



Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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Borough Bulletin ~ 15 December 2022

Friday 16 December 2022	School Assembly – 9:05am with Carols – Parents Welcome Classroom Parties & Ice Cream Truck Visit
Monday 19 December 2022	Last Day of School for 2022 – Normal dismissal time at 3:30pm
Tuesday 20 December 2022	Professional Practice Day – Pupil-free Day
Friday 27 January 2023	Uniform Shop open 9:00am to 11:00am only
Monday 30 January 2023	First Day of Term 1 2023 – 9:00am Start – Prep to Grade 6
Wednesday 1 February 2023	Prep Only – Pupil Free Day
Friday 3 February 2023	Grade 6 Funfields Excursion
Wednesday 8 February 2023	Prep Only – Pupil Free Day
Friday 10 February 2023	InterSchool Sports Comp Round 1 – Streeton v Greensborough
Wednesday 15 February 2023	Prep Only – Pupil Free Day
Friday 17 February 2023	InterSchool Sports Comp Round 2 Greensborough v Watsonia Heights
Tuesday 21 February 2023	Watsonia District Swimming Competition Twilight Sports Event – 5:00pm – TBC
Wednesday 22 February 2023	Prep Only – Pupil Free Day
Friday 24 February 2023	Inter School Sports Comp Round 3 – Watsonia North v Greensborough
Friday 3 March 2023	Inter School Sports Comp Round 4 – Bundoora v Greensborough
Friday 10 March 2023	NESST Curriculum Day – TBC Inter School Sports Comp Round 5 – Bye
Monday 13 March 2023	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 14 March to 24 March 2023	NAPLAN Testing
Friday 17 March 2023	Inter School Sports Comp Round 6 – Greensborough v Norris Bank
Friday 24 March 2023	Inter School Sports Comp Round 7 – St. Mary's v Greensborough
Monday 28 March 2023	Mt Evelyn School Camp
Tuesday 29 March 2023	Mt Evelyn School Camp
Wednesday 28 March 2023	Mt Evelyn School Camp
Friday 31 March 2023	Inter School Sports Comp Finals – TBC
Thursday 6 April 2023	Last Day of Term 1 2023 – Early Dismissal at 1:30pm Easter Bonnet Parade & Easter Festivities
Friday 7 April 2023	Good Friday 2023

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Principal's Report

We are having an excellent ending to a very busy and successful 2022 school year and I'd like to thank everyone in our community for your support, including our volunteers and Kids Hope Mentors. Special thanks to Kim H and everyone who supported Parents and Friends' fundraising efforts. We're very grateful for parents and family members sharing their time and expertise to purchase valuable resources for our students to use or create many happy memories of their time at GPS. I'd also like to congratulate and thank our amazing students who showed their resilience by returning to onsite learning this year and worked hard to re-establish relationships, re-engage with class programs and school routines, and do their best in all areas.

We were extremely disappointed to cancel our Christmas Picnic and BBQ on Monday evening due to severe weather and predictions of thunderstorms. This was a difficult call to make early in the day, as we were aware the weather may have changed, however safety is our priority and as it turns out, the decision was vindicated. We know the Picnic is one of the highlights of our year and families enjoy the opportunity to come together for a lovely social occasion and celebration, however we're hoping as many parents and family members as possible can join us for our final assembly for the year this Friday morning at 9.05am. Our students have been excitedly rehearsing their Christmas carols and will still have an opportunity to perform them for family members at this assembly. We'll also farewell our graduating class of 2022 and they'll perform one of the songs or dances from their Graduation Ceremony. ***(We've moved the assembly to drop off time as, with the carols, it will run longer than our usual time.)***

Friday will be an exciting day with the ice-cream truck at 10:30am and class parties and KJs at lunchtime! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the BBQ – we'll take a rain check if possible! Kim, our Parents & Friends Coordinator, is liaising with the magician to reschedule for another date early in Term One.

Graduation



Last Thursday night we celebrated our Grade 6 Graduation and it was a truly joyous evening! Our graduates have been exemplary students at Greensborough Primary and whilst we are sorry to see them leave us, we are confident they are more than ready to begin the next stage of their education at secondary school. They have been excellent role models for our younger students and demonstrated strong leadership skills. As I mentioned at Graduation, one of their strengths has been their passion and commitment to make GPS a great school for younger students, and they'll often come to us if they have a good idea and also, a plan for how they can achieve it. The many parents and family members who attended were impressed by the speeches they made and their confidence in speaking in front of a large audience.

Graduation was enhanced this year by Jill and the Preps creating a video about how much their Grade 6 Buddies meant to them and Laura T interviewed the Grade 6s about their memories or highlights of their primary school years. These two additions to the night's program added to the joy and festive atmosphere.

I'd like to thank Paula and Erin, who worked extremely hard in the planning and rehearsal stages to ensure the night provided a great memory for families and ran without a hitch. They couldn't achieve this without the support of parents and staff who generously gave their time to make this night a success. I'd like to thank the hardworking band of parents for setting up the magnificent decorations and making the hall look very

festive and then packing them carefully away the next day. I'd especially like to thank parent, Natasha P, who took on many responsibilities for the evening and donated a great deal of her time and expertise.

It was the end of an era for many families as the youngest of their children graduated and ended their primary school journeys. Our families make a strong positive impact on our Greensborough community in a variety of ways and will be sadly missed. We wish them all happiness and success in this next stage of their children's education.

Staffing

It's not only our graduates who are moving on to exciting new beginnings next year, we are also farewelling Erin Donaldson, who begins a new teaching position. Erin has been a much-loved, valued staff member at GPS and we wish her all the best as she embarks on her new career opportunity and adventure.

As stated in a previous newsletter, we welcome Vanessa Cunningham to our staff next year. Vanessa has been involved with planning days with staff and was excited to meet her class on Tuesday. I'm sure Vanessa will be a terrific addition to our staff, as have been our graduate teachers Jill, Paula and Leo this year.

I'd like to congratulate our graduates on a successful first year of their teaching career. They are to be commended for their passion to continue to grow their skill sets and support our students to reach their potential in all areas. They have surpassed our expectations and brought an added dimension to our existing excellent staffing profile. I'd also like to thank Margaret for coordinating the Career Start program and mentors, Laura, Jesse and Erin, as well as all ES and teachers for supporting our graduates.

Thank You Bunnings

A huge thank you to Lisa and Bunnings Eltham for their support for GPS. On behalf of Bunnings, Lisa brought lovely gifts of a succulent plant and stationary pack for our 2022 Graduates, which were greatly appreciated! Lisa also donated time to assist our Grade 3/4 students to weed our vegetable beds and donated plants, seedlings, garden gloves, watering equipment and two outdoor bench seats. Our Grade 3/4s had two engaging sessions with Lisa and learnt valuable tips for gardening. Thank you to Kim H, our SC President who introduced us to Lisa and who has offered to water the plants over the holiday period. We look forward to seeing their growth on our return to school in 2023!



Student Leadership

Thank you to all our students who had formal leadership roles in 2022. We've enjoyed watching you grow in confidence and how you support your peers across the school. From Kindness Crusaders, Junior School Council, Wellbeing Leaders, House Captains and Vice Captains, School Captains and Vice Captains, there are opportunities for our senior and junior students to develop their leadership skills.

Thank you to staff who coordinate these programs, for organising a special end of year activity to acknowledge and celebrate their achievements.



Cyber Safety Workshops



The cyber safety sessions delivered by parent Edward D, were highly engaging and informative for our students. Ed's age-appropriate messages about using the internet positively and safely, resonated with our students. Ed's professional role in Cyber Security in industry made the message more powerful and relevant to our students.

The booklets taken home provided a good opportunity for parents and family members to continue the discussions at home and we thank Ed and his company for providing these workshops free of charge. We're looking forward to continuing this relationship, if possible, in the future

and building on our cyber safety knowledge.

R.A.T.s Available

If any families would like a box of R.A.T.s sent home, please contact the office or your child's class teacher. We have ample supplies in our storerooms and we'd like to give them to families to use when required, rather than have families purchase them.

Home Readers

Thank you to families who returned home reading books so we could audit the books and have them back on the shelves, ready to be distributed next year in our second week of Term One. If you still have books at home please return them to your child's class teacher.

I'd like to thank the students and staff for their work this year and their contribution to the excellent school culture we have at Greensborough Primary. I am taking Leave tomorrow Friday 16th December to visit my son and his family in the warmer climes and will be back on Monday for our final days.

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and peaceful holiday break. We are looking forward to catching up with everyone for the 2023 school year.

Angela Morrìt

Principal

Reminder: Curriculum Days Term 4

Families are reminded that the last day for students will be **Monday 19th December** and school will **finish at 3.30pm**. Please contact OSHClub if you require your children to attend on Tuesday 20th December, as this is our final Professional Practice Day for the year and is also a student free day. Teachers will be planning for 2023 classes on this day.

Vacation Care

OSHClub will begin Vacation Care on Monday 9th January next year. If any families would like to use this service and haven't already registered they can go to oshclub.com.au to register. For queries about Vacation Care please contact OSHClub directly or speak to the coordinator, Linda Reid, before or after school.

From DET: Victoria-wide single-use plastics ban From 1 February 2023

Single-use plastics make up a third of the litter in our environment and are difficult and costly to clean up. They pollute the environment, harming wildlife and contaminating our food and water. They are also a poor use of resources – they are often used for only a few minutes and generate significant waste that is not recyclable. They can often easily be replaced with reusable products.

Under new regulations, from 1 February 2023, Victorian businesses and organisations (including schools) will not be able to sell, supply or provide a number of single-use plastic items. The ban applies to the following single-use plastic items made from conventional, degradable or compostable plastics:

- Drinking straws
- Cutlery including knives, forks, spoons, chopsticks, sporks, splades, food picks and sporks
- Plates
- Drink stirrers and sticks
- Cotton bud sticks

The ban also applies to:

- Food service items and drink containers made from expanded polystyrene. This includes expanded polystyrene plates, cups, bowls, clam shells and any cover or lid that is also made from expanded polystyrene.

Greensborough PS will be endeavouring to implement the Victorian government's single-use plastics ban in the items we use as a school community including at the canteen, OSHC, catering at fundraising events, classroom and staffroom activities and other school events etc. We will replace any banned single-use plastic items from 1 February 2023 with alternate options, however we acknowledge that there may be a transitional period as adopt this new policy.

Exceptions to the ban

People who need single-use plastic drinking straws due to a disability or for a medical need will still be able to purchase and use these items. If your child needs to continue using single-use plastic drinking straws because of a disability or medical need, please let their classroom teacher know and we will ensure that there is a supply available for your child's use at future school activities.

The Victorian government has produced a useful [Fact Sheet](#) explaining which items are banned and which are not, including information about exemptions.

Student lunches and snacks from home

Offences relating to the ban do not apply to private or domestic activities at home, e.g., individual families' decisions about lunch packaging. The intention of the government's new regulations is to remove these items from the supply chain prior to reaching the customer.

If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher or the office.

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2022 Premiers' Reading Challenge

Last week we celebrated the achievements of 64 students who completed this year's Premiers Reading Challenge by having a special fish and chip day lunch. Premiers' Reading Challenge certificates will be presented at our final assembly of the year on Friday 16th December at 9:05 am.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in 2022 and we look forward to next year's Premiers' Reading Challenge event.

Claire Storey

PRC Coordinator





HAPPY
Graduation
Congratulations class of
2022! We hope you all had
the best day at Luna Park!

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Student Wellbeing

Hi Everyone!

It was a pleasure to share in the Graduation celebrations for our Year 6 students last Thursday. I have enjoyed working with several of these students over almost two years. and wish them all the best for 2023 and beyond!



GIVING



Excitement is building as we approach the end of another school year and Christmas!

Christmas has become a special time of **giving**, celebrated by many, regardless of culture or faith.

I have been thinking about all the ways we can **give** – how people have **given** to me and how I have been able to **give** to others.

TEACHING OUR CHILDREN ABOUT GIVING

Gifts and money are the obvious ways we like to **give**. But there are many other ways we **give** to show joy and love to others.

As I reflect on my time so far at GPS, here are some of the other ways your children have **given** to me:

- ♥ They have **given** me **RESPECT**, through holding doors open for me, saying 'hello' with a smile when I see them, using their manners – well, most of the time!
- ♥ They have **given** me **LOVE** through their smiles, sometimes hugs, and letting me know they have missed me when I am not at school.
- ♥ They have **given** me **JOY** as they have shared exciting news with me, made changes in their behaviour or are trying to be their best.
- ♥ I also receive **JOY** when I see students **give** care to other students who have hurt themselves, or are upset, or who need help with their schoolwork.

You and your families have supported and **given** to a number of causes this year: including Kids Helpline, Koalas, Caps for Kids to name just a few!

Thank you also, as parents, for the **gift** of **TRUST** as you allow me into your lives through working with you and your children.



*So let's work together and help our children to learn that there are many ways we can **give** and receive this Christmas and throughout each day of our lives.*

*I wish you and your family the **LOVE, JOY & PEACE of CHRISTMAS.***

Have a safe and restful holiday period!

Take care & stay well!

Robyn Mulholland

Student Wellbeing

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

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The Grade 5 students have been working hard this term to research a topic of choice based on our Discovery unit of Health.

Students presented their projects to their peers and students in other grades. It was a great success, well done Grade 5s!

Grade 5 passion projects



Parents & Friends

What a year it has been! Firstly, I would like to thank all the parents who have volunteered their time to assist with fundraisers and events over this year. These events could not happen without your support and I greatly appreciate everyone who gave up their time. I would also like to thank all of the GPS community for supporting our events, from attending events, buying raffle tickets to participating in food days – the school greatly appreciates all the funds we raise and put towards items for students to enjoy.

This year we raised over \$13,000.00 for our school community and the money has been spent on paying off iPad leases and the AV system and projector in the school hall. We hired Tim the Magician for the Christmas Party and are planning to book him to attend early term 1 next year, as we had to cancel the BBQ on Monday night. The remaining unspent money will 'rollover' to next year and we are potentially looking at sprucing up the Friendship Tree area and outside the Prep classroom. We were considering having the colourful games and pavement paintings on the paths around the school redone.

This was my final year as president of P&F and I would like to thank everyone who has assisted me over the last 8 years as president. All of it cannot be done by one person and GPS is fortunate to have a great community who are always happy to help out. I will still be around to assist with P&F for next year, but it is time for me to pass over the baton. If you are interested in stepping up and help co-ordinate fundraising events for the school or even just be involved next year, please let the school or myself know.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holidays

Kim



On behalf on P&F



Lost Property

The end of the year is fast approaching, and we have a lot of items in our lost property rack. Please visit the office and ask to check out the items. You may be pleasantly surprised to find that lost something that was missing for months. *Please note that we return all items to students if clearly marked.*

We also have some precious items which have collected over the year. Please see the photo listed below and check out the lost items. Please see Meghan in the office if you spot your lost treasure.





Pupil of the Week



2022 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 9

Prep	Ella	For showing courage and bravery in trying new things. Good work!
Grade 1/2 A	Scarlett	For making excellent efforts in class this week. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 B	Whole Class	For being hardworking, clever, creative and good at understanding jokes!
Grade 3/4 A	Mounina	For showing the school values of Respect and Empathy during our 'Fun Day' activities at WaterMarc.
Grade 3/4 B	Cody	For his amazing Picture Story Book! I loved reading it! Well done!
Grade 5/6 A	Harmony	For showing great leadership skills during Icypole Friday Fundraiser sales and always being so reliable!
Grade 5/6 B	Matthew	For his hard work during writing this week, we look forward to hearing your speech.
Art	Daniel 56B	For always being respectful and helpful during our Art sessions.
PE	Arad 34B	For showing great technique and self-discipline!
STEM	Drew 12A	You are a Coding WIZ!

2022 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 10

Prep	Agnes	For always helping and caring for others and being a kind and valued member of Prep! 😊
Grade 1/2A	Jacob Boff & Liam Stubbs	For always saying kind things to everyone! For being a wonderful member of 1/2A.
Grade 1/2 B	Laura	For overcoming her nerves and doing a fantastic oral presentation about 'The Brain'.
Grade 3/4 A	Anne-Sophie	For showing great leadership when tending to our Veggie Patch last week.
Grade 3/4 B	Rowen	For great determination to learn all the lines of your Christmas Play!
Grade 5/6 A	Jackson T	For being very inclusive and caring to his peers during the Grade 6 Excursion.
Grade 5/6 B	Sienna	For always being kind and respectful member of 5/6B.
PE	Evelyn B 56B	For her amazing dodging skills in 'Capture the Flag'.
STEM	Elsie Prep	For always doing the right thing and helping her friends.

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What a year 2022 has been!!!!

Each year we look to see how we can be challenged and 2022 has certainly been no different to any other. It's been a year like no other, but the children have met the challenges with laughter, patience, open minds and determination.

We have said goodbye to some wonderful friends and welcome many new ones. Now we celebrate what has been and look forward to what will be.

Please ensure you update all your personal details as well as any medical plans so that we have the right information moving forward.

Don't forget to give yourselves an early Christmas present by booking in and taking advantage of our special Holiday Program Ultimate Playdate Discounts which expire next week.

On behalf of the wonderful Team here at Greensborough OSHClub, I sincerely wish the Greensborough Primary School Staff, our wonderful Children and their amazing Families a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Peaceful New Year. Thank you for your kindness, help and support of our program.

Photo Gallery



Coming Up

14th
Dec

Exceeding Party

19th
Dec

Final day of School (no early dismissal but bookings advised).

20th
Dec

"Holiday Program" Begins

OSHClub News

ULTIMATE PLAYDATE

Where are made!

Get 20% off 1st December

Amazing Adventures Await...

Get ready for the Ultimate Playdate these summer holidays! We have limited spots available so book in today!

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**GOLF
COMPETITION**
(NEAREST TO THE PIN)

<12YRS @ 4:30PM
12 - 18YRS @ 5:30PM
OPEN AGE @ 7:00PM

LIVE MUSIC by
SARAH CATANIA

6:30pm
(BYO RUGS/
CHAIRS)

**PRIZES
TO BE
WON**

**MARKET
STALLS**

**FREE KIDS
ACTIVITIES**
4-6pm

HO HO HO!
*Merry
Christmas*

**FOOD
&
DRINK**

Bundoora Park Public Golf Course

THURSDAY 22ND OF DECEMBER

4 - 8PM

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