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<i>Friday 14 July 2023</i>	Footsteps Dance Session 1 Digimaker Coding Session – Lunchtime in Curiosity Corner
<i>Tuesday 18 July 2023</i>	ChessMates Session – Lunchtime in the Library
<i>Friday 21 July 2023</i>	Footsteps Dance Session 2
<i>Friday 28 July 2023</i>	100 Days of Prep Celebration Footsteps Dance Session 3 P&F Pie Drive commences
<i>Monday 31 July 2023</i>	Athletics Trials School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
<i>Friday 04 August 2023</i>	Swimming Session 1 Footsteps Dance Session 4
<i>Tuesday 8 August 2023</i>	Poem Competition commences
<i>Wednesday 9 August 2023</i>	Grade 6 Excursion - TBC
<i>Friday 11 August 2023</i>	Swimming Session 2 Footsteps Dance Session 5 P&F Pie Drive Orders due
<i>Monday 14 August 2023</i>	Poem Competition – Shortlist Display in Foyer
<i>Friday 18 August 2023</i>	Swimming Session 3 Footsteps Dance Session 6
<i>Saturday 19 August 2023</i>	Bunnings Barbeque Fundraiser - Eltham
<i>Monday 21 August 2023</i>	Book Week Winner of Poetry Competition announced
<i>Tuesday 22 August 2023</i>	Book Fair
<i>Wednesday 23 August 2023</i>	Book Fair District Athletics – Grades 4 to 6 – Meadowglen
<i>Thursday 24 August 2023</i>	Book Week Parade – 9:10am Book Fair Multi-Age Day Pie Drive Orders Delivery
<i>Friday 25 August 2023</i>	Swimming Session 4 Footsteps Dance Session 7
<i>Saturday 26 August 2023</i>	Trivia Night – 7:00pm
<i>Monday 28 August 2023</i>	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
<i>Tuesday 29 August 2023</i>	Footsteps Dance Concert – 10:00am Montmorency Secondary College –

<i>Friday 01 September 2023</i>	Swimming Session 5 Footsteps Dance Session 8
<i>Friday 8 September 2023</i>	Swimming Session 6 Footsteps Dance Session 9 Last day of the Premier's Reading Challenge
<i>Thursday 14 September 2023</i>	R U OK Day??
<i>Friday 15 September 2023</i>	Swimming Session 7 Last Day of Term 3 2023 – Early Dismissal at 1:30pm

Principal's Report

It was lovely to welcome back our students and families after the term break and see everyone begin the new term in a smooth and productive manner. I'd especially like to welcome our new staff member Kate Crilly, who is grade sharing with Vanessa in 3/4B, and our five new students and families, who have already given feedback about how much they are enjoying our GPS community. It's a credit to our students how they have supported and befriended their new classmates.

Thank you to everyone who supported the JSC fundraiser at the end of Term Two. The 'Ice Bucket Challenge' raised \$715 for Motor Neuron Disease Research and brought a great deal of enjoyment to our community. The looks on our students' faces as they playfully told teachers they had voted for them were priceless! Thank you to staff who nominated for the challenge and to Leo for being a good sport and enduring the ice water. Special mention to our JSC members who promoted the event and manned the voting table in the mornings before school. They should be very proud of the leadership they showed.



Extra-Curricular Programs

As well as our usual class programs this term we have a host of extracurricular activities and events planned. As NAIDOC Week falls in the holidays, we always celebrate first week back and class programs are celebrating the histories, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Students have been given wrist bands to help raise their awareness of the importance of this week and our Wellbeing Leaders are also running activities at the Friendship Tree.



Our Preps will soon be celebrating **100 days of Prep!** This milestone occurs on Friday 28th July and Jill has planned a terrific day for her class. Book Week activities are a highlight of our year and Frankie, our Librarian, has the planning for the Book Fair, Multi-Age Day and Dress-Up Parade, well in hand. Our annual Poetry Competition coincides with Book Week and we're looking forward to enjoying reading the poems students submit. Grades 3 – 6 are busy developing their athletics skills in preparation for trials and the District Carnival and Grade 6 students will begin their Graduation preparation in earnest.

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Programs run by external providers of Instrumental Music, Chess, Coding and Tennis have begun and we also have our lunchtime school activities at the Friendship Tree, Sports Club and board games in the Library with Robyn, our Wellbeing Worker. We're very excited that Robyn has organised for Jesse and Therapy Dog, Pixie, to join the program on Mondays. Pixie received a warm welcome from students who are looking forward to her return each week.

Our Footsteps Dance Program will begin tomorrow and continue for the rest of term, culminating in a concert on Tuesday morning, 29th August for family members to attend. The cost of the ten dance lessons are included in our Parent Payments, as is the cost of the bus to Montmorency Secondary College for our performance. Families who have not made this payment are asked to contact the office to arrange a payment plan.

We have a change in our timetable for swimming this year and lessons will begin this term and continue in Term Four. Margaret has advised families there is no cost for swimming as we are able to use funds saved from COVID years when swimming was not held. Parents who would like to assist with supervising students as we walk to and from swimming are asked to contact class teachers. A volunteer Working With Children Card (WWCC) is required if parents enter change rooms to help students.

The Victorian High-Ability Program and Challenge and Enrichment Series and GATEWAYS events are being organised by Claire Storey and our usual extension, tutoring and intervention programs are continuing. Jesse Stephens is working with a group of Grade 5/6 students to participate in Tournament of The Minds, which is a program for Grade 5/6 students providing them opportunity to solve authentic, open-ended challenges that foster creative, divergent thinking whilst developing collaborative skills.

Overall, it will be a productive term with programs designed to meet our students' academic and wellbeing needs.

Student Wellbeing Boost





Stay tuned for information about an exciting new project we have planned for this term and 2024. Schools have been given additional one-off funding for extra resources and initiatives to support the mental health and wellbeing of our students, which was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and successive lockdowns. We're looking forward to spending this funding to boost student's wellbeing.

Upcoming changes to NAPLAN reporting

Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released from Monday 17 July 2023, DET is asking schools to inform families of some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are:

-  Exceeding
-  Strong
-  Developing
-  Needs additional support

This change is designed to give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels. Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This will provide valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

When parents are provided with your child's results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean.

Schools have only been advised of the changes in this week's bulletin and information sessions for school staff will be held this term.

We are currently facing the same difficulty all schools are experiencing in recent years in employing a language teacher. We are currently readvertising for a Mandarin teacher and hope we have a successful outcome so we can reintroduce Mandarin lessons this semester. We'll keep families advised of the outcome.

Angela Morritt

Principal

FROM DET: Stay well this Winter

In Victoria, influenza (flu) and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection numbers are high among children aged 5 to 11 years, particularly in those in their first few years of school. The Victorian Department of Health expects more respiratory infections over Term 3.

Most children with flu or RSV have a mild fever, runny nose or cough. Some children, particularly babies and children with underlying medical conditions, may have more severe illness.

Keeping our school community well

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to:

- Wash and sanitise their hands regularly
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing stay at home if unwell and consult a general practitioner (GP) or NURSE-ON-CALL as needed
- Stay up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations

Our school has masks for staff, students and visitors if they want to wear them.

Flu vaccinations

Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and your family from getting the flu. Annual flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and older. As part of the National Immunisation Program, it is free for:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and older
- Children aged 6 months to under 5 years
- People aged 6 months or older with underlying medical conditions.

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs, pharmacies or your local council immunisation service.

Find out more

For more information about staying safe this winter, refer to: · Stay well this winter on the Better Health Channel, translated into 16 languages · Influenza and immunisation on the Better Health Channel · Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) on the Better Health Channel Getting vaccinated against influenza.

2024 Prep Enrolments – Due 28 July 2023

Under the new DET Enrolment Guidelines, all 2024 Preps should submit their applications by July 28th, 2023. If any families know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, including siblings of current students, please encourage them to register their details by July 28th, 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.

Greensborough Primary School regularly reviews and updates our policies and procedures to ensure they meet the Department's requirements. These are available on the school website, or a hard copy can be obtained from the office.

We are committed to continuous improvement and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our policies and procedures.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions please contact Angela or Margaret.

2023 Swimming Program

Our Swimming Program usually runs in Term Four however WaterMarc made an error with our booking this year so the program will be implemented in the second half of Term Three and the beginning of Term Four.

The Education Department makes a small financial contribution to the Swimming Program each year and, with good financial management, we have been able to manage these funds so the Swimming Program is at NO COST to families.

Swimming Dates

Term Three:

Friday – 4, 11, 18 & 25 August

Friday – 1, 8 & 15 September

Term Four:

Friday – 6 October (Final group instruction session)

Friday – 20 October (Fun activity session)

	Leave School With:	Lesson Time:	Leave Pool:	Return School:
Prep Grade 1/2A	9.00am Jill Alison Margaret	9.30-10.15	10.30	10.45
Grade 1/2B 20 Grade 3/4 A 23 Grade 3 – 3/4B 9	9.45am Bec Alessia Margaret	10.15-11.00	11.15	11.30
Grade 4 -3/4B 13 Grade 5/6A 24 Grade 5/6B 23	10.30am Jesse Paula Vanessa	11.00 -11.45	12.10	12.15

Just a reminder to log onto Compass and complete the permission form before Friday 14th July.

Kind regards,

Margaret Hirth

Assistant Principal



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Library News

TERM 3

This term we will be celebrating Book Week from Monday 21 August to Thursday 25 August 2023.

To celebrate Book Week Greensborough Primary School will have a number of exciting extracurricular activities such Multi Age Day, Dress Up Day with a morning parade and the Book Fair.

The Book Fair will commence on Tuesday 22 August in the Library.

Book Fair Sessions:

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| ★ Tuesday 22 August | 3:30pm to 4:15pm |
| ★ Wednesday 23 August | 8:15am to 9:00am
3:30pm to 4:15pm |
| ★ Thursday 24 August | 8:15am to 9:00am
3:30pm to 4:15pm |

The celebration of Book Week would not be complete without our Book Week Parade at 9:10am on Thursday 24 August. All students are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character and participate in our parade. Parents, guardians and friends are very welcome to attend and cheer on our students.

Helpers required! If you are interested in covering some of our new book purchases, could you please contact your classroom teacher, Sarah Krupa or myself and we can organise delivery of the books and covering resources.

Happy Reading Everyone

Ms Ciavola

Librarian/Teacher

Parents and Friends Association

Hello Families and Friends,

Welcome back to Term 3 2023. We have a busy term ahead filled with lots of fantastic fundraising opportunities. We have our annual Bunnings Warehouse BBQ, at Eltham Bunnings on the 19th of August. We will be sending a call out for volunteers to assist in the coming week.



This month we will also have our Pie Drive with Tony's Pies. Order forms will be coming out at the beginning soon and the collection date for your Tony's Pies Orders will be 24 August 2023.



I'm most excited to announce our main event for Term 3. Our 1980s themed Trivia Night Disco and Silent Auction. These events will all be held 26 August in our school hall. Tickets for the events will be available soon and more information will be coming via Compass.



Lastly, but certainly not least, we have our Student Lunch Order Days such as Bakers Delight and Hot Dog Days. I would like to give a shout-out to Yvette who organises these events and is so generous with her time.

Many thanks everyone support look forward to seeing you at some fundraising events in Term 3.

Kind regards,

Kate S Doyle

For P & F Association team

The Victorian High Ability Program (VHAP) provides high ability students from Victorian schools from years 5 to 6, the opportunity to participate in a 10-week virtual enrichment program.

In Term Three we have several students completing both Primary Maths and Primary English Programs and these students will be working with year 5 and 6 students in schools around Victoria to work on tasks that will extend their critical thinking, problem solving and creativity- enriching their understanding of English and Mathematics.

The following students will begin their High Ability classes this week and will complete these classes weekly for the duration of Term Three.

Primary Maths:

- ★ Xavier M
- ★ Maisie G
- ★ Anne Sophie A
- ★ Thomas H

Primary English:

- ★ Charlotte C
- ★ Reese P

Congratulations to these students for their wonderful achievements.

This program will focus on tasks that stimulate students' critical thinking, problem solving and creativity – enriching their understanding of English and mathematics. The program will not focus on accelerating students through core Victorian Curriculum content. Students will be pushed out of their learning comfort zone and parents and caregivers should be aware that many high-ability students may not be accustomed to this type of challenge. Students may need to be reassured that being challenged in this way is an important part of learning.



Greensborough Primary School has made an amazing start to this year's Premiers' Reading Challenge. Thirty-five students have commenced the challenge and three students have already completed it – amazing reading everybody!

Congratulations to the following students who have made a start on this year's challenge:

- Prep** Thomas M, Sofia, Celeste, Liam M and Max.
- 1/2A** Shyamala, Kashvika, Natasa, Raythan, Elsie, William and Ethan R.
- 1/2B** Mary, Olivia M, Billie G, Victor, Lily, Abigail and Ella F.
- 3/4A** Ella M, Jacob, Ren, Yamee and Lachie G.
- 3/4B** Scarlett, Dan Anh, Kaitlin, Lizzie.
- 5/6A** Charlotte.
- 5/5B** Hugo, Elouise C, Anjali, Bella, Josh and Maisie G.

Raythan and Kashvika of 1/2A and Max from Prep have already completed the challenge and are excited to receive their certificates and a special fish and chip lunch next term.

Claire Storey

VHAP & PRC Coordinator

STUDENT WELLBEING

Hi Everyone,

I hope that you 'embraced' Winter over the term break! Did anyone enjoy some time in the snow and the **uniqueness** of the snowflakes?

In today's world, our children and young people worry more about fitting in than remaining true to themselves. They should feel that it is OK to **EXPRESS** and **ACKNOWLEDGE their own UNIQUENESS – THEIR LIKES/DISLIKES, THEIR OPINIONS, THEIR INTERESTS, THEIR TALENTS, THEIR CULTURE/HERITAGE.**



THE SNOWFLAKE METAPHOR

Children are like **SNOWFLAKES** – NO TWO ARE THE SAME, BUT EACH IS BEAUTIFUL AND UNIQUE!

- ✦ They come in all shapes and sizes.
- ✦ Some are delicate and cling to you tenaciously.
- ✦ Some you couldn't catch if your life depended on it.
- ✦ Some float silently and gently.
- ✦ Others bluster and demand our attention.
- ✦ Some need our immediate action.
- ✦ And others are best left on their own.



Their individuality, like snowflakes, is a precious gift. **BUT TOGETHER THEY CAN COVER THE WORLD IN A BRIGHTY AND SHINING BLANKET THAT INVITES US ALL TO WATCH THE 'SNOW' FALL.**

'**Just like Snowflakes**' - this book has an inspiring message that empowers children to embrace their uniqueness and to be proud of who they are.

Sadly, in today's world our children and young people do not receive the positive news of their **UNIQUENESS**. Adverse experiences with social media and negative messages of influencers and advertising often result in anxiety, lack of confidence, and, in some case, self-loathing as they concentrate on who they are NOT, rather than seeing **the UNIQUE, WONDERFUL PERSON THEY ARE.**

I'm sure that all of us can recall a period in our lives when we have failed to see our own **UNIQUENESS**. We should have no expectations that any two should be or will be the same. **LIKE A BEAUTIFUL, INDIVIDUAL SNOWFLAKE GLISTENING IN A SNOWFALL, LET'S HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN EMBRACE THEIR UNIQUENESS!**

Take care & stay warm!

Robyn Mulholland

Student Wellbeing

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

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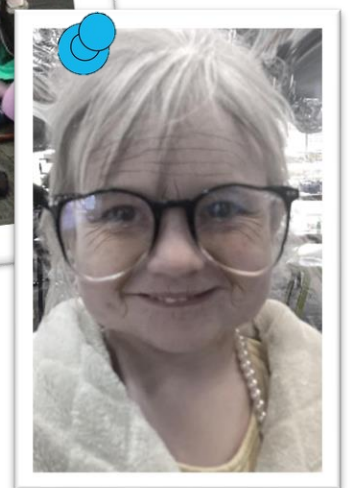
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Our Preps have been working hard at school, learning, playing and having fun together this year. We have been keeping track of the days we've been at school and are so excited to announce that our 100 days of Prep will fall on Friday the 28th of July!

The Preps will come dressed like they are 100 years old to participate in fun activities throughout the day. Keep your eyes peeled for the fun things we will be getting up to on the day, and I can't wait to see the Preps dressed up!

Ye Olde Photo Album





Pupil of the Week



2023 ~ Term 2 ~ Week 8

Prep	<i>Harriet</i>	For her excellent resilience towards learning and always pushing herself to do her best!
Grade 1/2 A	<i>Ethan</i>	For putting his best effort into his leaning tasks this week.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Leo</i>	For being a responsible and respectful student at school.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Heidi</i>	For her effective dictionary skills in Guided Reading sessions this week. Keep it up!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Ivy</i>	For doing such an amazing job in co-ordinating 'Chicken Chiefs'.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Zoe</i>	For her outstanding effort and attention to detail when creating her journal entries for the 'Expo'.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Lachie</i>	For being an outstanding goalkeeper in our ISS Soccer Team! Great leadership from a tough role!
Art	<i>Olivia 5/6B</i>	For an excellent semester in Art. Thank you for your help with sewing the fish on our mural.
Discovery	<i>Hannah 1/2A</i>	For a creative free-choice build of a rainbow letter.
Library	<i>Millie 1/2B</i>	For always being an enthusiastic learner.
PE	<i>Annabelle 1/2B</i>	For amazing Lacrosse skills.
STEM Prep – Grade 2	<i>Xavier 1/2A</i>	For trying his best and overcoming his doubts.
STEM Grades 3 – 6	<i>Heidi 3/4A</i>	For being a supportive friend and learner.
OSHClub	<i>Charlotte 5/6A</i>	For being an enthusiastic member of our OSHClub Group.

2023 ~ Term 2 ~ Week 9

Prep	<i>Harley</i>	For always coming to school with a positive attitude and giving everything a go.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Hannah</i>	For placing great emphasis on extending her writing pieces.
Grade 1/2B	<i>Laura</i>	For being a kind and respectful friend to all.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Lachie</i>	For his wonderful feedback and interesting questions during our biography presentations.
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Cody</i>	For using his initiative to ask his peers great questions during their biography presentations.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Thomas</i>	For the dedication you showed to your Discovery learning this term!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Xavier</i>	For your exceptional growth in Magic Maths! Well done mate!!
PE	<i>Jasper 3/4A</i>	For lending a helping hand and being kind to others.
STEM Prep – Grade 2	<i>Abigail 1/2B</i>	For pushing yourself and coming out of your shell.
STEM Grades 3 – 6	<i>Ren 3/4A</i>	What a critical thinker, amazing job in the quiz.

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TUESDAY

**1.40pm-2.20pm
Library**

Weekly classes will help improve:

- Creativity
- Memory
- Concentration
- Planning Skills
- Independent Decision Making
- General Aptitude for Learning
- Problem Solving
- Teamwork



Learning chess has been shown to improve overall performance at school by nearly 20 % compared with children who have not

To book online, scan or go to chessmates.com.au/schools

**INFO@CHESSMATES.COM.AU
1300 CHESS MATES**

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DIGIMAKER

Programming for young Makers

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CLUB!

@ Greensborough Primary School

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



DEVELOP SKILLS

- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving



LEARN

- Computer Science Concepts
- Fundamentals of programming
Loops, Events, Randomness and more

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

- Scratch
- Python
- Javascript
- .. and many more



MAKE

- Games
- Web pages
- Apps

Digimaker structured program runs each term and is charged on a per-term basis. Students will use school computer during the lesson.

9 WEEK TERM PROGRAM

Program for **Term 3 2023** is as follows:

Year levels: 2 to 6

Term Fee: \$165 excl GST

LUNCH TIME

1:40pm – 2:25pm

BATCH

Fridays 14th Jul to 8th Sep 2023

Fill out the form online by
Thursday 22nd Jun 2023



www.digimaker.com.au/enrol

Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email**

** All important emails from Digimaker will be sent from info@digimaker.com.au. Please ensure this address is whitelisted in your Junk Email filters or added as a Trusted contact.

HOLIDAY E-LEARNING PROGRAM

2 HOURS OF FUN FILLED CODING
FULLY SUPERVISED OVER ZOOM
(5 DAYS A WEEK!)

<https://www.digimaker.com.au/events/school-holiday-coding-program/>

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What's been happening at OSH holiday care...

From Reese, Inaaya, Charlotte and Kobe - your OSHClub student Reps.

'Everyone enjoyed Week One, some of the most popular activities were Clay Monsters, Mystery Box Games and Challenge of the Mind. Some of the opinions of Week One were that they thought it was a nice few days and they loved dancing and seeing their friends.'

'Week Two! Everyone loved week 2. The movies were a hit and all of the activities were amazingly fun and action packed! Some of the thoughts of the kids who went there were, that they loved the movies, Clowning Around Friday and making the kangaroos.'

Thanks to the staff who made it all possible on both weeks.

Photo Gallery



Special Announcements

As we are currently looking at our planning for the next Holiday Program, we would love your feedback as to what you thought about the program just gone by. Your feedback helps us structure and plan ahead for a positive outcome for all families. Help us to help you.

Coming Up

14th July **Cooking Club - Banana Bread**

18th July **Face Painting Day**

20th July **Splatter Painting**

Student of the Week

We are extremely proud to announce this week's Student of The Week. Who was seen having so much fun at Holiday Program and spent a great deal of his time interacting with staff, peers and being creative with arts/crafts?

Congratulations Isaac K! We are so proud that you enjoyed all the things we had planned here during the Holidays. We love putting smiles on Children's faces and you had one of the biggest. Well done!



Congratulations to our Student Reps who have done a wonderful job putting together their first newsletter. You are all amazing helpers.



Quality Area Reflection

QUALITY AREAS WE ARE FOCUSING

ON:

Links with the Community.