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Borough Bulletin ~ 04 May 2023

Friday 5 May 2023	Winter Interschool Sports – St Mary’s PS v Greensborough PS - Away
Monday 8 May 2023	Professional Practice Day – Pupil-Free Day
Friday 12 May 2023	Winter Interschool Sports – Greensborough PS v Streeton PS – Home Mother’s Day Stall Prep Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea – 2:40pm to 3:30pm
Monday 15 May 2023	District Cross Country Event School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
Friday 19 May 2023	 Winter Interschool Sports – Greensborough PS v Watsonia Heights PS – Home Walk to School Day
Tuesday 23 May 2023	MSP School Photo Day
Wednesday 24 May 2023	Artvo/Ice Skating Excursion – Grade 6
Friday 26 May 2023	Winter Interschool Sports – Bundoora PS v Greensborough PS – Away Tony’s Pie Drive – final orders due
Wednesday 31 May 2023	History Box Incursion
Friday 2 June 2023	Winter Interschool Sports – Watsonia Nth PS v Greensborough PS – Away Grandparents & Special Friends Morning – Prep to Grade 2 9:00am to 10:30am
Friday 9 June 2023	Winter Interschool Sports – Greensborough PS – Bye
Monday 12 June 2023	Monarch’s Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 13 June 2023	District Girls Soccer
Friday 16 June 2023	Student Academic Reports to be sent home
Monday 19 June 2023	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
Wednesday 21 June 2023	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Friday 23 June 2023	Last Day of Term 1 2023 – Early Dismissal at 1:30pm

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Principal's Report

We've had a terrific start to Term Two and it's hard to believe this is only our second week back! We've welcomed Alessia Celotti, our new Grade 1/2 teacher, and she's had a seamless transition to our school and her new classroom. Laura and Alessia had a thorough handover process and Alessia already has built great relationships with students.

Students from Prep – Grade Six are highly engaged in our usual class and specialist programs and several extra-curricular programs have already begun or are in the planning stage. Twenty of our highly numerate Grade 3 – 6 students are participating in the Junior Maths Olympiad program. This program is specifically designed to stimulate and challenge students at primary school level. It teaches 'major problem-solving strategies and strengthens students' mathematical intuition. The competition runs for 4 weeks and we wish our students well.

Discovery units are well underway and we're looking forward to the 'History Box' incursion later in the term. Our Prep class is currently enjoying the Junior School Clubs Program involving arts, crafts and sporting activities. Cross Country trials were held last week and Grade 3 – 6 students are to be congratulated for trying their best to run the required 2km or 3km distances, and for their excellent behaviour which ensured the trials ran smoothly. The team has been selected and students have begun training and I commend them for coming early and training before school. PIT Gymnastics is booked for our Grade P - 4 students during Physical Education lessons later in the term, courtesy of a Sports in Schools grant and our Canine Comprehension program has begun with a small group of students in Grade 5/6. The Resilience Project and Respectful Relationships Programs are continuing to be embedded and students are actively practising Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness to improve their emotional wellbeing and mental health.

We are very excited that our 'Tiny Town' is under construction and we hope that it will be completed and installed on the lower half of 'the oval' by the end of this term. Families may remember we received a grant from the Northeast Link Project and students will soon have their own hospital, café and other services to enjoy in their imaginative games and play. See our plan later in the newsletter.

Thank you to Parents and Friends for organising the Mother's Day stall next Friday. Many hours are spent wrapping and preparing presents for our children to give to a very special person in their lives on Sunday 14th May. It's lovely every year when we see the joy it brings students as they select their 'perfect gifts'. Many thanks to Kate and her band of helpers for organising this event, as it's as much about building happy memories for our students and families, as it is about raising funds. Our Preps have a Mother's Day afternoon tea planned for their special visitors on Friday afternoon and we're looking forward to seeing them 'pamper' their loved ones.

Year 6 - 7 Transition to Secondary School

Information has been sent home to families of Grade Six students, giving parents all the relevant information about applying for Year 7 placement. Please contact Grade Six teachers, Paula or Jesse, if you have any questions about this process. I know many students and parents have taken school tours and attended open days/evenings and found them very valuable.

School Photos

School Photos will be taken Tuesday 23rd May. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer from MSP photography explaining the process for ordering student and sibling group photos.

Rapid Antigen Tests

A reminder to families that we have a supply of RATs which are free for families in the office foyer. With the cold and flu season upon us, as well as COVID cases, many families have requested RATs. If anyone would like a pack sent home with their child, please contact the office.

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Anzac Day

On our first day back this term our student leaders led our school ANZAC Day ceremony on the netball court and Grades Prep - Six listened respectively as our School Captains explained the origin of Anzac Day and what it represented. They read The Prayer of Remembrance and The Ode and laid a wreath at the base of the flag. Parents should be very proud of the mature and respectful manner in which all students participated in the service, listened to The Last Post and observed a minute's silence at the end.

Thank you to families who joined us to lay a wreath at both Greensborough and Watsonia Anzac Day services. We were very proud of students who marched behind our banner and laid a wreath on behalf of our community to honour our service men and women.



Novelty Band-Aids for Kids With Cancer – Koala Kids

Last year our school community supported children undergoing cancer treatment by donating fun, novelty band aids which were greatly appreciated. Koala Kids has contacted us and asked if we can assist them again as their current stock is sadly depleted and 'kids just don't do beige'!



We invite families to assist us to bring happiness to children and young adults by adding a couple of packets of novelty band aids to your shopping basket, and then dropping them off in the school foyer. Alternatively, families can shop online and have them delivered directly to Koala Kids' office at 441 Auburn Road, Hawthorn VIC 3122. Chemist Warehouse and Priceline have some great options and all brands are okay - Band-Aid, Elastoplast, NexCare and any others you can find.

Thank you in advance for supporting this great cause as Koala Kids in the past week alone has sent out 4,600 Band-Aids to their hospital network which roughly equates to around 230 packets – that's a lot of happy moments but they need assistance to keep the hospitals supplied!

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

Well, it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:



FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

- ★ Walking with them the whole way to school
- ★ If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- ★ If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way

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Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 19 May 2023! For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

Angela Morritt

Principal

Monday 8th May Curriculum Day

A reminder that next Monday 8th May is a pupil free Curriculum day. Please contact OSHClub if you wish to book your children in for care and supervision on Monday. Spaces are limited and filling fast

Promoting Mental Fitness In Your Child (Webinar)

Time/Date: Wednesday 24th May 2023 at 12:00pm AEST

We invite parents and carers to join a free webinar next month, where a Smiling Mind psychologist will discuss common issues children face with their mental fitness including navigating friendships, emotional regulation and learning how to confidently take on more responsibility, with research and evidence to support parents and carers to confidently respond.

Register: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cTbtO-zCTI6m-sTfunBPiA



2024 Prep Enrolments – Enrolments close 28 July 2023

If any families know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please encourage them to register their details as soon as possible, (this includes siblings of current students). Under the new DET guidelines all 2024 Prep enrolments must be completed by 28 July 2023. We have already had a number of enquiries and school tours for places in 2024 and the sooner we get a sense of our intake for next year, the sooner we can start planning for grade structures.

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, which 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.

STUDENT WELLBEING

Hi Everyone!

KEEPING UP YOUR CHILD'S EXCITEMENT FOR LEARNING!

Welcome to term two! Do you find that your child's enthusiasm begins with excitement as a new school year begins then gradually, or in some circumstances rapidly, wanes? This week, I thought I would make some suggestions to help you to keep up your child's enthusiasm up or to increase it.

1. Write a pick-me-up note in your child's lunchbox or backpack (or both) I have attached a page of notes you can print.
2. Play fun and upbeat music in the car on your way to school.
3. Enrol your child in activities outside of school so they have something special to look forward to each week. Just remember to avoid overscheduling – this can cause burnout even quicker!
4. Give your child frequent positive feedback about the effort they put into their schoolwork. Even if they aren't happy with their outcome of a project, hearing your praise will motivate them more for the next one!
5. Have designated 'family time' at least once a week. This can help kids relax and unwind from the stresses of school so they can go into the classroom the next day on a positive note.
6. Be enthusiastic! If they're learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, pull up videos on your computer and get excited yourself. When your kids see that, they'll realize just how fascinating learning is! And who knows – you may even learn something new!
7. If your child is disinterested in what they're currently studying in school, try to find simple, yet creative ways to connect those lessons to something they love. If they loathe math but love art, go to an art museum and talk about the shapes in the paintings, or do more advanced math to calculate the age of certain artifacts. Even a trip to a playground – lots of shapes there and counting activities.
8. Create a designated homework station in your home. Have fun folders, paperclips, sticky notes, or anything else that will brighten up homework time while ensuring they can stay focused and organised.

The more that
you read,
the more things
that you will know.

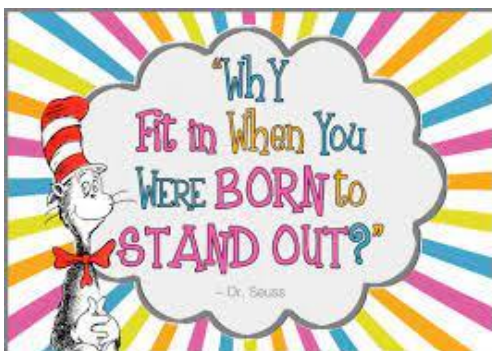
The more that
you learn,
the more places
you'll go



To help your children live up to their potential, check in with them about how school is going. Let them know that you are there if they need help with homework. With older children be sure to give them space, too. If they sense that you are pressuring them, they might end up feeling resentful and less motivated.

Positive reinforcement helps – high 5s, hugs. Praise **EFFORT** not **RESULTS**, for example, praise for finishing a tough project or for doing their best. Make sure your child knows you don't expect perfection.

Finally, be sure to keep tabs on your own feelings. If you are getting very frustrated or angry with your child's performance, your child will pick it up – children are very sensitive to the negative emotions of others.



Let's continue to work together as a 'community' to help our students be the best they can be, especially as they grow into confident and caring young people!

Take care & stay well!

Robyn Mulholland

Student Wellbeing

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:00am to 3:30pm

robyn.mulholland@education.vic.gov.au



... Lunchbox Notes ...



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INTERSCHOOL SPORT REPORT

Winter Inter School Sports Report

The students in Years 4 - 6 participated in the Round 1 of Interschool Sport. We played at home against Norris Bank Primary School.

With so many transferable skills from other sports, staff have noticed to many abilities have improving.

Please remember that all AFL players must wear a mouth guard and all Soccer players must bring shin-guards to play.

Winter ISS Round 1 Results v Norris Bank Primary School:

- ★ **Softball** (NB no team)
- ★ **AFL** (NB no team)
- ★ **Soccer 5 – 6** (NB win)
- ★ **Netball Mixed** 1 – 7 (NB win)
- ★ **Netball Girls** 26 – 0 (GPS win)

Cross Country Trials

After a wonderful morning at War Memorial Park, our Cross Country Team for District has been decided. Students ran 2km or 3km depending on their age and it was amazing to see such determination. Students who have progressed will go to Banyule Flats on the 15th of May and represent GPS. All students should be very proud of their efforts. If any parent volunteers are available for the day, please contact Mr Derrick, Sport Coordinator as soon as possible.

Training: 8:30am Wednesdays and Thursdays

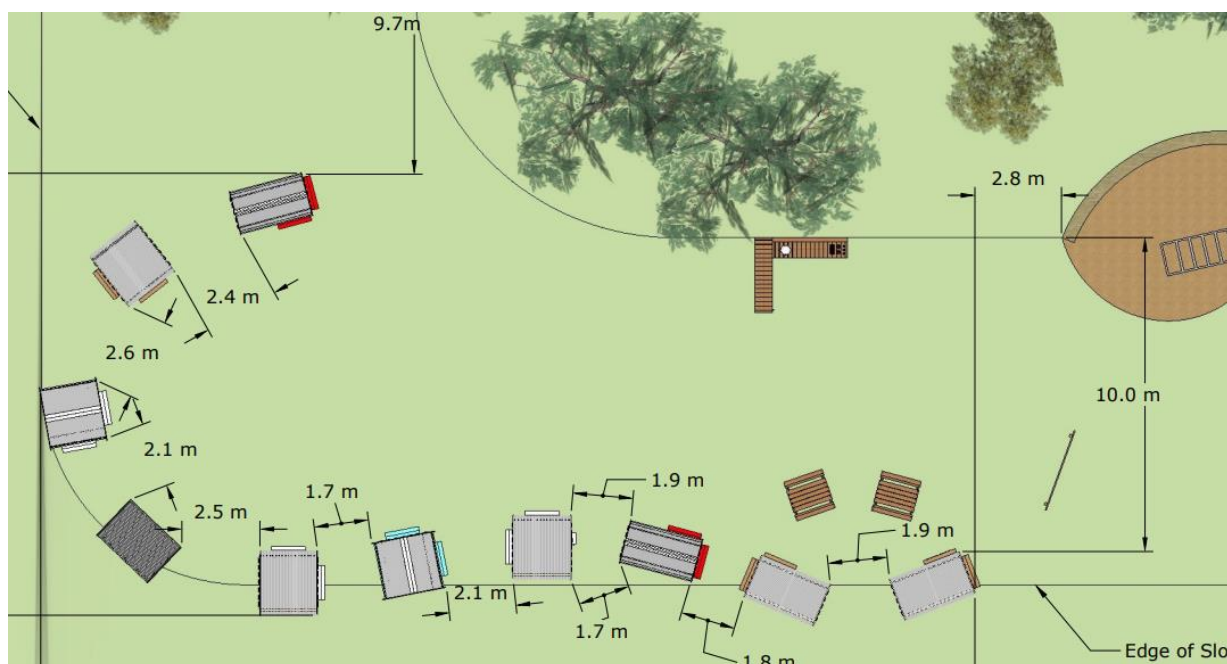
GO GREENSBOROUGH!

Leo Derrick

Sports Coordinator



Greensborough Primary School
TINY TOWN



Library News

Welcome to Term 2!

This term the students in Prep, One, Two are focusing on non-fiction texts. Students are now able to borrow 3 books and are encouraged to select both fiction and non-fiction books to take home.



Start getting excited...

The shortlisted books have been announced for this year's Book Week, "Read, Grow, Inspire". Please come by our Library and see our display outside the front doors.

Further information regarding our celebrations at Greensborough Primary School will follow later in the term.

Extra Library Hours

This is a reminder that the Library is open extra hours each Wednesday if your child would like to borrow or return books. Ms Ciavola and Sarah will welcome all students during lunch time and after school each Wednesday between 3:30pm and 3:45pm.

Remember

Please remember to return library books each Wednesday in a library bag (plastic is fine).

If you have any spare plastic bags from Coles or Woolies that you could donate we would appreciate it.

Help Required

If you have time we are looking for volunteers who would be able to cover our new books. If you would have time please contact the school.

Happy Reading Everyone,

Ms Ciavola

Teacher Librarian





Pupil of the Week



2023 ~ Term 2 ~ Week 1

Prep	<i>Hudson</i>	For demonstrating the qualities of a good friend and helping, and taking care of his peers.
Grade 1/2 A	<i>Xavier W</i>	For his exceptional fact writing in Reading this week. Superstar!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Annabelle</i>	For an amazing effort in her writing.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Charlie J</i>	For his perseverance and determination to complete the Cross Country Trials this week. Fantastic effort, Charlie!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Kaitlin</i>	For putting 100% effort and enthusiasm in all areas of her learning and behaviour.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Vanessa</i>	For always spreading positivity in the classroom and in the school yard!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Lachie H</i>	For an outstanding effort in the soccer match against Norris Bank. Well done!
Discovery	<i>Ethan R 1/2A</i>	For an excellent design and build of a rainbow money box. Well done, Ethan!
Library	<i>Kira M 1/2A</i>	Kira your confidence has increased so much this year. Keep sharing your fabulous ideas.
PE	<i>Will G 1/2A</i>	For giving a helping foot to his friends in soccer.
STEM Prep – Grade 2	<i>Ella F 1/2A</i>	For making good choices with who to work with and trying your best!
STEM Grades 3 – 6	<i>Joel J 5/6A</i>	For your wonderful describing of the states of matter.



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Friends



Family

Hello Families and friends,

What a successful Term One of 2023, we've had with fundraising. We are so grateful for everyone's help with our Twilight Sports BBQ, Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun Drive and Easter Raffle.

For Term Two we have some great new fundraising opportunities coming up:

Yesterday Mother's Day Raffle tickets were sent home. The winner of this raffle will win a beautiful necklace and earrings set. This wonderful prize was generously donated by a school family. Remember to get your tickets in early as this raffle is to be drawn next week on Friday 12 May 2023.



Next Friday 12 May we will also be providing our annual Mother's Day Stall with gifts starting from \$1.00. Please ensure your child has a carry bag and any cash is placed in an envelope which is clearly marked with their name.

Other things on offer for Term Two are our usual food days as well as a Pie Dive with Tony's Pies. This event provides a great opportunity to fill up your fridge and freezer with some yummy pies for the cold weather.

A special shout out to all our wonderful volunteers who helped in Term One and to the school community for your continued support. Let's make Term Two awesome...

Kind regards,

Kate D

For Parents & Friends Association



Greensborough Primary School is participating in the Wonder Recycling Rewards for Schools Program! We are collecting bread bags and will receive sports equipment for the school in return.

The rule of thumb is: if it contained bread of some sort and is a soft plastic, then it is a bread bag. What can you do to help?

- ★ Start collecting your bread bags.
- ★ Ensure they are empty of any crumbs.
- ★ Fill a bread bag with other bread bags
- ★ Place bread bags into the box at office.

The school is also collecting plastic bread tags, so if you have any, please drop off into the small box at office near the photocopier room. This is a fabulous way to not only recycle soft plastic, but also earn sports equipment for the students!

The collection will be running from now until end of Term 2

Mother's Day Stall

Friday, 12 May 2023

Variety of items available from \$1 to \$7

Please remember to bring a bag
to take your gift home

GREENSBOROUGH PS PHOTO DAY



TUESDAY 23RD MAY 2023

Orders can now be made through your Compass Portal via your email link or under the **COMMUNITY** tab

PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW TO ENSURE OUR BEST PRICES!

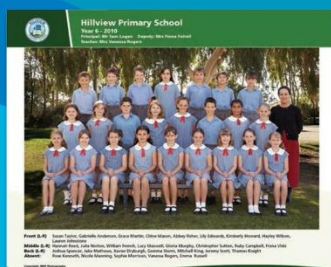
FAMILY PHOTOS



Family/Sibling photos are available for students attending school. Orders must be placed by **11:59PM** the day before photo day.

Parents with 3 or more children can receive a concession with our **Premium** or **Classic** packs. To take up this offer, please contact us prior to photo day.

GROUP STYLE



We're here to help.

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What's been happening...

What an absolutely fabulous time we enjoyed here at Greensborough during the recent school holidays. Our Holiday Program was very well received by all who attended same and there was truly such a wide variety of activities to choose from.

We had the most brilliant weather and enjoyed scavenger hunts, multi sports clinics, our own football sessions which were topped off with a good old fashioned traditional footy feast of Hot Dogs, Meat Pies and Fresh Fruit Smoothies to name just a few of the activities.

We are already back at work planning loads of fun activities for both our Rise and Shine or Stay and Play sessions and would be so glad if you could join us.

Bookings are essential but can be easily made by logging into your Parent Portal, call Head Office on 1300 395 735 or the program direct on [0447 868 204](tel:0447868204)

Photo Gallery



Special Announcements

Have you enrolled in a session of Rise and Shine or Stay and Play just to see the great extra-curricular activities we do? Come try science, art, cooking, friendship or homework clubs and have fun with your friends at the same time. Great snacks and qualified supervision all provided within a safe and encouraging environment.

Coming Up

5th
May

Stencil making

10th
May

Cooking Club

14th
May

Mother's Day

Leadership News

Our student Leaders would like to encourage families to join us in supporting the school in the collection of recycled plastic bottle lids and bread tags. These are reused instead of going to landfill and fully support sustainability within our environment. Let's all make a difference however small it may be.



Quality Area Reflection

QUALITY AREAS WE ARE FOCUSING

ON:

Linking with the community

FORGING FUTURES

*Helping your child transition to
Secondary School*

Term 2 2023 Workshops
10th, 17th, 24th, 31st May
4.30-6pm

At Greensborough College we know that a smooth start to Secondary School can make all the difference. Forging Futures is a 4 week program which aims to connect & engage Grade 5&6 students with Greensborough College's range of innovative programs and amazing facilities.

<https://www.greensc.vic.edu.au/page/34/Forging-Futures-Program->

**BOOK
NOW!**



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Open day!

When: 20th May 2023
11.30-2.30

Where: Happy Valley ELC
251 Greensborough road, Macleod

Who: Everyone is welcome!

Families, Educators, community members. We want
to make Happy Valley home for all.

What to expect?
Visit from Miss
Laura, Little
sports heroes,
Face painting and
so much more!

**BBQ
LUNCH**