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Friday 3 February 2023	Grade 6 Funfields Excursion
Wednesday 8 February 2023	Prep Only – Pupil Free Day
Friday 10 February 2023	InterSchool Sports Round 1 – Streeton v Greensborough
Wednesday 15 February 2023	Prep Only – Pupil Free Day
Friday 17 February 2023	InterSchool Sports Round 2 Greensborough v Watsonia Heights
Monday 20 February 2023	Starting to Read Program for 2024 Prep students – Session 1 School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
Wednesday 22 February 2023	Prep Only – Pupil Free Day Parent / Teacher – ‘Meet & Greet’
Thursday 23 February 2023	Watsonia District Swimming Competition
Friday 24 February 2023	InterSchool Sports Round 3 – Watsonia North v Greensborough
Tuesday 28 February 2023	Twilight Sports Event – 5:00pm to 6:30pm
Friday 3 March 2023	InterSchool Sports Round 4 – Bundoora v Greensborough
Friday 10 March 2023	NESST Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day – Whole School Inter School Sports Comp Round 5 – Bye
Monday 13 March 2023	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 14 March to 24 March 2023	NAPLAN Testing Commences Camp Information Meeting – 3:45pm to 4:30pm
Thursday 16 March 2023	NESST Grade 6 Student Leadership Day
Friday 17 March 2023	InterSchool Sports Round 6 – Greensborough v Norris Bank
Monday 20 March 2023	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
Tuesday 21 March 2023	Southern Cross Recycling Pick Up 08:30am
Friday 24 March 2023	InterSchool Sports Round 7 – St. Mary’s v Greensborough NAPLAN Testing Final Day
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

Principal's Report

It's been lovely to welcome our new students and families to GPS, especially our Prep students who are very excited to be taking their first steps in their school journey! We have a terrific community at Greensborough Primary and we're looking forward to getting to know families better and supporting your children in the years ahead. We also welcome back our existing families and I sincerely hope everyone had a restful holiday break and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Our new staff member Vanessa Cunningham has received a warm welcome to GPS, as evidenced by the students' reactions when Vanessa was named 'PATHS Teacher of the Week' at assembly on Monday! Kristy Bedford has also settled in well with her new roles as Visual Art and Discovery Lego Teacher. New staff bring new ideas and Kristy has been very busy remodelling the Art Room. A huge thank you to our volunteers Wayne and Geoff, who removed existing shelving and storage in order to make way for new cupboards and display boards.

We're enjoying a very smooth start to the year. Our students are settling into the new routines of their classrooms, especially the Preps, and teachers are building relationships and getting to know the new personalities in their grades. Our specialist programs of Visual Arts, Library, STEM, Discovery Lego and Physical Education have gotten off to a great start, as have Magic Maths, Spelling Mastery, Oral Language, Extension Programs, Tutoring and Corrective Reading. All classes are completing a Start Up program focussing on collaborative learning and setting the protocols in place for class and school programs this year. This is where class and school values are discussed, procedures and processes to achieve optimum learning are put in place, and team work and social / behavioural protocols are established. Staff are applying Inquiry teaching strategies into class programs and Student Voice is being built into all aspects of our work, resulting in increased engagement, enjoyment and learning outcomes.

During the holidays, staff returned to school to set up their classrooms, plan together to ensure consistency in the delivery of teaching and learning programs across grades and ensure a smooth start to the year for our students. Our Pupil Free day on Friday 27th January was very productive as staff worked through the list of all students enrolled at the school to ensure there is understanding and consistency with important medical, social/emotional and academic information. We also completed our CPR update, and Respectful Relationship Professional Learning, so overall it's been a busy but very productive fortnight.

Building and Grounds

Whilst we had a restful break over the January holidays, we also took the opportunity to complete some regular maintenance and school ground improvements. Thank you to Margaret who coordinated several providers to complete extensive tree maintenance and ground works to keep our school grounds safe and in magnificent condition for our students return. We still require some of the softfall mulch that was delivered to the playgrounds to be spread around the equipment, so if anyone has any spare time at drop off or pick up, we would greatly appreciate your help. (We have rakes and wheelbarrows at school.)

The refurbishment of students' bathrooms is continuing and once the exterior block is completed, work will begin on the interior toilets. Families may have noticed some temporary scaffolding outside the Grade 3/4 area. This is in place whilst we are in the process of replacing the large floor to ceiling windows in the foyer.

Student Wellbeing

We are very excited this year to begin working with the Resilience Project and adding this highly effective program to our Social Emotional Learning curriculum. We have been able to access this program through the Mental Health Funding provided by DET. We have also used this funding to have Robyn, our Wellbeing Worker, work an additional day at GPS. Robyn is a great resource for students and families and works Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If any families would like a referral for your child to see Robyn, please contact me.

It's been a pleasure on yard duty to see the enthusiasm of our new Student Wellbeing Leaders as they organise activities each day at our 'Friendship Tree'. For families new to the school, our Friendship Tree is located outside the Prep classroom and our Wellbeing Leaders in Grade 5/6 are rostered on each day to plan

and run creative tasks, e.g. crafts, sand castle competitions, etc. Thank you to Lynette, one of our ES staff members who coordinates our Student Wellbeing Leaders Program at the Friendship Tree.

Thankyou also to our Inter School Sports coaches who have been having training sessions during lunch breaks. Our students are enjoying the opportunity to hone their skills during these practice sessions. As well as ISS training and the Friendship Tree, we also have the 'Chill Out Zone' which is an indoor area available to students who like to play quiet games for part of their recess breaks.

A very big thank you to the Hill family who watered our vegetable garden over the holidays and also Linda from OSHClub and Liz our cleaner who shared the care of our rabbits and chickens with myself over the break. Words can't express our gratitude for their generous donation of time and expertise to ensure the vegetables, chooks and rabbits were kept nourished and safe over the break.

Cyber Safe Kids Webinar – Saturday 18th February 10:30am – 11:00am

To follow on from the Free Cyber safety workshops held at school last year, Palo Alto is inviting our students and families to attend a free 30-minute interactive online safety playtime session.

This series is part of their Cyber Safe Kids program which is all about having fun whilst being safe online. They offer free virtual workshops for children 7 to 10 years of age. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer with further information and registration details. Thankyou to parent, Ed D, for offering us this program to keep our students cyber safe.

Parent/Teacher 'Meet and Greet' Sessions – Wednesday 22nd February

Information will be sent home via COMPASS for parents/carers of children in Grades 1 - 6 to book a time for Parent/Teacher 'Meet and Greet' sessions. Bookings for interview times will once again be via our COMPASS platform and barring any technical glitches, they'll go live next Monday 13th February at 5:00pm. If any parents/carers experience difficulty with the COMPASS booking process, please contact the office for assistance.

Families with more than one student attending GPS are advised to book early so that you are able to arrange sessions close together, rather than have large time gaps between meetings. So as not to inconvenience families, meetings will run on time and adhere to the ten-minute time allowance - if any parents require additional time, a further meeting can be arranged on another date. The 'Meet and Greet' sessions provide an opportunity for parents to meet with your child's new class teacher to share information about your child and discuss any relevant issues. Information about class programs, organisation and learning goals will also be provided to parents at this meeting. Prep parents are not required to attend the 'Meet and Greet' sessions as we have shared information during transition sessions. Parents of students who participate in Student Support Group meetings have been sent an invitation to arrange an SSG with their child's class teacher or attend the 'Meet and Greet'.

Twilight Sports – Tuesday 28th February

Don't forget to put the date of our Twilight Sports Night into your diary! This annual event will be held on the oval on Tuesday 28th February. This is a terrific night where students come dressed in their House colours and compete in their grade levels in House Teams, cheered on by their parents and family members. Dinner can be purchased from the Parents and Friends' Barbeque or families may bring a picnic with rugs and chairs. Our Grade 5 and 6 students run various stalls to raise money for Graduation, including Face Painting, Hair Spraying, Nail Polishing in House Colours and much more, so please bring along your gold coins! The barbeque will begin at 5:00pm and sporting events at 5:30pm. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

We are in the fortunate position to have an abundance of pre-loved uniforms donated by families when their children have grown out of them. These items are available for families to purchase for a gold coin donation to the school, which is used to pay for food for our rabbits. The extra uniform items come in very handy as back-ups, especially over the winter months when drying uniforms can be difficult or when students

accidentally leave their jumpers at school overnight. If any families wish to purchase these items please contact the office.

Instrumental Music Lessons



We have a new music provider beginning this term. Daniel from Northern Melbourne Music comes highly recommended from schools he works with and will run **individual, paired and small group lessons**. Daniel is hoping to **begin next Thursday 16th February**, and has written an introduction below with lesson prices. Attached, later in this newsletter, is a flyer with further information and enrolment details. For families new to the music program, lessons are scheduled during the school day and rotated so that students don't miss the same class lessons each week.



Hi,

I'm Daniel from Northern Melbourne Music and I'll be providing music lessons at Greensborough Primary School. Since arriving in Australia from the UK I've been busy teaching in many schools across Victoria and can't wait to see what the students at Greensborough can do.

I will be running lessons in guitar, keyboard, bass or ukulele for any level. Don't worry if you've never played an instrument before! Learning an instrument should be a fun experience no matter who you are.

At Greensborough Primary we will be offering one-to-one lessons at \$35, paired lessons at \$25 and group lessons (classes of 3 or 4 students) at \$15.

Our website has important information regarding fees, make-up lessons, and more about what we do, but please also feel free to contact us if you have any questions at all!

I'm excited to start in term one of 2023 and can't wait to see what the year holds!

Daniel

Curriculum Day – Friday March 10th

I know many families like advance notice of our Curriculum Days so our confirmed 2023 dates are listed below:

- **Term One:** Friday 10th March: NESST Curriculum Day
- **Term Two:** TBC
- **Term Four:** Monday 6th November: Assessment and Reporting

For our curriculum Day on March 10th, we will be combining with other schools in our North East Small Schools Team (NESST) and our focus will be on Professional Development for Mathematics and Wellbeing. Families requiring care and supervision for students on this day can contact OSHClub.

School Council Elections

One of the major tasks for first term is the election of the 2023 School Council. There will be four parent positions available for nomination for a two-year term of office and a one-year vacancy to fill. I would urge all families to consider involvement in this important aspect of school management. The current Parent Representatives on School Council at Greensborough Primary are listed over the page:

Cooperation **A**chievement **R**espect **E**mpathy

Parent Member	Commenced on School Council	School Council Term ends
Tracey H.	March 2021	March 2023
Cassie F.	March 2021	March 2023
Sarah D.	March 2021	March 2023
Kim H.	March 2021	March 2023
Ed D.	March 2022	2023
Shareen B.	March 2022	March 2024
Michael C.	March 2022	March 2024
Megan B	March 2022	March 2024
Co-opted Community Members		
Simone Wilson	March 2022	March 2023
Wayne Robinson	March 2022	March 2023

Those parents whose two-year term on School Council have come to an end have the opportunity to renominate for subsequent terms on School Council. School Council involvement includes two x two hour School Council meetings per term, and involvement in a School Council subcommittee.

Parents can either nominate themselves for School Council or they can be nominated by another person. **Nomination forms are available at the office and need to be returned to the office by Thursday 17th February.** If the number of nominations matches the number of vacancies, then the parents who have nominated are automatically on School Council. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies there is an election process.

Notice of Election and call for nominations	Thursday 10 th February 2023
Closing date for nominations:	Thursday 17th February 2023
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted:	Friday 18th February 2023
First Council meeting to elect office bearers and co-opt Community members:	Monday 20th March 2023

School Council provides a pivotal role in the effective management of the school. If you have any further queries about School Council involvement please do not hesitate to contact either Margaret or myself or a current School Council member.

Medication and Management Plans

We are required to update student action management plans for asthma, allergy and anaphylaxis each year, so many families have received a letter recently requesting they visit their GP and return an updated copy to school. Similarly if your child has medication kept at school that is due to expire soon, you will have received a letter advising you of this.

We thank families in advance for responding to these requests in a timely manner, so that we can work together to keep your children safe at school. Class teachers will follow this up at the Parent/teacher meetings next week. We also ask families to ensure we have up to date contact details at the office.

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Annual Privacy Policy Reminder for 2023

DET requires us to provide families with information about our Privacy Policy each year. Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy . Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website <https://greensborough.vic.edu.au/our-school/#policies> For more information about privacy, refer to: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx> This information is also available in nine community languages.

Staffing

We're very pleased to advise our school community that Laura Tillotson will be taking Parental Leave at the end of Term Two. Laura and her husband Adrian are very excited to be extending their family and we wish them every happiness as they embark on this next stage of their lives.

We will begin the recruitment process in the next few weeks and ensure we have a through transition and handover of student information to the successful applicant.

A reminder to families that whole school assemblies are held on Monday afternoons at 3:00pm in the amphitheatre. Family members are welcome to join us. In the event of inclement weather, we will hold assembly in the hall.

Angela Morrìt

Principal

From DET: Staying safe from mosquitoes

Recent wet and warm weather has increased mosquito breeding. Mosquitoes can carry diseases that may be passed on to people through mosquito bites. A range of mosquito-borne diseases have recently been detected in mosquitoes in northern Victoria. Mosquito-borne diseases can cause serious illness, including infections of the brain, with children particularly at risk.

The best way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases is to avoid mosquito bites.

In line with community health advice , families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- Using insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin if outdoors when mosquitoes are observed, from October to March.
- Wearing long, loose-fitting clothing outdoors if possible if mosquitoes are around and covering exposed skin as much as possible. Summer school uniforms, including polos and shorts, can continue to be worn, but students should use insect repellent on exposed skin if mosquitoes are active.
- Limiting outdoor activity when mosquitoes are active.

Further information

- A [handy guide](#) to help protect you and your family from mosquito-borne disease
- Better Health Channel [information about preventing mosquito-borne diseases](#)

Diamond Valley Community Support Financial Assistance

Diamond Valley Community support (DVCS) is an independent not-for-profit organisation that provides direct aid, assistance, support and information for people who live in the Banyule City Council area and have an address showing on their Centrelink card in one of the following suburbs: Briar Hill, Bundoora (part of), Eltham North (part of), Greensborough (part of), Lower Plenty, Montmorency, St Helena and Watsonia.

DVCS services currently include a Back-to-School Program, that provides eligible families a cheque for **\$100 per child** (up to \$500 per family). The cheque will be made out to the school, and is to be used for educational purposes, i.e. Subject Contributions, camps, excursions, and so on. DVCS is located at Shop 378a Level 3, Greensborough Plaza. Ph: 03 9435 8282 / 03 9435 5440.

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.

From 1 February 2023
these single-use plastic items
will be banned in Victoria



Cyber Safe Kids

Teaching kids the life skills to
protect their digital way of life



Welcome to Cyber Playtime!

EVENT DETAILS

Date:
Saturday
18 February 2023

Time:
10.30am – 11am
AEDT

Online Webinar

[Register
now](#)

We invite you and your child/children to join us for a 30-min interactive online safety playtime session.

This series is part of our Cyber Safe Kids program which is all about having fun whilst being safe online. We offer [free virtual workshops](#) for kids 7 to 10 years of age.

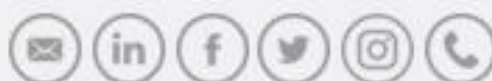
In this upcoming workshop we explore:

- Making up unique usernames
- Who's watching you on the internet?
- Why are passwords so important?
- Build a long and strong password
- Phishing and scams
- Digital pledge for a positive internet experience

If you would like your child/children to participate, then go ahead and register for the next session.

We hope to see you there!

[Register
now](#)



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Student Wellbeing



Hi Everyone!

As I researched the topic of 'NEW BEGINNINGS' 'Mr Google' came up with some interesting suggestions such as:

- ♥ 'New Beginnings – Baby Kingdom' for new mothers. – Hmm.... yes that's a new beginning for both mother and baby with lots of HOPE ahead.
- ♥ 'New Beginnings Animal Rescue' – yes, as an animal lover, our precious animals who have been neglected or mistreated need a 'new beginning'. A reminder that lives can be changed.
- ♥ 'New Beginnings Festival' – a platform that gives artists from diverse refugee and migrant backgrounds an opportunity to be seen, heard and appreciated in the rich tapestry of multicultural Australia.

I have met numerous wonderful refugees and migrants seeking 'new beginnings' in Australia. I am always impressed by their strength and resilience, not letting the past define their future.

It's time to make way for new things and new beginnings. No matter what challenges we've come across in the past, there are ways to forge ahead to a brighter future. In our lives we'll face challenges but by making tweaks to our situation, we can improve our situation and GROW IN RESILIENCE AND POSITIVITY.

Growing up I was extremely shy, but as I faced new beginnings in my life journey I also grew as a person and was able to embrace change.

EASIER SAID THAN DONE?????

Here are a few ideas to embrace and to help your children and young people embrace in this 'NEW BEGINNING' OF 2023!

1. **Let go of the past** – You can't embark on a new beginning if you're stuck in a thought loop about revenge or getting justice. We can't go back and change it, but we can learn from it and move forward. I know some young people who hang onto something painful someone said, then go on to miss out on new friendships.
2. **Know change can be good** – Encourage your child/young person to embrace change – if we don't turn the page, we won't know what exciting things may be waiting for us.
3. **Create new goals** - As you embark on new beginnings, the best way to keep yourself on track is to create new goals.
4. **Surround yourself with good people** - Having a strong sense of community will help you in your new beginnings. The people in your life will make or break you. If you're around *toxic people* who fail to help you, you'll never grow or succeed. However, if you're around people who lift you up, cheer you on, and want to see you thrive, you'll take more action to keep getting better with time. who bring you down.
5. **Mindfulness** - Your mental health and wellbeing will play a huge role in your new beginnings, so breathe deeply.
6. **Build new habits**
7. **Lean on gratitude** – When you focus on gratitude instead of what you lack, your mind feels better.
8. **Celebrate your progress!**



SO, LET'S WORK TOGETHER AND HELP OUR STUDENTS HAVE A FANTASTIC 2023 SCHOOL YEAR!

Take care & stay well!

Robyn Mulholland

Student Wellbeing

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Grade Six Fun Fields Excursion



Written by Bella, Olivia, Jess & Mia on behalf of all the 2023 Graduates!

Last Friday morning the Grade 6s were lucky enough to go to Funfields as our first Grade 6 Big Day Out! We excitedly jumped onto the bus and off we went.

First of all, we went to the two waterslides, The Blackout and The Wipeout! The Blackout was completely pitch black, and it was hilarious watching everyone tumble out of the slides in complete shock. From the sidelines, only two people who weren't on the waterslides got to zoom down the iconic toboggan before the rain pelted down.



Shivering, we went to a warmer heated water play area called Amazonia falls and when the icy cold water unexpectedly poured from the roof of the play area, we all jumped in shock! At Amazonia Falls, there were three small slides that we all enjoyed zipping down!

Some of the Grade Sixes were brave enough to go down the two fierce waterslides, The Supanova and The Gravity Wave! Meanwhile, the rest of us went to Volcano Beach and into the Wave Pool - even Miss Ly decided to join in on the fun! Some of us persisted with the cold water, but the rest of us shivered down to get dry and experienced the dry attractions of the park.



The dry attractions started off with the swinging Pirate Ship. We all entered, thinking it was a little kid ride, but to our dismay it soon swung the pale faces up high into the air. Majority of us were all very glad we had gone on, as we wouldn't have been brave enough to try it if we knew what it was like. Afterwards, we headed over to the Go Karts where there were 7 karts which zoomed across the short track! Then we headed straight to the canteen and there was a crazy lollie store where most of the kids were lining up. One of the favorite selections for our grade sixes had was the kiddie cheeseburger. Some people even bought Churros, which were absolutely delicious! Others may have consumed a little too much sugar - but why not?

We only graduate once!



We then split up into groups of three. Some of us went with Mr. Stephens to play Mini Golf. It was an amazing course and we had so much fun. Susana even shot a hole in one and Mr. Stephens made par! Some people went to the Mystic Kingdom which was unexpected as we thought this was just children's rides but we were surprised by how much fun it was and we thoroughly enjoyed it. The other kids went to the Go Karts, where they once again burned down the track. We all then met up to have one last ride on the Pirate Ship, before heading back to school.



A big thankyou to Mr. Stephens, Miss Ly and Mrs. Morritt for helping make this amazing excursion happen. We had such an amazing time and it was such a great way to start off our last year of Primary School. We can't wait for our next Gig Grade Six Day Out!!!

TWILIGHT SPORTS

Tuesday 28th March will be our annual Twilight Sports event at school commencing at 5:00pm. This event is a much celebrated and enjoyed occasion for the school community to come together, have fun and build some great memories! Students gather in houses and participate in events such as bean bag relay and the waiters relay.

For our Prep students and new families to our community, this is a friendly reminder of the House colours:



Grevillea: Red

Eucalyptus: Blue

Banksia: Green

Acacia: Yellow

You can find the information for your child's house on Compass near their name. See below example;



Female - 6 years, 6 months

Student IDs:

Groups: GREVILLEA, Year 1



Today's Attendance:



Contact



Add



To ensure that the evening runs smoothly, we are kindly asking if any parents are willing to lend a hand with some of the roles on the night! If you are able to assist with some of the jobs, please email me at laura.tillotson@education.vic.gov.au

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Ms Tillotson



At Greensborough Primary School the wellbeing of our students, staff and families is at the forefront of everything we do. We have invested time, money and professional development for our staff to better implement our SEL program.

What is SEL?

SEL, or Social and Emotional Learning, is the process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions.

Within our classrooms currently, we are implementing ***Respectful Relationships*** as well as recently being fortunate enough to implement a fantastic and highly sought-after program called the ***Resilience Project***.

The Resilience Project is committed to teaching positive mental health strategies to prevent mental ill-health and build young people's capacity to deal with adversity.

Teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM) and Emotional Literacy to build resilience.

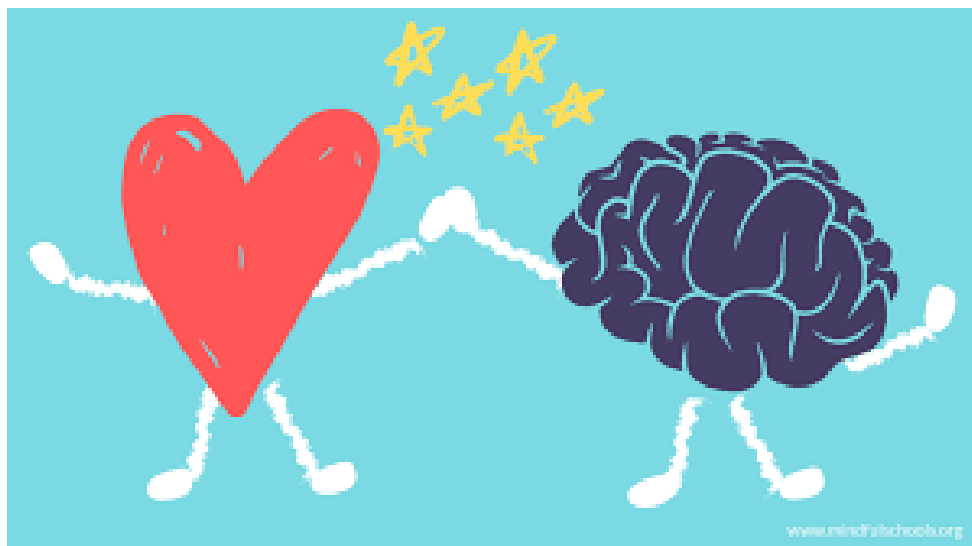
Check out their website for more information: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/>

And check out TRP@HOME; a place filled with inspiration and activities for the whole family, to help improve your wellbeing and build resilience.

TRP@HOME: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/>

We look forward to seeing the positive impact these programs have on our students, staff and wider community.

Miss Tillotson



Hello Everyone,

My name is Kristy Bedford. I am excited to be a new member of the Greensborough Primary School community. I love being and thinking creatively and I'm thrilled to be teaching Visual Art and Lego Discovery this year! I'm really looking forward to seeing some wonderful creativity from all of the students.

Visual Art News

Visual Art classes take place on Tuesdays.



This term's focus is Mixed Media Art & Construction. Students will begin the year exploring 3D paper sculpture techniques. They will then look at, compare and respond to the work of several artists including American glass artist Dale Chihuly, Australian based paper artist Samantha Gazal and French paper designer and illustrator Mlle Hipolyte. Students will then apply their knowledge and skills to create their own 3D paper sculpture.

By the way, the art room provides smocks for all students so you don't need to purchase one!

Lego Discovery News

Lego Discovery takes place on Wednesdays on a fortnightly roster for all students.

In this one hour session, students are presented with an open ended challenge. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to think creatively and work collaboratively with others. There are so many benefits of building with lego including;

- Improved eye/hand coordination
- The development of spatial skills
- Persistence and patience
- Enhanced fine motor skills
- Problem solving skills
- Communication skills
- Enhanced creativity and experimentation
- Improved focus and concentration



I look forward to sharing some of the wonderful creations with you throughout the year!

Kristy Bedford

Visual Arts & Lego Discovery Teacher



Pupil of the Week



2023 ~ Term 1 ~ Week 1

Prep	<i>Olympia</i>	For having such an amazing start and leading by example in her first week of Prep!
Grade 1/2 A	<i>Dash</i>	For being an excited and friendly member of 1/2A!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Abigail</i>	For a fantastic start to 2023. Keep it up!
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Charlotte V</i>	For a great start at Greensborough Primary School. Welcome to 3/4A, Charlotte!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Dan-Anh</i>	For always being ready to learn and taking on challenges. Well done!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Arad</i>	For being such a helpful and reliable member of 5/6A! Well done!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Inaaya</i>	What an outstanding start to life at Greensborough Primary School! Keep it up!
PE	<i>Matthew 5/6B</i>	For giving his best go with a smile on his face.
STEM Prep to Gr 2	<i>Caleb 1/2B</i>	For taking great care of his living thing!
STEM Grades 3 to 6	<i>Zak 5/6A</i>	For non-stop STEM and critical thinking.

Food relief day

10 AM - 1 PM SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2023
FOODSHARE CARPARK
203 HENRY STREET GREENSBOROUGH



AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF NILLUMBIK
AND BANYULE

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DIAMOND VALLEY FOODSHARE

Diamond Valley Foodshare is a Not-For-Profit Organisation that operates out of a small venue in Henry St Greensborough. It is run by dedicated volunteers and has been in existence for over 30 years. Its mission is the Community Helping the Community.

We are having a Free Food Drive on the 18th February at Henry Street Greensborough from 10:00am – 1:00pm. There will be food available for the public – Staples, i.e.: Pasta, Rice, Cereals, Sauces, etc... All food is donated from various other organizations.

Starting to Read



Commencing on **Monday 20th February** from **9.30-10.30** and running for three weeks in Term One. This program will introduce children commencing school in 2024 to the concepts of:

- ★ Sound / symbol relationships
- ★ High frequency words
- ★ Reading strategies

Sessions will be interactive, promoting confidence and excitement with reading and, each week, children will leave with a take home activity or book.



**For enquiries or bookings please contact
Greensborough Primary School on 9435 1496.**

Tuning in to Kids™



Practical tips and strategies to show parents how to help their child develop emotional intelligence.

Through this practical six session emotional coaching parenting program, delivered across six weeks and hosted by Family Support Worker Joan Lauricella, you will learn positive parenting strategies.

Tuning in to Kids™ program is suitable for parents of children aged 9 years and under.

Topics covered:

- Improve talking to and understanding your child
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions
- Prevent behaviour problems with your child
- Help your child deal with conflict

“Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ”.



When: Wednesdays - 22 February, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 March 23

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Where: healthAbility, 917 Main Rd, Eltham

Cost: \$120 per adult, \$60 concession and \$180 per couple

Bookings: Essential via trybooking.com/CFNKA

For more information

Please contact Joan Lauricella, Family Support Worker at joan.lauricella@healthability.org.au or phone **9430 9100**

Note: Please note sessions are currently scheduled to occur in person however this may change to online sessions if Coronavirus restrictions change. Participants will be notified if this occurs.

Phone: (03) 9430 9100 | **Email:** contact@healthability.org.au
Box Hill: 43 Carrington Road, Box Hill, VIC 3128
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What's been happening...

Wow Holiday Program is over now we would love to Welcome you to 2023 at Greensborough Primary School and especially extend a warm welcome to you all at Greensborough OSHClub. What an exciting year we hope you will enjoy in your time with us. There are soon to be some changes within our service but let's look to the immediate couple of weeks.

A lot of you will notice that the room is undergoing a transition. Don't be worried. Your favourites are still here to be enjoyed and other activities will be added to the excitement.

We also welcome Rita to our team. She has many years experience in OSHC under her belt and has many talents thus lots of new things she can teach us.

Come and find a spot and enjoy the new experiences as well as the old.

Photo Gallery



Special Announcements

Now is the time to ensure that you have updated your children's Medical Management Plans. Most Asthma and Anaphylaxis plans are reviewed by medical practitioners either annually or every two years and when a new plan is issued a copy should be supplied to OSHClub staff accordingly. If you have an updated plan or if your child's medication has expired please ensure that we receive updated replacements immediately. Please don't wait until it's too late.

Coming Up

10th
Feb

Valentines Cookies

14th
Feb

Valentine's Day

16th
Feb

Outdoor Playday

Leadership News

This year we would like to add to the team here at Greensborough OSHClub. What better way than to employ the talents of and recruit some of the wonderful older students.

With guidance, we are sure that some of the older students would flourish and enjoy the chance to demonstrate their abilities as reliable, capable leaders within our community.

These will be roles decided upon by the children (via voting) and will be recognised positions of responsibility within our program.



Quality Area Reflection

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ON:

Children's Safety Standards.

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One-to-one lessons are charged \$35 per lesson, Paired lessons are charged \$25 per lesson, and Group lessons are charged \$15 per lesson. Lessons are invoiced for the entire term.

Students require a practice diary, and method book suitable for their experience and age. These will be provided by Northern Melbourne Music and included in the first invoice.

Instrument availability can vary depending on schools. Please contact us to see what is available to you!

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