie G and Lily Stringer
1/2B	Laura C, Evelyn H, Ella M, Kashvika A, Tanishka R and Shyamala S
3/4A	Adam C, Isaac W, Anne-Sophie A, Patrick D and Anjali S
3/4B	Hunter P, Elvy W, Stirling D, Maisie G, Lizzie S and Lachie G
5/6A	Reece W, James B, Hugo F, Joshua F, Nam P and Jackson T
5/6B	Bella E, Sienna N and Daniel S

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## Book Club News

A big thank you to all the families at GPS who have placed a book club order during Term 1 & 2. Each time a book is purchased our school receives Scholastic Rewards which can be exchanged for books. We have recently used our Rewards to obtain some wonderful new books for our Library. Many thanks to Sarah and Mrs Ciavola for choosing a fabulous collection of fiction and non-fiction texts for everyone to enjoy. Please keep an eye out for these titles in the Library as they will be available soon.



Kind regards,

*Claire Embling*

Scholastic Book Club Coordinator

# THE KINDNESS CRUSADERS HAVE ARRIVED!!!

Dear families,

This term some very kind children have formed a group called the Kindness Crusaders. They are going to be looking out for **Random Acts of Kindness** at school and getting behind wonderful causes to help make a difference in the world.

The first cause they have chosen to support is 'Bread Tags for Wheelchairs'. Plastic bread tags can be recycled and made into seedling trays bought by nurseries. The money raised from the sale of these trays is used to buy wheelchairs for people in South Africa who cannot afford to buy one. It takes 200 kilos of bread tags to raise enough money to buy one person a wheelchair which is A LOT of bread tags. Luckily, the school started to collect them a few years ago so we have almost 2 kgs to start us off - thank you! Could you please start collecting plastic bread tags and send them to school with your children?

Thank you,

*Claire Embling*

Coordinator for the Kindness Crusaders

# KINDNESS CRUSADERS!!!



In a world where you can be anything, be kind!



PLEASE START  
COLLECTING  
BREAD TAGS,  
FOR



WHEELCHAIRS!





# Pupil of the Week



## 2022 ~ Term 2 ~ Week 6

<b>Prep</b>	<i>Millie</i>	For showing great improvements in her work and being persistent in her learning.
<b>Grade 1/2 A</b>	<i>Tamim</i>	For making excellent efforts to improve his writing. Great work!
<b>Grade 1/2 B</b>	<i>Laura</i>	For her determination to learn her Magic Words. Keep it up!
<b>Grade 3/4 A</b>	<i>Isla</i>	For her exemplary behaviour during our whole school excursion to the Melbourne Museum.
<b>Grade 3/4 B</b>	<i>Ethan</i>	For your positive approach to learning! Keep up the great work!!
<b>Grade 5/6 A</b>	<i>Hugo F</i>	For always putting in his best effort in all tasks. Well done!
<b>Grade 5/6 B</b>	<i>Daniel S &amp; Holly S</i>	For representing our school at the Victorian Parliamentary Program and showing excellent leadership.
<b>Art</b>	<i>Alex A 12A</i>	For excellent improvement in his sewing skills.
<b>Library</b>	<i>Shyamala 12B</i>	Congratulations on being a Superstar each and every Library lesson.
<b>PE</b>	<i>Bella 56B</i>	For giving it her all in Netball. Your confidence is infectious.
<b>STEM</b>	<i>Daniel 56B</i>	Circuits are your thing! Well done for also helping your friends.

## 2022 ~ Term 2 ~ Week 7

<b>Prep</b>	<i>Noah</i>	For showing determination in his Magic Words and for being a great friend towards his peers.
<b>Grade 1/2A</b>	<i>Jacob</i>	For always being a thoughtful member of 1/2A and sharing your love of reading with us all.
<b>Grade 1/2 B</b>	<i>Tomas</i>	For his fantastic effort writing an information report about Platypuses.
<b>Grade 3/4 A</b>	<i>Patrick</i>	For his detailed excursion reflection and his creative responses in his Discovery Journal.
<b>Grade 3/4 B</b>	<i>Maisie</i>	For your outstanding commitment during Literacy to achieve your best!
<b>Grade 5/6 A</b>	<i>Blake</i>	For his fantastic effort during this week's Big Write session! Keep it up!
<b>Grade 5/6 B</b>	<i>Lachie H</i>	For his excellent work in the Victorian High Ability Program each week.
<b>ART</b>	<i>William G Prep</i>	For showing kindness and generosity in Animal Club.
<b>Library</b>	<i>Abigail Prep</i>	You have really settled into Library well, congratulations! Your love of books is fabulous.
<b>PE</b>	<i>Michael 56A</i>	For showing amazing control and winning Musical Balls.
<b>STEM</b>	<i>Gabriel 56A</i>	For trying his best and cooperating well using 'Dash and Dot'.

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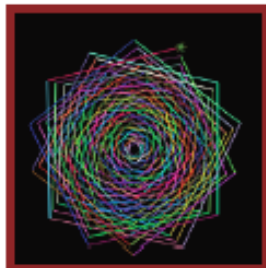


In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting coding club running at the school.



### DEVELOP SKILLS

- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving

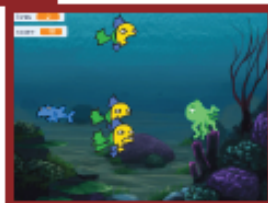


### LEARN

- 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 every term and is charged on a per-term basis. Students will use school computer during the lesson.

### TERM PROGRAM

Program for **Term 3 2022** is as follows:

**Year levels:** 3 to 6

**Term Fee:** \$150 + GST

LUNCH TIME	BATCH
1:40pm – 2:25pm	Fridays 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul to 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2022

Fill out the form online by  
**Thursday 23rd Jun 2022**



[www.digimaker.com.au/enrol](http://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](mailto: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/>

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## What's been happening...

Hello everyone! We hope you are doing well as we go through this winter chill!

On the 3rd of June we said goodbye to Asna, who has become a beloved member of the Greensborough community. She will be greatly missed but we wish her well on the next step of her journey.

The Greensborough OSHClub has been supported this last fortnight by Victoria Phelan, the Regional Manager of the area for OSHClub, as we wait for a new coordinator to start working with Greensborough OSHClub. Victoria has been a part of OSHClub since 2012, and has worked in many different roles to support the schools throughout the state.

This fortnight the children have had fun participating in our planned activities, in our Club activities and anything spontaneous that they decide to do during their time with us!

On the 3rd of June we ran a Pupil Free Day which was a fun day with the highlight being our rainbow toast and our skittles experiment! The skittles experiment didn't actually work when we used a different medium to water, but we had fun anyway.

I would like to thank everyone that follows our Class Dojo posts and comments on the posts. Your feedback means so much to us because it can help us improve!

Thank you

*OSHClub*



**We had an amazing time on our Pupil Free Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June! See our photos above of what we did!**



## Coming Up

May  
30-  
Jun 24

Eye Spy A Winter Wonderland That Will Electrify!

Jun  
20

New Coordinator Starts

Jun  
24

Last Day of School - 1:30PM Early Finish

## Special Announcements

New Coordinator: Chloe Ginnakos

We are excited to announce that on the 20th of June we have a new coordinator starting at the program. Chloe has worked with OSHClub since 2021, as a coordinator at a nearby program. As a local to Greensborough, she is very excited to be starting with us and will get to experience OSHClub in the last week of term before the beginning of our Holiday Program!

## 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, Womingeka, Huanxing!

Holiday Program is fast approaching! We have ten full days of fun planned for everyone, plus two exciting excursions and two amazing incursions for the children to enjoy.

For our excursions this upcoming holidays are: a trip to the National Sports Museum and a Tour of the MCG on Friday the 1st of July, and on the 6th of July we're off to Jets Gymnastics!

Our incursions are: Jurassic Adventures on the 29th of June where we will uncover dinosaur fossils, and on the 7th of July we have an Airbrush Workshop coming out to us to teach us their techniques to create amazing art!

Plus all our other exciting activities that are just waiting for everyone to enjoy! Book now so that we can guarantee you a place these holidays!

**Photos speak for themselves!**



## Recipe

### Chocolate Fridge Cake

#### Ingredients

- 3/4 cup reduced fat spread
- 3 tbsp runny honey
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 4 tbsp cocoa powder
- 2 cups digestive biscuits crushed
- 1/2 cup desiccated coconut
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 50gr dark chocolate chopped

#### Directions

- Line a 20cm square cake tin with baking paper. In a pan, gently melt together the low-fat spread, honey, and vanilla extract, then add the cocoa powder and mix well.
- In a large bowl, combine the crushed biscuits, coconut, and raisins. Mix in the cocoa mixture, then press the mixture into the prepared tin.
- Put the chocolate in a microwave-proof bowl and microwave on medium for 15–20 seconds until melted. Drizzle over the cake mixture. Chill for 1 hour or until set.
- 4Remove the cake from the tin, peel off the baking paper and cut into 20 slices.
- Enjoy!





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# GREENSBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

SOCCER X SCHOOL PROGRAM / FUN - EDUCATIONAL - ACTIVE

Starting in Term 3, Soccer X will be running an 8 week Soccer program at Greensborough Primary School every **Tuesday** from **3.30 - 4.30pm** beginning **July 19th 2022**.

The program is available to students from **Prep-Year 6**.  
On arrival children will be split into groups according to age.  
All sessions will be run by **qualified coaches** who hold WWCC.  
The sessions will be **fully inclusive & fun-based**, catering for all abilities.

Cost: \$125 / 8-weeks.

For more information and online registrations please visit  
**[www.soccer-x.com](http://www.soccer-x.com)**

