



# Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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## Borough Bulletin ~ 16 November 2023

Friday 17 November 2023	2024 Prep Transition – Session 2
Monday 20 November 2023	Grade 5 Greensborough Secondary College Excursion
Tuesday 21 November 2023	Premier’s Reading Challenge Lunch
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 Hot Dog 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 – 5:00pm
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
Monday 29 January 2024	Curriculum Day – Pupil-Free Day
Tuesday 20 January 2024	First Day – Term 1 2024
Monday 11 March 2024	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 12 March 2024	CYC Philip Island Camp – Grade 3 to Grade 6 – Day 1
Wednesday 13 March 2024	CYC Philip Island Camp – Grade 3 to Grade 6 – Day 2
Thursday 14 March 2024	CYC Philip Island Camp – Grade 3 to Grade 6 – Day 3

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## Principal's Report

### Remembrance Day Services

Congratulations to our School Captains, Bella and Riley who were presented with a \$200 scholarship by Watsonia RSL in recognition of their leadership skills. Bella and Riley attended the Remembrance Day service last Saturday and laid a wreath on behalf of our school, before proceeding to the awards ceremony afterwards. We're proud that our students' qualities have been recognised and wish them well as they continue their leadership journey in secondary school.

We were also proud of our school Vice-Captains, Zoe and Lachlan who represented GPS at the Greensborough Remembrance Day service, joined by one of our younger students, Jackson. The service men and women they spoke to were very pleased to hear that GPS holds a whole-school service each year to commemorate service men and women who have served Australia in all wars and armed conflicts. Our students were very respectful as they listened to our school leaders read the Ode of Remembrance and observed a minute's silence.



### Successful Grant Applications

We are very pleased to announce that two of our recent grant submissions have been successful. We have received \$5000 from the Banyule Council Arts and Culture Grant to complete the second stage of our fence mural. Jesse Stephens and I will make contact with indigenous artist Corey Thorpe to discuss the project and we look forward to its completion in 2024.

We have also been notified that our application for the Australian Government National Student Wellbeing Program (NSWP) funding for 2024 to 2027 has been successful. The NSWP allows us to employ Robyn Mulholland to provide pastoral care services and strategies that support the wellbeing of our students and school community. Robyn's work at GPS is invaluable and we are very pleased that she will continue at GPS in this important role.

We are still waiting on the outcome of our second North East Link Project (NELP) Community Grant to build a rubber road linking our Tiny Town buildings. In the meantime, we were pleased to add some outdoor picnic tables near our mud kitchen for students to enjoy. If any families have some milk crates at home, they aren't using, we'd love to have 2 more to store our mud kitchen equipment. The milk crates are ideal as any water, dirt, seeds or grass used as cooking ingredients will fall through the bottom. Please contact the office if you have crates or other items to donate for the kitchen.



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## Help Win \$2000 For Our School

Thank you to Kristy, our Art Teacher and our very artistic students who decorated a magnificent tree for the Greensborough Plaza Competition. The Plaza is displaying Christmas trees decorated by nine local primary schools. Customers who spend \$20 at any retailer can claim a token from the Customer Service Desk on level 2. Tokens will be used to vote for their chosen school's Christmas tree, located on Level 2, near Toyworld. The school with the most tokens at the end of the campaign will receive a \$2000 gift card. So, encourage your friends and family members to vote for GPS or simply go along and enjoy the wonderful display.

**Location: Level 2, Near Toyworld Dates: 15 Nov – 17 Dec**



## End Of Year Twilight Picnic!

We're all looking forward to our end of year picnic on Monday 11th December. This family evening is one of the highlights of our school year and provides us with an opportunity to celebrate together as a community. Families are invited to arrive at 5pm with chairs or picnic blankets and purchase dinner from the P&F barbeque or bring a picnic from home. At 5:30pm teachers will run games/activities and then at 6:30 each grade will sing a Christmas Carol at the outdoor learning area. We sincerely hope everyone can join us.

## Student Leadership

We are currently in full swing with preparation for 2024 formal student leadership positions. The new Student Wellbeing Leaders have begun training and Lynette, is still receiving Expressions of Interest. On Monday 27th November, our Grade Five students who are applying for School Captain positions will give their speeches and given the calibre of our Grade 5s, we expect it will be a very difficult decision. On Monday December 4th, the House Captain speeches will be given and students in each house will have the opportunity to vote for their new leaders.

It's always impressive to listen to our students explain why they want to be leaders at Greensborough Primary and outline their vision for what they would like to achieve or how they'd like to support their peers and school community.

## Active To School Month

We've seen an increase in the number of students who are walking, riding or scooting all or part way to school this week and we hope it continues for the remainder of the year as we participate in Active To School month. Families may have noticed new footpath decals promoting the route to GPS and Banyule Council have also provided \$200 for Robyn and her helpers to provide some extra delicious menu items at Breakfast Club on Wednesdays. Classes are tracking their increased exercise and learning about sustainable travel.

## Student Reports on COMPASS

Parents and Carers are reminded to save student reports from COMPASS on to your computer hard drive, so that you will always have access to them. As our Grade 6 students are nearing the end of the primary school journey, and teachers are preparing their final reports, we're mindful that once they are exited from our school, they will no longer have access to their COMPASS accounts and their semester reports. If any family members have difficulty completing this task, please contact your child's teacher for assistance.

## Curriculum Days Term 4

Families are reminded that 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.

Kind regards,

*Angela Morrill*

Principal

# 2024 Student Book Packs



ABN: 80 634 406 769

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Orders must be placed by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

# STUDENT WELLBEING

Hi Everyone,

**'Seven Days without exercise makes one WEAK!!!'**



## Benefits of physical activity for children

Children love to play and be active. To benefit their health, children over 5 years of age should be physically active for at least 60 minutes every day. It doesn't need to be a structured sport, anything that gets them up and moving will help.

Fewer than 1 out of 4 children aged 5 to 14 years get the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

Encouraging your child to be physically active every day will help them stay active and healthy through adolescence and adulthood.

## Encouraging your child to sit less

Australian children are spending more time than ever sitting or lying down, often because they're using electronic media. All children spend time sitting at school, doing homework and reading. It's important to find a healthy balance by encouraging activities that allow for more opportunities for them to move.

The Australian Government recommends that children aged 5 to 12 years should spend no more than 2 hours a day in front of a screen time. Ages 2 to 5 no more than 1 hour a day in front of a screen, while children under 2 years of age shouldn't have any screen time at all.

## Encouraging your child to move more

According to 'Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines', children need the following:

- ✦ **Birth to 1 year:** moving on the floor from birth (including at least 30 minutes per day of tummy time while awake).
- ✦ **1 to 5 years:** least 3 hours of being physically active, spread throughout the day including running, jumping, dancing and/or skipping; 5 to 12 years: at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day to increase the heart rate and strengthen their muscles and bones. That includes fast walking, riding a bike or scooter, playing, running and participating in organised sports, monkey bars, gymnastics, swimming, yoga and climbing.

60 minutes of physical activity doesn't have to be done all in one session. You can build it up, so your child accumulates the physical activity over the day.

## What are the health benefits of exercise?

- ✦ They will develop healthy bones, muscles and joints, heart and lungs and their coordination, strength and muscle control will improve.
- ✦ They will maintain a healthy body weight.
- ✦ Their body will become more flexible, and their balance and posture will improve.
- ✦ Their brain will develop vital connections, leading to improved concentration and thinking skills.
- ✦ They are less likely to develop chronic diseases, such as heart disease and type 2 diabetes.

## How can I encourage my child to be physically active?

- ✦ Choose activities your child likes and that are fun.
- ✦ Make sure your child tries a variety of activities.
- ✦ Praise and encourage your child when they are being active.
- ✦ Build physical activity into your child's day by walking to school, washing the car or helping in the garden.



- ✧ Reward your child with an activity like a visit to the park rather than with screen time.
- ✧ Be active yourself and involve the whole family.



“Intelligence and skill can only function at the peak of their capacity when the body is healthy and strong.” John F. Kennedy (former President of the USA)

So, I look forward to many stories of ACTIVE TO SCHOOL over the next few weeks, especially on Wednesday mornings as the students enjoy special 'ACTIVE TO SCHOOL' BREAKFASTS! The cheese toasties, yoghurt and berries were very popular this week!

**TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY. IT'S THE ONLY PLACE YOU HAVE TO LIVE IN.**

Stay safe and well!!

*Robyn Mulholland*

Student Wellbeing

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

9:00am to 3:30pm

[robyn.mulholland@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:robyn.mulholland@education.vic.gov.au)

## Prep & Grade 1 Breakfast



Last Thursday it was the Prep/1 Breakfast. It was so fun because we came to school in our pyjamas. We ate breakfast in Miss Chen's room and we got to sit next to different people and talk to them. We did our dishes and got dressed. My favourite part was when we got to butter our own toast.

By *Elsie*



# Prep & Grade 1 Breakfast

At the Prep/Breakfast, we had so much fun. We sat down in our seats that had a placemat that we made in class. We were able to choose our breakfast. The choices were toast and cereal. We were able to have orange juice and apple juice too. When we were finished we were able to wash and dry our dishes and get ready to start the day at Greensborough Primary School.

By *William*



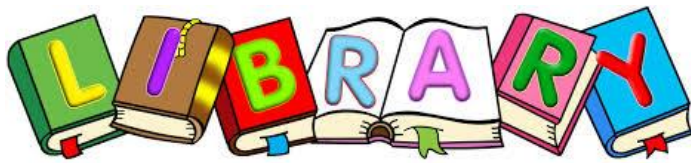
I had rice bubbles, toast and Jam and some blackcurrant juice at the Prep/1 Breakfast it was delicious. We did the dishes and then got dressed. We brushed our teeth and packed our bags and started class. My favourite part was that it was also my birthday.

By *Kira*



*'Breakfast is the most important meal of the day.'*

*- John Gunther*



Thank you to everyone for supporting and enjoying our Library this year.

We are extremely lucky at Greensborough Primary School to have such a fabulous library.

As Term 4 is quickly passing, could we please ask everyone to begin returning their library books. Borrowing will continue for a few more weeks, however late notices will come home tomorrow. Please return these books. Remember library books can be returned by placing them in the Green Returns Tub outside the library.

Happy Reading Everyone

*Francesca Ciavola*

Librarian/Teacher



# Special Lunch Day.

Throughout Term Two and Term Three, 46 students from Greensborough Primary School completed this year's Premiers' Reading Challenge.

As a reward for this amazing achievement, these students will have a special lunch day on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.**



**Congratulations again to the students below for completing this year's challenge:**

- Prep:** Max, Liam, Lee May, Lettie, Sofia, Tom and Matias
- 1/2A:** Shyamala, Kira, William, Elsie, Ethan, Raythan, Natasa and Kashvika.
- 1/2B:** Abigail, Ella, Lily, Victor, Olivia, Billie and Mary.
- 3/4A:** Yamee, Ren, Evelyn, Lola, Jacob, Ella and Lachie.
- 3/4B:** Tomas, Dan Anh, Kaitlin, Anjali, Lizzie and Jackson.
- 5/6A:** Thomas, Joel, Zoe and Charlotte.
- 5/6B:** Josh, Lachie, Maisie, Bella, Liam, Hugo and Matthew.

We are looking forward to seeing another successful Premiers' Reading Challenge in 2024.

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# SCHOLASTIC Book Club

# THANK YOU!

Dear Families,

A big thank you for supporting Book Club this year. Due to your generosity, we have \$650 in rewards which will be used to purchase books for the library next year.

This really helps to ensure our library shelves are full of the latest releases and that we can cater for as many interests as possible.

Thank you,

*Claire Embling*

Book Club Coordinator



Dear Families,

The Kindness Crusaders are very grateful for all the lids we've received for 'Lids for Kids'. We have washed and sorted an enormous number of lids which really helps the environment and children in need.

**THANK YOU!**

Unfortunately, we will be ceasing this collection from  
December the 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.



If you have any lids at home please bring them into school before this time, and if you would like to continue to help this worthy cause at home please contact Claire Embling on [Claire.Embling@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Claire.Embling@education.vic.gov.au) for details of the closest drop off points.

We will continue to collect PLASTIC bread tags so please bring them in and pop them in the box in the office foyer.

Thank you again for your support,

*The Kindness Crusaders*

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**Greensborough  
Plaza**

# COMMUNITY TREES

**WED 15 NOV – SUN 17 DEC**

This holiday season, give back to your school by spending \$20 at Greensborough Plaza and claim a token to vote for your favourite Christmas tree on display.

The school with the most tokens will receive a \$2,000 gift card to support their 2023 fundraising initiatives:

\*See [greensboroughplaza.com.au](https://greensboroughplaza.com.au) for terms & conditions.



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# Pupil of the Week



## 2023 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 5

<b>Prep</b>	<i>Hunter</i>	For always excelling growth in reading and always trying to apply feedback to his work.
<b>Grade 1/2 A</b>	<i>Elsie</i>	For her consistent positive attitude and amazing efforts to all class activities.
<b>Grade 1/2 B</b>	<i>Oliver</i>	For his great efforts in Maths. Well done, Oliver!
<b>Grade 3/4 A</b>	<i>Nour</i>	For her participation and confidence in speaking during Oral Language lessons.
<b>Grade 3/4 B</b>	<i>Scarlett</i>	For always asking questions to deepen her learning and thinking of others needs. Thank you!
<b>Grade 5/6 A</b>	<i>Madison</i>	For being so helpful to her buddy during her weekly Buddy Sessions! You've been such a great role model!
<b>Grade 5/6 B</b>		
<b>Art</b>	<i>Kleo T 1/2A</i>	For creating a colourful and well-balanced collage using your sunset background and concentric circle art.
<b>Discovery</b>	<i>Arad M 5/6A &amp; Oscar H 5/6A</i>	For producing an excellent Lego Stop Motion Animation Movie

## 2023 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 6

<b>Prep</b>	<i>Patrick</i>	For making the most out of the Prep & Grade 1 Breakfast experience and cleaning up so well! Good job!
<b>Grade 1/2A</b>	<i>Will</i>	For putting extra effort into the presentation of his work.
<b>Grade 1/2B</b>	<i>Leo</i>	For his enthusiasm and care when looking after our class pet 'Pike' over the weekend.
<b>Grade 3/4 A</b>	<i>Ella</i>	For her fantastic researching skills for her information report on 'Uluru'.
<b>Grade 3/4 B</b>	<i>Edward</i>	For showing resilience when he misplaced his writing/ Instead, starting again with the same effort.
<b>Grade 5/6 A</b>	<i>Sila</i>	For reaching your reading goals. Well done!
<b>Grade 5/6 B</b>	<i>Jay</i>	What a great start to learning at Greensborough Primary School! Well done!
<b>Art</b>	<i>Harriet H Prep</i>	For a beautiful job creating your water lily collage. Well done!
<b>Library</b>	<i>Nour G 3/4A</i>	Thank you Nour for working well and always trying your best.
<b>PE</b>	<i>Ollie A Prep</i>	For trying his best at balancing with PIT gymnastics.
<b>STEM Prep – Grade 2</b>	<i>Hunter H Prep</i>	For being an active listener ALWAYS in STEM.
<b>STEM Grades 3 – 6</b>	<i>James B 5/6A</i>	For his wonderful knowledge of radiation.

### 2nd Hand Uniforms

Check out our 2nd Hand Uniform racks for a bargain. We have an excess of shorts, dresses and skirts available in assorted sizes. All items available have been kindly donated by other school families. If you are unable to visit the school please advise us of your preferred items and sizes and we may be able to source 2nd Hand Uniform items on your behalf.

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

Over the past fortnight the children have experienced a little disruption due to staff illness, but with that now behind us we return to 'normal' programming and we guarantee that the play dates will be fun.

We have introduced Brain Boosters - a program designed to get the minds thinking and challenged. This accompanies our other programs in addition to the children's choice of free play experiences.

The children have enjoyed creating different snacks to enjoy which have included; pasta bake, soup with toast and nachos. All dishes have been served with platters of fresh fruit and veg. Cooking club has us creating fairycups, chocolate balls and ice-cream.

As the better weather prevails we hope to explore the outdoors a lot more thus making hats and sunscreen a necessity.

## Photo Gallery



## Special Announcements

We appreciate that the introduction of the new fee structure may have caused confusion for some families. If you are experiencing any issues or have concerns please contact staff and we will try to assist in your navigation of same. Our next School Holiday Program Brochure is available online soon for your consideration. Get in early as Greenhills will NOT be operating during this time and places may be limited.

## Coming Up

17th Nov

Friday FUNday - Pancake Friday

21st Nov

Cooking Club - Chocolate Balls

24th Nov.

Brain Boosters

## Student of the Week

This week we proudly acknowledge Liam Gerencer as our Student of the Week here at OSHClub. We are super proud of the increased time that Liam spends within the service mixing with his friends and interacting in activities. It is so pleasing to see the children smiling, laughing and enjoying their time here. Well done Liam.



Come and visit us on Friday FUNDAY. We do some incredible themed activities but we need people to make this work. See what we are getting up to in this and coming weeks. This week will see us introduce Pancake Friday!!!!

Term 4 is here and we remind families that wearing Hats and Sunscreen for outdoor play are compulsory.

## Quality Area Reflection

QUALITY AREAS WE ARE FOCUSING ON:  
Links with the Community.



**Are you autistic or care for someone who is?**  
 Different Journeys has specialised services that can help which include



- Family swim events
- Training and presentations
- Teen and adult social events
- Carer cuppas led by other carers
- 1:1 carer specialised peer support

Our services are created by, for and with our autism community



 [www.differentjourneysautism.com](http://www.differentjourneysautism.com)
 0490 774 068

*We Support Celebrations*

*We Provide Connections*

*We Create Communities*



**DECEMBER 9, 2023**

**DVE Sprints Meet**

**dve aquatic**

**WaterMarc Banyule**



1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough VIC 3088

Dive into excitement at the DVE Sprints Meet and join us for a splashing good time as swimmers from all levels showcase their skills and compete for glory.

**Warm up from 12.15pm.  
 Competition starts 1.00pm.**

**Entries close:  
 Monday 4th December  
 @ 11.59pm**

**Registered swimmers - online via Swim Central.  
 Unregistered swimmers - Trybooking, use QR Code.**



**CRICKET BLAST - \$99  
 SUMMER 2023/24**

Girls and Boys ages 4-10  
 Start Date - Sunday 19th Nov  
 8 Weeks  
 Sunday mornings 9:30am - 10:30am  
 Elder Street Reserve

- All equipment supplied
- Blasters Pack supplied with your registration
- 60 minutes of fun game based activities each session
- For kids new to cricket or with basic cricket skills
- Make new friends or organise a group to play together

Scan the QR Code for further information  
 or contact Lauren on 0402 224 409

19th Nov  
 26th Nov  
 3rd Dec  
 10 Dec  
 Break  
 4th Feb 2024  
 11th Feb  
 18 Feb  
 25th Feb

**Blast  
 Registration**

