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

Principal’s Report

On Tuesday we held the final day of our School Review and the review panel has been high in their praise of Greensborough Primary. School Reviews are conducted every 4 years and inform the direction of the new 4-year Strategic Plan. The Review Panel consists of Challenge Partners, who are Principal Class members from other schools, our Senior Education Improvement Leader from Region, School Council President and an Independent Reviewer. The panel look at achievement data from the previous 4 years, conduct interviews with staff, parents and students and visit classrooms to observe teaching and learning programs. They evaluate our progress towards attaining the goals of our previous Strategic Plan and give feedback to set the goals and targets for the next four years.

The panel commented on our excellent student learning outcomes over the last 4 years, which were achieved despite the lengthy periods of Remote Learning. Members noted the high levels of student engagement and

the positive relationships between students and staff. They noted evidence of High Impact Teaching Strategies (HITS) in their classroom visits and the supportive relationship with parents. Praise was high for the calm, orderly learning environment and the excellent state of buildings and grounds. We are proud of our programs and achievements at GPS and it was terrific to see Principal Class from other schools taking photos of our learning environments and asking if they could send staff from their school to see some of our programs in action and have our staff share their expertise.

The Review Panel agreed with our self-evaluation of our progress over the last 4 years and acknowledged that we already knew what our future goals and targets would be and had our planning for key improvement strategies in place. Our planning for 2024 is well underway and it was acknowledged that there were 'no surprises' in this review... we knew our priorities for our next 4 years and had already begun the work to achieve them.

We'd like to thank students, staff and parents, for the contribution everyone has made to making GPS an outstanding school!

Active To School Month

On Monday 13th November we join Banyule Council's 'Active To School' program. This program involves walking, cycling, scooting or any other active way of getting to or from school, for the whole journey or part of the journey. In class programs, the benefits of being active on the way to and from school will be discussed. Banyule Council is providing us with resources and \$200 for our Breakfast Program. Members of the Sustainable Transport Team will attend assembly on the 13th November to help launch the program.

Remembrance Day Services and RSL Scholarships

Each year Watsonia RSL supports our school by offering scholarships to two of our Grade Six students. The scholarships are awarded to students who have displayed excellent leadership skills, demonstrated school values and have been role models for their peers. I am very proud to announce that Bella and Riley, our School Captains, are this year's worthy recipients and congratulate them on behalf of our community. Bella and Riley will represent our school at the Remembrance Day ceremony, at the Watsonia RSL on Saturday, November 11th, at 10.30am. The service will consist of speeches by veterans, followed by our students laying a wreath with other community groups. An award ceremony will then take place followed by light refreshments. Congratulations Bella and Riley!

We have also been invited to attend the Greensborough RSL memorial service at War Memorial Park and our Vice School Captains, Zoe and Lachlan will proudly represent GPS and lay a wreath to honour our service men and women. We know many families attend this local service and if students are dressed in their school uniform, they can walk with Lachie and Zoe to lay the wreath if they wish. I will be at the Watsonia service and School Councillors Kim H. and Michael C. will attend the Greensborough Service.

We will hold our whole school service on Friday 10th November at 10.50am. Grades Prep - Six will gather on the netball court, weather permitting, to observe one minute's silence to remember the men and women who have served Australia in all wars and armed conflicts. Representatives of our student leadership group will read the Ode of Remembrance and place a wreath at the base of our flagpole. Family members are welcome to join us.

Student Support Groups

A COMPASS post was sent this week 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

Last Friday we had a special morning tea to thank our wonderful Education Support staff and teachers for their work with our students at GPS. Our staff work very hard to optimise our students' academic achievements and overall wellbeing, and we appreciate their efforts. Panel members in our recent School Review commented on the positive relationships that were evident between students and staff and the exemplary teaching practices they observed.

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Prep transition

We're looking forward to welcoming our 2024 Preps and their parents/carers to their first transition session next Friday 10th November. These sessions provide us with the opportunity to get to know each student and begin to build relationships with our new families. Over the next few weeks, Jill will make contact and visit the kindergartens our future students are currently at, to complete the handover of information to ensure a successful transition from kindergarten to school for our 2024 Preps. Our current Prep students will be taught by our regular CRTs, Emily Zann and Mel MacDonald during transition sessions. Both Emily and Mel are familiar with our students and school programs, so the Prep teaching and learning program will continue without interruption.

A reminder that next Monday is a Curriculum Day and students do not attend school. We wish families a lovely break over the Melbourne Cup Day holiday and look forward to students returning next Wednesday 8th November.

Angela Morritt

Principal

2024 Student Book Packs

FINAL REMINDER

The final day for submitting the Book Pack Orders is 03 November 2023. Ordering by this date will ensure your book packs 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. **Please see next page for information.**

Thank you to all families for your assistance with this.

Margaret Hirth

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 \(www.vic.gov.au\)](http://www.vic.gov.au), including information on how to apply.



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 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 Backpack:

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

Hi Everyone,

The **CHOICES** you make in **LIFE**,
Will make your **LIFE**.



I showed this quote to a year 6 student this week and the expression on her face as she read it and understood it was priceless. This student was able to accurately explain what it meant and gave an example. 'I love that quote' she exclaimed.

LIFE is about **CHOICES**, and our **CHOICES** are often in response to our **LIFE'S CIRCUMSTANCES** – PAST, PRESENT & PERCEIVED FUTURE. Our **CHOICES** in how we interact with others are also often in response to **LIFE'S CIRCUMSTANCES**. **THOUGHTS** are created which lead to **FEELINGS** arising which, in turn, lead to **CHOICES/ACTIONS** which can reflect, amongst other things, **what we think about ourselves** and **how we treat others**.

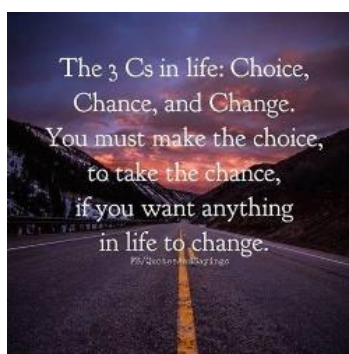
Growing up in a large family, public housing, missing out on excursions, sports and school photos, helped me to have empathy and understanding for others. I could have **CHOSEN** to become angry and resentful because we didn't have the same opportunities or experiences of others when growing up. I learnt to appreciate the love, care and sacrifices my parents made, just to clothe and feed us and to make sure we had a roof over our heads.

Others are not so fortunate, yes fortunate. Traumatic or otherwise **life** events, especially from a young age, can often influence our **LIFE CHOICES** in **how we treat others and what we CHOOSE to do with our lives**.

I know many people who have made very positive **LIFE CHOICES** despite traumatic events in their lives, and others who have made some bad **life choices**, then managed to change their **LIFE CHOICES**, which had grown out of resentment and angry, then go on to live very positive lives by making **BETTER LIFE CHOICES** had more fulfilling friendships and other relationships.



My **HOPE** is that as our young people at Greensborough PS grow and navigate this everchanging world, that they will make **POSITIVE LIFE CHOICES** in their friendships and other areas of their lives. That they will not let any negative **life circumstances/experiences**, stop them from making **positive life choices**.



LET'S HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR THEMSELVES AND OTHERS!

Hmmm....I wonder what your child/young person would think if they read the above quote. What did it conjure up for you? Maybe worth a 'round table' discussion.

Stay safe and well!!

Robyn Mulholland

Student Wellbeing

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

9:00am to 3:30pm

robyn.mulholland@education.vic.gov.au

The Kindness Crusaders

Towel & Blanket Drive for the Cat Protection Society

On the 26th of October Georgie and Ruth from the Cat Protection Society came to collect the towels and blankets we had collected for them.

We were very excited as they also brought a very special visitor – BooBoo the cat!

We had a lovely hour talking about all things cats!! Georgie answered LOTS of questions and we were all able to pat BooBoo.



"It was very interesting asking Georgie and Ruth our questions. I loved patting BooBoo. I also loved giving them the toy for BooBoo and thank you card" Maisie 5/6B

"I really liked patting BooBoo. He was very soft" Sofia Prep



"I liked helping to collect the towels and blankets because I really like cats" Lee May Prep

"I loved it when Georgie and Ruth came to our school with their friend BooBoo - the - cat! He was so obedient, tolerant and CUTE! I heard many interesting things and I really wanted to take BooBoo home!" Bella 5/6B

A big THANK YOU to all of the families who donated towels and blankets to this very special cause – Georgie and Ruth were very impressed by the amount we had, and said they will be extremely helpful.

Thank you to Georgie, Ruth and BooBoo for visiting – we really enjoyed your visit.

JSC PRESENTS

Free Dress Day

When: November 3rd Friday

What: Free Dress Day

Cost: Gold coin donation

All proceeds will go to the
Grade 6 Graduation and the
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre



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Pupil of the Week



2023 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 1

Prep	<i>Lee May</i>	For being so positive when entering any room.
Grade 1/2 A	<i>Natasa</i>	For her excellent efforts in all areas. You are working really hard to achieve your goals.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Nikola</i>	For his great achievements in Reading. I am so impressed with you!! Well done, Nikola!!
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Charlotte</i>	For using descriptive Words in our narrative writing sessions this week.
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Edward</i>	For always showing his best effort in class and helping to make our classroom such a positive place!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>James</i>	For your great academic achievements over the first couple of weeks of Term 4. Keep it up!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Bella</i>	For your exceptional motivation to learn the Applied Maths curriculum! Wow!
Library	<i>All 3/4B</i>	Great effort in Library this week. You worked well and showed great insight into our tasks.
PE	<i>Indie B-C Prep</i>	For your love of gymnastics and enthusiasm.
STEM Prep – Grade 2	<i>Alex A 1/2A</i>	For being a great friend and coding partner to all.
STEM Grades 3 – 6	<i>Riley M 5/6A</i>	You are a Coding Superstar!

2023 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 4

Prep	<i>Matias</i>	For consistently trying his best in our learning activities and using resources around him. Well done!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Kyson</i>	Amazing reading this week, Kyson. Your effort and hard work is paying off!
Grade 1/2B	<i>Victor</i>	For his persistence and hard work in all aspects of his learning. We are all so proud of you, Victor! Well done!
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Hudson</i>	For being a thoughtful and supportive member of 3/4A! Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Stephanie</i>	For always looking out for her classmates and helping to make 3/4B such a happy place. Keep it up!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Anne-Sophie</i>	For always lending a helping hand to her peers during Spelling Mastery. Well done!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Inaaya</i>	For always working with a great attitude! Great work!
Library	<i>Lachie G 3/4A</i>	Great work listening to feedback and being resilient when planning your 'Pop-Up Book' this week. The end product is going to be amazing.
OSHClub	<i>Reece Pont</i>	For being a wonderful role model.

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...

OSHClub has had a series of themes over the last couple of weeks. We celebrated Children's Day and Teacher's Day with special activities, treats and cards. Halloween saw us make some groovy spiders, do a trick (or two) for a treat and transform one of our own into a 'mummy'. All activities were well received by the children and put smiles on faces.

When we return from our 'long weekend', we take up the challenge again with a Colourful Hat Display, some more cooking adventures and a look at the latest addition to our Adventure Box - Brain Busters!!!! This combined with our Friday FunDays is just why you'll be wanting to join us at OSHClub. We have the facilities and the Ingredients now all we need is YOU.

Photo Gallery



Special Announcements

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

Bookings for All day care for Monday 6th of November can be made by contacting/enrolling at our sister service St Martins of Tours Primary School in Rosana on 0421 751 216.

Coming Up

- 6th Nov** Pupil Free Day - All Day Care available at St. Martins of Tours
- 9th Nov** Oaks Day Hat Parade
- 10th Nov** Friday Fun Day

Student of the Week

This week we acknowledge Ivy Delbridge as our OSHClub Star of the Week. Ivy has been attending care for some time now and although quiet when she first walks in, it doesn't take long for her to join in and contribute to the sunshine of the room. We love having you with us and congratulate you on your achievements.



This Friday our Fun day will consist of a picnic on the Green and some outdoor activities to celebrate our own Spring Carnival. Why not come and join us.

Quality Area Reflection

QUALITY AREAS WE ARE FOCUSING ON:
Relationships with Children.

GREENSBOROUGH OSHCLUB PRESENTS:



THE SOUND OF MUSIC



AND OTHER GREAT MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES

FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 2023 AT OSHCLUB





REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2023

A FAMILY FUN DAY FULL OF T-BALL & SOFTBALL AT FAWKNER PARK, SOUTH YARRA



FOR KIDS AGED 5-12

ENTER YOUR
SCHOOL TEAM OR AS AN INDIVIDUAL PLAYER
(& BE PLACED IN A TEAM)

COACHES & SUPPORT PROVIDED FOR SCHOOL TEAMS



November Food Drive and Fundraiser

In support of the ASRC Foodbank - *Montmorency Asylum Seekers Support Group (MASSG)*

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| ★ Tuna in oil of any size (95g, 185g or 425g) | ★ Tinned vegetables (peas, carrots, corn kernels) |
| ★ Tomato paste | ★ Oil (750ml – 1 litre) |
| ★ Coconut cream or milk | ★ Dried legumes (chickpeas, red lentils, yellow split peas) |
| ★ (small jar), jams | ★ Unsalted dried nuts |
| ★ Full cream UHT milk 1 litre | ★ Dried fruit |
| ★ Instant coffee / black tea bags | ★ Spices (cumin, turmeric, chili, coriander) |
| ★ Sweet / savoury biscuits | ★ Laundry powder 1kg packs |
| ★ Basmati rice | ★ Laundry liquid 1 litre |

If you prefer, you can donate supermarket vouchers or giftcards.

Please deliver your donated items to one of our drop-off points during November

- 1. Montmorency:** Jocelyn's place, 52 Looker Road, Montmorency
- 2. Hurstbridge:** Nature's Harvest food store Shop 3, 920 Main Road, Hurstbridge
- 3. Eltham:** Vicki Ward's Electoral Office at 718 Main Road, Eltham

Enquiries: Pam on 0417 110 837 or Jocelyn on 0403 214 362

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