



Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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Friday 20 October 2023	Swimming Session 9 – Fun Day
Wednesday 25 October 2023	Grade 5 STEAM Excursion Session 2 – Bundoora Secondary College
Friday 27 October 2023	P&F Baker's Delight Food Day National ES & Teachers Day
Monday 30 October 2023	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
Thursday 02 November 2023	Grade 5 STEAM Excursion Session 3 – Bundoora Secondary College
Monday 06 November 2023	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 07 November 2023	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday 08 November 2023	Grade 5/6 Sexuality Education Incursion – 9:00am to 1:30pm
Thursday 09 November 2023	Prep & Grade One Breakfast at School Grade 5 STEAM Excursion Session 4 – Bundoora Secondary College
Friday 10 November 2023	2024 Prep Transition – Session 1 Remembrance Day Ceremony – 10:50am
Monday 13 November 2023	'Active To School' month – 13 November to 15 December 2023 2024 Phillip Island Camp Information Night – 4:00pm
Friday 17 November 2023	2024 Prep Transition – Session 2
Monday 20 November 2023	Grade 5 Greensborough Secondary College Excursion
Wednesday 22 November 2023	Grade 5 & 6 Excursion – MSC Production – 10:30am to 1:00pm
Friday 24 November 2023	2024 Prep Transition – Session 3 P&F Food Day
Monday 27 November 2023	School Council Meeting – 6:30pm
Friday 01 December 2023	2024 Prep Transition – Session 4
Thursday 07 December 2023	Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony
Friday 08 December 2023	2024 Grade Allocations sent home
Monday 11 December 2023	Grade 6 Big Day Out Parents & Friends Christmas Picnic – 4:30pm – TBC
Tuesday 12 December 2023	Meet the 2024 Teacher
Friday 15 December 2023	2023 Semester 2 Reports to go home Footsteps School Disco Ice-Cream Truck visit
Tuesday 19 December 2023	Last Day of School for 2023 – Early Dismissal at 1:30pm
Wednesday 20 December 2023	Curriculum & Planning Day – Pupil-Free Day

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Principal's Report

Thank you to all the parents and family members who generously gave their time on Saturday to assist with the BBQ and raise funds for our school. Special thanks to Parents and Friends President, Kate, for her preparation prior to the day and ensuring it ran smoothly.

It was World Mental Health Day last week and the learning programs and extracurricular activities teachers planned for the term are certainly contributing to our students' emotional wellbeing. Our junior school students enjoyed their excursion to the zoo and for several it was a first-time experience! The Grade Two students had an exciting time at their sleepover and we thank staff Claire, Alison, Alessia and Kylie for giving our students this memorable experience, which is a highlight of their primary school years.

The Grade 5/6 Travel Expo was an excellent opportunity for our senior students to showcase their knowledge about the country they researched. I know I certainly learnt several interesting facts from their displays and answers to questions. The Expo was visited by other grades, parents and family members and was a highlight of our week. Thank you to parents and carers for your support of these programs.



We were very proud of our Recorder group as they performed three songs for us at assembly this week. Students have learnt their new skills in a very short time and are very keen to become even more proficient. We thank Kate Crilly, who is new to our teaching staff in Semester Two for sharing her musical talents with our students. Kate also teaches several Writing Extension groups across the Grade 1/2 and 3/4 areas and we're looking forward to reading their stories once published.



Our Lego Extension group has proudly displayed their creations in the foyer for our community to enjoy. These kits are designed for 18yrs + and we commend our students for their perseverance to problem-solve and work with their partners to build their models.

Student Support Groups

Next week a COMPASS post will be sent to parents of children who have Student Support Group (SSG) meetings to arrange an appointment for this term. We ask all families who would like a meeting to contact their child's class teacher promptly so we can finalise our SSG schedule.

World Teachers' Day

This year, we are taking the opportunity to say thank you for the incredible contributions our teachers and Education Support staff make to Greensborough Primary by celebrating World Teachers' Day on Friday 27th October with a special morning tea for staff. We recognise the passion our teachers and ES staff have, and we are very fortunate at GPS to have staff who know each child and nurture the development of the 'whole child' not just their academic growth. Our staff go 'above and beyond' in their dedication to their role, and we certainly appreciate their efforts and care for our students and community.

2024 Staffing Profile

Our planning for 2024 is well underway and I have included the proposed grade structure again for families below, based on all the information we currently have for staffing and enrolments.

I remind parents or caregivers that ***if you have any specific requests for next year it's very important that you send in your requests via email, phone, handwritten note or in person, to the office, Margaret or myself by tomorrow, Friday October 20th*** so this can be factored into decision making. We are usually able to accommodate requests, however if not, parents will be contacted to discuss further, before grades are finalised. Notification of 2024 grades will be sent home on Friday December 8th and students will meet their 2024 teachers and spend the morning with them on Tuesday 12th December.

Allocating students to their 2024 grades is a very lengthy process, and includes students' nomination of friends, teachers' consideration of students' friendship groups, school data on academic abilities and needs, and parent input on specific requests for their children. We will be finalising grades by October 27th, so we can begin handover of student information from this year's teacher to next.

Program	Staffing
Prep	Jill Chen
Grade 1/2 A	Claire Storey 0.5 & Alison Gibson 0.5
Grade 1/2 B	Alessia Celotto
Grade 3/4 A	Rebecca Gauci
Grade 3/4 B	Vanessa Cunningham 0.6 & Kate Crilly 0.4
Grade 5/6 A	Paula Ly
Grade 5/6 B	Jesse Stephens
Library	Francesca Ciavola
Visual Arts	Kristy Bedford
Physical Education	Leo Derrick
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)	TBC
Mandarin	Han Hung
Integration Aides	Emilia Sacchetta, Kylie Freestone, Lynette Taylor, Sarah Krupa, Claire Embling
Business Manager	Mehgan Uren
Assistant Principal	Margaret Hirth
Principal	Angela Morritt

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Principal

Scholarships to support students

Scholarships are available for eligible students in Grade 4 to Year 11, and for Year 12 students planning to do tertiary studies in 2024.

Student scholarships

The Department of Education administers a number of scholarships that are available to eligible students who are enrolled in Grade 4 to Year 12 in 2023.

Applicants for these scholarships will be evaluated on their:

- ★ participation in school activities
- ★ community involvement
- ★ academic achievement.

Scholarships are either one-off payments or cover the duration of the student's course or annual study.

Many of these scholarships have specific eligibility criteria so please refer to individual applications for more information. Applications are open and close on Thursday 1 February 2024.

For more information and a list of available scholarships, refer to the 2024 Student scholarships for Grade 4 – Year 12 fact sheets found at [Student scholarships | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.vic.gov.au/student-scholarships), including information on how to apply.

2024 Prep Transition

We are greatly looking forward to meeting our 2024 Prep students and their families for four sessions on Friday mornings November 10th – December 1st. The transition sessions are a great opportunity for our Prep teacher, Jill Chen and her new students to get to know each other and family members begin to establish relationships with our school community. Jill will also visit kindergartens to have a thorough handover of information that will assist a successful transition to primary school.

Reminder: Curriculum Days Term 4

Families are reminded that the day before Cup Day, Monday November 6th is a Curriculum Day and students will not attend school. Staff will be moderating student work samples and working on assessment and reporting. The last day of Term Four, Wednesday 20th December, is our final Professional Practice Day for the year and is also a student free day. Teachers will be planning for 2024 classes on this day. The last day for students will be Tuesday 19th December and school will finish at 1.30pm. Please contact OSHClub if you require your children to attend on Wednesday 20th December.

2024 Student Book Packs

Dear Parents,

As was the case last year, families are able to order 2024 Student Book Packs through the online MAXIM portal. The portal for ordering Book Packs opens on Friday 13th October.

The instructions (*attached*) are extremely easy to follow, and with a cut-off date of November 3rd, we will be assured that all orders are delivered to the school this year, ready for a smooth start to the 2024 school year. If orders are placed after this date they will be delivered early next year but may not be at school for the very start of the school year.

If you have any difficulties with the ordering process there is a direct number for MAXIM or, if you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you to all families for your assistance with this.

Margaret Hirth



HOW TO ONLINE ORDER WITH MAXIM OFFICE GROUP PTY LTD

Greensborough Primary School

Dear Parents,

Many thanks for supporting Greensborough PS with the online portal. We have partnered with Maxim Office Group Pty Ltd to ensure a seamless school start for 2024. Packs will be delivered to the school.

If you have any questions, please call Maxim on 1800 25 35 35.

Please note:

The portal goes live for orders on Friday 13th October.

Orders must be placed by Friday 3rd of November 2023 to ensure delivery to the school at the end of 2023 so all resources are ready for your child for the start of the 2024 school year.

To order your Bookpack:

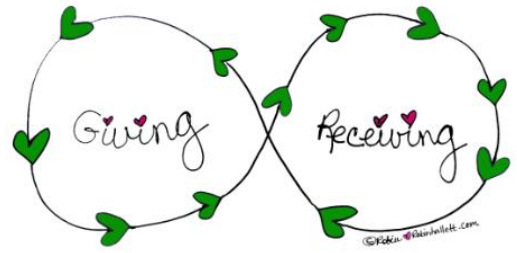
1. Please follow this link: <http://www.maxim.booklists.com.au>
2. Your access code is: **GREENSBPS**
**Please note this is capital sensitive. Please enter code as displayed in screen.*
3. Select the year level required for order
4. Please ensure that the students' name, your name and contact details are given and correct
5. Select 'Place order'
6. If purchasing more than one booklist, please select 'Add another booklist' and follow the same procedure from step 3
7. Select 'Proceed to payment options'
8. Your total payment amount required will display on screen
9. Select 'Pay Now'
10. Please choose your check-out option – Credit/ Direct Debit available. Ensure payment details are correctly entered
11. You will receive a payment receipt and an order confirmation to the email address you provided
12. Your child's pack/s will be delivered to the school and sent to their 2024 classroom

Thank you,
Maxim Office Group Pty Ltd

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STUDENT WELLBEING

It is a joy to work alongside a number of volunteers at Greensborough PS, mostly through the Kids Hope mentoring program (two of our mentors have been doing this for 18 years now) and our Breakfast Club volunteers. The school has a number of parents who volunteer, as well as former Education support staff, extension program helpers and our maintenance gurus and library assistant. Forgive me if I have left anyone out.



In our last newsletter we celebrated our volunteer Tony's 90th birthday. This week we celebrate another of our Breakfast Club volunteers – **Marguerite who has turned 80!** Marguerite began her working life as a primary school teacher while also enjoying writing, so she left teaching and pursued journalism. These days Marguerite is very passionate about sustainability and climate change, and actively raises awareness of these important issues. **SO HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY, MARGUERITE!** Thanks also for serving in our Breakfast Club.

I am sure that both Tony and Marguerite, and all who volunteer at GPS, would agree that **WITH THE JOY OF GIVING, THEY RECEIVE MUCH MORE IN RETURN** – including a sense of joy, connectedness in having a sense of purpose as part of the community, longevity in being active in body, mind and spirit, a sense of making a difference, reduced loneliness and depression as we focus on others, to name a few! **AGE IS NO BARRIER, YOUNG OR OLDER!**



We've all experienced it before: that tingle of happiness that floods your mind when you give something to someone else. Indeed, research shows people who are keen to do good are **more likely to rate themselves as happy**. **This is the power of reaching out – it benefits both giver and receiver.** And the good news is you don't have to do anything drastic. Simple actions like buying a friend coffee, baking biscuits for your colleagues or volunteering for a short period of time are enough to get those feel-good vibes flowing.

So, in a world in which we hear of much hurt and sadness, **LET CHANGE BEGIN WITH US AND ENCOURAGE OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF GIVING, SO THAT THEY MAY RECEIVE INCREASED SELF-WORTH AND JOY!**



Stay safe and well!!!

Robyn Mulholland

Student Wellbeing

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

9:00am to 3:30pm

robyn.mulholland@education.vic.gov.au

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PIT Gymnastics

BACK at GPS



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MATHS OLYMPIAD

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Over Term 2 and Term 3, several of our math whizzes have participated in the APSMO Maths Olympiad. They competed in four separate contests, challenging their mathematical thinking and improving their understanding of new mathematical concepts. It was wonderful to see our students work hard to perform their best throughout the competition period. Both teams achieved amazing results and I would like to congratulate everyone on their efforts and persistence!

Our Maths Explorers from Grade 3/4 include Tomas R, Jacob B, Evelyn H, Philippa A, Ren L, Lizzie S and Lachie G.

From Grade 5/6 we have Olivia W, Zak C, Madison J, Zoe C, Xavier M, Josh F, Hugo F, Liam S, Liam D, Riley M, Lachie H, Bella E.

A huge congratulations to Bella for achieving a score in the Top 10% of all individual scores in the competition. Well done!



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TRAVEL EXPO IN 5/6

📍 EUROPE
📍 UNITED KINGDOM
📍 ASIA
📍 AMERICA
📍 AFRICA

FEATURES :

- PERSONAL GUIDES
- INFORMATIVE POSTERS
- DIGITAL PRESENTATIONS
- FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT

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GRADE 5/6 STUDENTS
Greensborough Primary School

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SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Dear families, just a reminder that Book Club orders are **due this Friday the 20th of October**.

It is our last catalogue for the year and a great way to get started on your Christmas shopping. If your order is a gift, please indicate this on your order or inform Mehgan in the office and we will contact you when it is ready for collection.

Thank you for your support this year, we have been able to obtain many new books for the library with the rewards we receive from your purchase. This keeps the shelves in our library full of current books and our readers excited to see what they may find. Thank you.

Claire Embling

Book Club Coordinator



Grade Two Sleepover

Last Thursday, the Grade Two students came back to school at 5:30pm for a school sleepover. After setting up their beds, they played team games in the hall, enjoyed a delicious dinner together, followed by some quiet card games on their beds. After resting the students were ready to dance. 1/2B's classroom transformed into disco, with colourful lights, a DJ (Miss Celotto) and even a conga line. Dessert was a hit, ice-cream with all the toppings. Then it was time to get ready for bed. After a few giggles, and a little bit of chattering everyone nodded off to sleep. In the morning the students packed up their things, had a yummy breaky and then headed off to class. It was a fabulous night, with the Grade Twos all agreeing 'It was the best night ever!!!'.

From the kids...

Last Friday, the Grade Twos slept over at school. First of all, we pumped up our mattresses and said goodbye to our parents and brothers and sisters. We went to the hall to play some games and then we had our dinner. Our dinner was delicious, we had chicken nuggets and chips and some fish fingers too.

We put on our P.J.s and had a disco. We watched a short movie before we went to bed. The Sleepover was so much fun!

By Olivia.

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Grade Two Sleepover

The sleepover was great because I had an amazing dinner! We had chicken nuggets, fish fingers and chips. After dinner we had our disco and trust me it was great! I was one of the last kids to wake up in the morning.

By Dash

At the Grade Two sleepover, we had lots of fun. We started with some games and then had our dinner. I had spring rolls and chips. We had a disco party after dinner and then had some ice cream. We watched a tv show before we went to bed and although it took a while for me to sleep, I had a great time.

By Atrí

On Thursday night and Friday morning, we had the Grade Two sleepover. I had the best time. For dinner I had chips and I had vanilla ice cream with sprinkles and chocolate sauce for dessert. After we had some time in our room to play some games we had from home, we had a disco and I knew a few of the songs. After the disco we got changed for bed and watched an episode of Alvin and the Chipmunks and then we went to bed, I barely got any sleep!

By Shyamala



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The Melbourne Zoo Excursion

The 1/2s and the Preps had a great time at the zoo. We saw the lions and elephants and had so much fun. We walked for a really long time and learnt a lot of things. Some of us fell asleep on the bus on the way home.

By Kleo

We went to the zoo with 1/2B and the Preps. We saw lions, tigers and Lemurs. It was a lot of fun. My favourite animals were the reptiles, like the lizards and snakes.

By William

We went on the bus with 1/2B and the Preps to the zoo. We went to see the lemurs and then went to a place and saw someone feeding the turtles. My favourite part was seeing the lions.

By Kira





Pupil of the Week



2023 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 1

Prep	<i>Lilyana</i>	For great effort and enthusiasm in reading groups. Well done!
Grade 1/2 A	<i>Arlowe</i>	For always having such a positive attitude and giving 100% effort to all activities.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Yasmin</i>	For impressive efforts in her reading and Magic Words.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Shashvat</i>	For a fantastic start at Greensborough Primary School. Welcome to 3/4A, Shashvat!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Sofian</i>	For his effort in maintaining focus, and using initiative, and sharing his learning with others. Super effort!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Zak</i>	For his fantastic efforts and work ethic for his Germany Project! Well done!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Liam D</i>	Your hard work and research on the USA has not gone unnoticed! Keep up the great work, mate!
Art	<i>Kashvika A 1/2A</i>	For an excellent collage inspired by Henri Matisse.
Discovery	<i>Anastasia M 3/4B</i>	For showing great creativity with your Lego build.
Library	<i>Madison J 5/6A</i>	Thank you for always giving 100%.
PE	<i>Rona R 1/2A</i>	For helping others with a big smile on her face.
STEM Prep – Grade 2	<i>Garrus S 1/2B</i>	For staying calm, even when very excited!
STEM Grades 3 – 6	<i>Lachie G 3/4A</i>	Your enthusiasm for coding is infectious.
OSHClub	<i>Billie G 1/2B</i>	For being an enthusiastic helper.

2023 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 2

Prep	<i>Celeste</i>	For her detailed illustrations in her published book. Well done!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Izac</i>	For getting involved in all the fun of the Grade 2 Sleepover.
Grade 1/2B	<i>Olivia</i>	For leading by example and showing great enthusiasm during the Grade 2 Sleepover.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Evelyn</i>	For her clear, concise birds-eye-view map of the 3/4B Classroom.
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Hugo</i>	For using his mathematical skills to calculate the distance between Australia's capital cities.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Jess</i>	For giving others a helping hand during our Travel Expo Project!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Maisy R</i>	For giving a great holiday snapshot at our Travel Expo! Well done!
Library	<i>Liam G 3/4A</i>	Congratulations on your work confidence and presentation skills – Excellent!
PE	<i>Raiden D 3/4A</i>	For showing your competitive spirit.
STEM Prep – Grade 2	<i>Caleb P 1/2B</i>	For being an amazing problem-solver in STEM.
STEM Grades 3 – 6	<i>Thomas H 5/6A</i>	For your love of all things STEM!

What's been happening at OSHClub.....

The children have been well cared for during my recent absence by Rita and our team of Casuals to whom we are grateful.

The end of October rings the bell for a number of celebrations and coming up we will be very busy with a diverse variety of activities to keep the children happy and engaged. First we will take a light hearted look at the world of Halloween. This will be followed by the season where the nation stops to celebrate a race that will stop the nation...The Melbourne Cup, well our Greensborough OSHClub version anyway.

If you have any Ideas please share them with us as we would love our program to reflect your Ideas and Input. We would love to hear from especially talented parents who could teach us new skills.

Photo Gallery



Special Announcements

As Term 4 approaches we remind families that wearing Hats and sunscreen for outdoor play are compulsory.

Please ensure your child has a hat when attending OSHClub. As the fee structure has changed, can parents please ensure they utilise the parent portal where possible to make your bookings.

Coming Up

25th
Oct

Cooking Club - Eyeball cakes

26th
Oct

Groovy Ghoulies

30th
Oct

Halloween Activities- Trick for a treat

Student of the Week

Please join us In congratulating this week's OSHClub Student of The Week, Reese Pont. One of our dedicated Student Leadership Team, Reece is quick to rise to any challenge sent her way and is a wonderful role model for the other students. Thank you for your dedication. Our congratulations again Reese.



By now you know about Friday Funday.

Come and see some of the amazing activities we do on Fridays.

This week we are going to celebrate the world of Minions. Learn to communicate with and eat like minions (healthy) See you there.

Quality Area Reflection

QUALITY AREAS WE ARE FOCUSING
ON:
Relationships with Children.