



# Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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## Borough Bulletin ~ 12 August 2022

<i>Friday 12 August 2022</i>	<b>Footsteps Dance Program 5 – 11:30am to 1:30pm</b>
<i>Monday 15 August 2022</i>	<b>Lace Tying Incursion – Prep to Grade 2 – 9:00am to 11:00am</b>
<i>Wednesday 17 August 2022</i>	<b>Multi-Age Day – Book Week commences Poem Competition Display</b>
<i>Thursday 18 August 2022</i>	<b>Banyule Wellbeing Incursion – Grades 5 &amp; 6 – 12:30pm</b>
<i>Friday 19 August 2022</i>	<b>Footsteps Dance Program 6 – 11:30am to 1:30pm</b>
<i>Monday 22 August 2022</i>	<b>2022 Book Week</b>
<i>Tuesday 23 August 2022</i>	<b>2022 Scholastic Book Fair</b>
<i>Wednesday 24 August 2022</i>	<b>2022 Scholastic Book Fair District Athletics Competition</b>
<i>Thursday 25 August 2022</i>	<b>Book Week Dress Up Day &amp; Parade Poetry Competition Winner Announced at the Parade 2022 Scholastic Book Fair</b>
<i>Friday 26 August 2022</i>	<b>2022 Scholastic Book Fair Footsteps Dance Program 7 – 11:30am to 1:30pm</b>
<i>Monday 29 August 2022</i>	<b>Professional Practice Day – Pupil Free</b>
<i>Tuesday 30 August 2022</i>	<b>Footsteps Dance Concert – 10:00am to 11:00am</b>
<i>Friday 2 September 2022</i>	<b>Final Day for Premiers' Reading Challenge Footsteps Dance Program 8 – 11:30am to 1:30pm - TBC</b>
<i>Monday 5 September 2022</i>	<b>Grandparents &amp; Special Visitors Day – Prep – 9:00am to 11:00am</b>
<i>Thursday 8 September 2022</i>	<b>R U OK Day</b>
<i>Friday 9 September 2022</i>	<b>Footsteps Dance Program 9 – 11:30am to 1:30pm</b>
<i>Thursday 14 September 2022</i>	<b>Australian Girls' Choir Workshop – Prep to Grade 6 – 1:30pm</b>
<i>Thursday 15 September 2022</i>	<b>Grade 6 Excursion – TBC</b>
<i>Friday 16 September 2022</i>	<b>Footsteps Dance Program 10 – 11:30am to 1:30pm</b>
<i>Friday 24 June 2022</i>	<b>Term 2 – Last Day – Early finish – 1:30pm</b>

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## Principal's Report

How quickly time flies when you're having fun... and receiving a great education! Last Wednesday our Prep class celebrated 100 days at Greensborough Primary, and it was lovely to see students in other grades join with them to mark the occasion. Our Prep teacher, Jill, planned a day of special activities to commemorate the event, which was made even more memorable by the students dressing up as 100-year-olds!

It's exciting to see the growth the students have made in all areas in such a short time, not only in academic programs, but also in their social and emotional development. We look forward to celebrating many more milestones in their school journey.



## Dance Concert- You're Invited on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 10:00am to 11:00am

Our students are enthusiastically learning new routines and rehearsing their dance steps in preparation for our concert on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Classes are very keen to perform their dances on stage for as many parents and family members who can attend and be in the audience. Montmorency Secondary College have kindly offered their auditorium for us at minimum cost to perform our 'Footsteps' dances, and also offered us the services of their technician to assist with sound and lighting, free of charge. We appreciate Monty SC's support as we celebrate the students' hard work and give them the opportunity to showcase their talents.

Families have been sent emails today, with the relevant information to give your consent on COMPASS for your child/children to attend and to email Mehgan with the number of family members who will be in the audience.

## Athletics Team

Congratulations to all our Grade 3 – 6 students who attended Willinda Park last week and competed in Athletics Trials. Staff were once again impressed with the students' behaviour, sportsmanship and genuine pleasure in the achievements of themselves and their teammates. Special congratulations to the students who will represent our school at the District Athletics on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August at Meadowglen Athletics Stadium.

## Banyule Council Invitation

Our Grade 3 – 4 students have been invited to participate in a fortnightly activity at Watermarc, beginning next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August. This is an opt-in event where approximately twenty students will walk to Watermarc and water plants in the walk-in front of the swimming centre. To thank the students for donating their time to care for the plants, they'll participate in a free meditation/exercise session. Our contact at Banyule Council is also organising a free mini ice-cream from Dulce Gelateria for our students.

Students who opt-in will eat their lunch after Footsteps Dance on Fridays and then walk to Watermarc with attending staff. Students will return during or after their lunch break. More information will be sent home to the families of attending students via COMPASS tomorrow. Any parents who would like to accompany us may contact the office.

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## Book Week Celebrations and Poetry Competition.

Next week we're celebrating Multi-Age Day for Book Week and the week after we'll be hosting the Book Fair and Dress-Up Parade. We're unable to have our Multi-Age day in Book Week this year, as the District Athletics date has clashed with our usual schedule. Later in the newsletter our Librarian, Frankie Ciavola has included information about the week of engaging activities she's organised. Book Week is a highlight of our year and focuses our attention on good quality literature and the enjoyment we derive from reading together or alone.

Our annual Poetry Competition coincides with Book Week and our students have been studying different styles of poetry this term and writing a poem in their selected style. Students have voted to shortlist the favourite four from each grade and they'll be displayed in the foyer next week. Staff have the honour of voting for the overall winner for each class and based on the poems I've seen to date; this will be a challenging task!

## Parliamentary Convention

We were very proud of our senior students, Sienna, Daniel, Holly, Kayleigh and Bella, this week as they represented GPS as official delegates at the online Victorian Primary Schools' Parliamentary Convention. This was a great opportunity for our students to debate with delegates from other schools, the topic: *"Should e-scooters be subject to more specific legislation."* Read their article later in this newsletter as they share their reflections, learnings and enjoyment of the experience.

## Happy Retirement Janet!

Janet was very appreciative of the lovely send-off she had at a special assembly last Wednesday. Each grade made cards expressing their memories of their enjoyment of Janet's art lessons and their appreciation of all that she taught them. Several students from the Junior and Senior school gave a short speech further expressing the highlights of their art lessons with Janet and how much she will be missed. Janet's career was celebrated, and we noted how Janet's legacy lives on, not just in the talents she's fostered in our students, but in the many artworks in the school grounds, created by Janet and Art Extension groups. From signage at Cosy Coop, Vegie Garden and Orchards to totem poles, 'picket people' and our Japanese garden, Janet has enhanced our external and internal environment. We congratulate Janet on her career, and we'll welcome her back to work with students on the fence mural later in the term. Janet has expressed her desire to continue to work on special projects at GPS in the future. We wish her well as she pursues other business interests and enjoys spending more time with friends and family.



## WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.



## Opinions Survey continued

This year, all families are invited to participate in the survey. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August** to **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**. An invitation to complete the survey will be sent home via COMPASS next Monday and only one parent/career from each family is to complete the survey.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

## Monday August 29<sup>th</sup> Student Free Day

A reminder that Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August is a student free day as we provide teachers with a Professional Practice Day this term, as mandated by DET. Please contact OSHClub if you require your children to attend on this day.

Please note that the Professional Practice days are in addition to the remaining curriculum day families have previously been advised of, i.e.: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Families will be advised in coming weeks of the date of the Term Four Professional Practice Day.

*Angela Morritt*

Principal

## 2023 Prep Enrolments

Next term we will begin planning in earnest for staffing and grades for 2023. 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.

2022 ~ Term 3 ~ Week 4		
Prep	Elsie	For demonstrating enormous growth in all aspects of her learning and always staying positive!
Grade 1/2A	Victor	For being an excellent listener who always works with effort!
Grade 1/2 B	Charlie J	For having a strong sense of self and pursuing his interests.
Grade 3/4 A	Reese	For her creative flair during Lego sessions. Your monochrome cloud was AMAZING!
Grade 3/4 B	Sila	Great work during our Literacy Circles Activity! Keep up the great work.
Grade 5/6 A	Jackson T	For showing great improvement in his Big Write this week! Well done. 😊
Grade 5/6 B	Jesse	For his enthusiasm at our school Athletics Carnival. Well done!
ART	Loki 34B	For showing excellent skills in Clay Modelling. Congratulations on your amazing lizard!
Library	Susana 56B	For always giving things a red-hot go.
PE	Arnold 56B	Amazing technique, amazing fast feet!
STEM	Nina 12B	For always brightening up the room and supporting her friends.

## Parliament – Newsletter Article



The Literacy Extension Book Club were privileged to take part in a three-day long Zoom course with other schools discussing 'Should e-Scooters be Subject to More Specific Legislation.' In this Parliamentary Convention, we learnt a lot about voting and politics.

We had to submit a Yes or No vote prior to the convention and had to complete some pre-work on the subject before we attended the zoom meetings. On the first day Daniel Vigilante, (Senior Policy Officer Department of Transport) was the keynote speaker and discussed safety and environmental concerns. Not only this, we had a virtual tour of Parliament house and we saw the beautiful architecture. All the schools provided an Acknowledgement of

Country which Sienna read proudly. Kayleigh presented an opening statement, expressing our group's opinions before we started the convention, and Bella provided an impromptu speech about our opinions after hearing Daniel Vigilante.

On day two, Julia Hunter (RACV Senior Manager) and Hugo Burt-Morris (General Manager Lime E-Scooters) spoke to us, explaining their opinions. It gave us a lot to think about. Then Daniel provided a speech explaining our opinions and our conversation. The conversation we had involved age verification and talking about raising awareness to the public about the current laws. We also considered changing the age limit.

On the last day, we had a Soapbox Session. A lot was discussed. We raised points about using an app to verify age and discussed with other schools to create a fining system using safety cameras. We all collectively thought about raising the age limit and we also talked about using advertisements to get the public on the same page about the laws already in place. We had a post-program vote to see how our opinions changed. It was interesting to see the end results and how the majority of people changed their opinions. The end votes were 64 Nos and 33 Yeses. David Hodgett (Shadow Minister for Education, Early Childhood and Children, Higher Education and Training and Skills) officially closed the program, and we had the opportunity to ask him questions. Overall, it was a good experience, and we all learnt a lot.

*Bella, Daniel, Holly,  
Kayleigh and Sienna*



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## Student Wellbeing

Hi Everyone,

Sadly, like all things, social media platforms and the internet generally can be used both for 'good' and 'not good or adverse' outcomes.

On Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, I attended an extremely insightful seminar on '**CYBERSAFETY**'. The following is not to "alarm" you, but rather to

encourage you to **SERIOUSLY** take notice, do some research via the links and talk to you children and set some SAFE interventions around the use of social media and the internet.

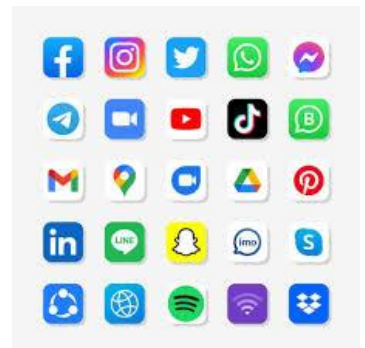
I really encourage you to keep reading and to find the time to click on the links below for up-to-date information and videos. The statistical information presented at the seminar was of **REAL CONCERN**, with the presenter stating that her intervention work is increasingly in **PRIMARY SCHOOLS** whereas not more than 10 years ago it was mainly in the years 10 -12 level at secondary school.



The presenter was Susan McLean, a former policewoman for 27 years. She was the first police officer to be trained and put in the position of **Cyber Safety and Young People** in Victoria and now has over 20 years of experience in the area of **CYBERSAFETY**, becoming known as 'the cyber cop'. She has also trained and worked with the FBI in the USA, especially in undercover work involving the world wide web and the inherent dangers it can present to children and young people. She is also certified with the Australian eSafety Commissioner in Australia. She works for '**CyberSafety Solutions**' consulting with businesses, schools, sporting clubs and presenting seminars.

Susan did not mince words when giving real life statistics and examples of what goes on **EVERY DAY** and of some tragic outcomes! She also went over some of the laws that apply to children as young as 10, our young teens and all adults (you can find the link below).

I have worked in various schools in Melbourne, and it is **NOT JUST HAPPENING OVER THERE** – grooming, abuse, sexting, inappropriate images, etc... Some responsible developers of popular APPS such as Tik Tok, Snapchat, Instagram, Discord, Facebook, YouTube are trying to keep up with security measures but those who want to do harm find a way around these measures. Susan also noted that none of these apps and similar ones are for children under 13 years of age. Susan did note the options of YouTube Kids and Facebook for Kids.



Below are **VERY IMPORTANT LINKS** to keep you informed and updated:

- <https://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/> – Here you can learn about Susan McLean and her work and glean some very useful information.
- <https://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/parents/> – As well as vital up to date information for parents, there are also informative videos to view.
- <https://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/top-tips/> – Link to Susan's Top Tips for parents for keeping their children safe online. Interestingly, one tip she'd like to reinforce is for all young people to have no phones, ipads, computers, etc., in either their bedroom or the bathroom. Rooms where there is no supervision allows easy contact with predators and those who want to be mean.
- <https://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/keeping-safe-in-cyberspace/> – A video for parents and their children to view together.
- <https://www.facebook.com/thecybercop> – This is a public Facebook site which Susan has created with some family friendly videos about cyber safety which she encourages you to view with your children. This is also a page in which Susan keeps you informed about the latest research, especially around APPS.



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## Student Wellbeing continued

You can also contact Susan McLean with any questions you have.



- <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> – Lots of up-to-date information. You can also report online abuse by clicking the 'report abuse' button.
- <https://www.esafety.gov.au/educators/classroom-resources/internet-and-law> – A great resource.
- <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/advicecybersafe.aspx> – Excellent advice and fact sheets

### REMEMBER!



I know that this has been a very long article this week, but a timely one.

*Let's work together as we endeavour 'to be the change we want to see in the world'!*

Take care & stay well!

**Robyn Mulholland**

Student Wellbeing

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# 100 Days of Prep!





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Last week, we celebrated our 100 days of Prep. Everyone had such a wonderful time commemorating our big achievement and all the hard work we have put into our learning these past few months. We began our day with a craft, where our grownups got to stay and spend some quality time with us, then we had a special visit from our Grade 6 Buddies, who helped us with our writing on '*What I will do when I'm 100 years old*'. The Preps had such an enjoyable time with their fruit loops counting activity, then we finished off our afternoon with some yoga. Our class took 100-year-old selfies and captured lots of memories under our beautiful '100' balloon arch! Thank you to everyone who helped make our 100 days of Prep a memorable, fun, and special day.





# Book Week Celebrations

## @ G.P.S.

### Multi-Age Day Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August

Multi-Age Grades are made up of students from Prep to Grade 6. These Multi-Age Grades move around the school completing different rotations of Book Week Art Activities.

### Book Week Dress Up Day & Parade

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August

Dress up as your favourite book character. Parents and Special Friends are welcome to attend the Book Week Parade. Younger siblings are also welcome to dress up.



### Poetry Competition Winner Announced Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August

Students have been working hard on their poetry pieces. Shortlisting of poems will be done at the end of this week and displayed in the office foyer during Book Week. The winners will be announced during the Book Week Dress Up Parade at 9:10am.

### Scholastic Book Fair 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August

An opportunity to purchase your favourite books and stationery while supporting our school.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>:

- 3:30pm to 4:15pm

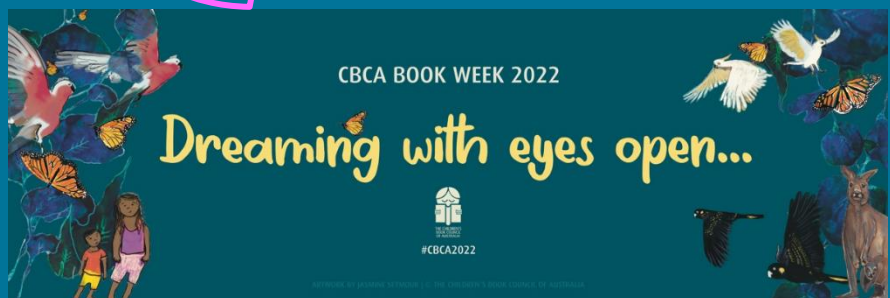
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>  
and Friday 26<sup>th</sup>:

- 8:15am to 9:00am
- 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Happy Reading,

*Francesca Ciavola*

Librarian/Teacher



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# CHOIR!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



We have had a fantastic start to our school choir! Practice will be held every Monday at lunchtime, so come down and join the fun! We will be performing at the end of the year, so be sure to sign up soon!

For more information, please see Miss Ly or Mrs Tillotson.

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## 2022 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge



The Premiers' Reading Challenge will be concluding on Friday 2 September 2022, in three weeks time. I have returned from my Long Service Leave, and it has been wonderful to see so many students reading a variety of books. It's not too late to log in your daily reading onto the Challenge Portal. If you have any problems locating your login details and need assistance logging books, please contact me.

Congratulations to the following student who have successfully completed this year's 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 S
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

Happy reading everyone,

*Mrs Claire Storey*

Premiers' Reading Challenge (PRC) Coordinator

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## **Come and Play Baseball This Summer**

**From September to March you can play social games  
at the club or in a weekend competition team.**

**Sign up at [juniorbaseball.com.au](http://juniorbaseball.com.au)**