

Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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Borough E	Bulletin ~ 14 December 2023
Thursday 14 December 2023	Icypole Fundraiser - \$1 each (Limit 2/Student)
Friday 15 December 2023	2023 Semester 2 Reports to go home Footsteps School Disco Ice-Cream Truck visit
Monday 18 December 2023	Sausage Sizzle Lunch - \$2 each (Cash only)
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
	Summer School Holidays
Monday 29 January 2024	Curriculum Day – Pupil-Free Day
Tuesday 30 January 2024	First Day – Term 1 2024
Wednesday 31 January 2024	Prep Only – Pupil Free Day
Friday 02 February 2024	2024 Grade 6 Big Day Out Term 1 – Funfields Excursion
Wednesday 07 February 2024	Prep Only – Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 14 February 2024	Prep Only – Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 21 February 2024	Prep Only – Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 28 February 2024	Prep Only – Pupil Free Day
Friday 8 March 2024	Curriculum Day – Pupil-Free Day
Monday 11 March 2024	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 12 March 2024	Philip Island Camp – Grade 3 to Grade 6 – Day 1
Wednesday 13 March 2024	Philip Island Camp – Grade 3 to Grade 6 – Day 2
Thursday 14 March 2024	Philip Island Camp – Grade 3 to Grade 6 – Day 3
Tuesday 28 May 2024	MSP School Photos - TBC

Principal's Report

We are having a terrific end to a very busy and successful 2023 school year and I congratulate our students for their achievements this year in all areas of their learning. We are now enjoying some fun-filled activities in this last fortnight to reward them for their hard work and tremendous efforts this year. One of these events was our choir singing at Greensborough Plaza and entertaining families and shoppers. We are very proud of their performance and their dedication to attending rehearsals each week with our choirmasters, Paula and Jill.



2023 Graduates

Last Thursday night we celebrated our Grade Six students' time at GPS and their Graduation night was absolutely joyful. Our graduates have been excellent role models for our younger students, and it's been an honour to witness their personal growth during their years with us. The evening recapped many highlights of their Grade Six year and it was very moving to watch the video of the Preps telling us what they valued in the time spent with their Grade Six buddies. Whilst we are sorry to see them leave us, we are confident they are more than ready to begin the next stage of their education at secondary school and we wish them much happiness and success in the years ahead.



I'd like to thank class teachers Paula and Jesse, and ES Kylie, Lynette and Claire who worked extremely hard in the planning and rehearsal stages to ensure the night provided a great memory for families and ran without a hitch. They couldn't have achieved this without the support of parents and staff who generously gave their time to make this night a success. I'd like to thank the hardworking band of parents for setting up the magnificent decorations and making the hall look very festive and then packing them carefully away the next day. I'd especially like to thank parents, Narelle and Belinda, who took on the huge responsibility for decorating the hall and ensuring the decorations were packed safely away for next year's celebration.

One of the sad aspects of students graduating, is that it's also the end of an era for some of our families, many of whom have had several children attend Greensborough Primary. Our families make a strong positive impact on our community in a variety of ways and will be sadly missed.

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Christmas Picnic

We were very happy that the rains (mostly) held off last Monday night so our end of year picnic could go ahead. We know everyone was disappointed when we had to cancel this event last year due to thunderstorms, and we were all ready to celebrate together and enjoy the festivities and Christmas carols this year. The arrival of Santa on his magnificent sleigh was a highlight of the night and we sincerely hope Santa manages to include us in his travels next year!

Thank you to all the families who joined us to make the evening so successful and thankyou to the staff for organising games for students and siblings to enjoy. A big thank you to Annie A and her band of helpers who cooked a delicious Barbeque meal for us.

Our students had excitedly rehearsed their Christmas carols and enjoyed the opportunity to perform them on the night.



Ice Cream Truck, Disco and Sausage Sizzle

The festive fun is still continuing, and tomorrow Friday 15^{th} December, Footsteps Dance will run a Disco for our P - 2 classes before recess and another one for Grades 3 - 6 after recess. Margaret has organised 'Sam The Ice-cream Man' to make his annual visit tomorrow and classes will have their Kris Kringle celebrations.

Next Monday 18th December, Leo and Jesse will cook remaining P&F sausages for our sausage sizzle at lunchtime, with sausages in bread available for \$2 each. Notes went home today for families to place orders and support the final P&F fundraiser for the year.

Free Fishing Rods

Thank you to the Grade 5 families who let us know they would like one of the free Little Angler Kits provided to schools for Grade 5 students as an initiative of the Victorian Government and Victorian Fisheries Authority.

We still have a number of kits available, so <u>we are now offering them to students in other grades</u>. As the kits contain hooks and other fishing equipment, we are asking parents to advise the office by <u>Monday 18th</u> December if you wish your child to participate in this initiative and



we will send a kit home. Parents can also request to collect their kit from the school themselves if they prefer students not to carry them home. There is a limited number of kits and they will be distributed in order of the requests received. They may make a terrific Christmas present if families are keen to go fishing.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority have created a Little Angler hub on their website. It has useful information, instructional videos and online resources about where and how to fish linking to existing resources from Fishcare and new resources to be produced just for the Little Angler Kits program.

Students Reports

A reminder that student reports will be sent home via COMPASS tomorrow, Friday 15th December at 4pm. Parents who would like a hard copy of student reports, should contact your child's class teacher.

Parents and Carers are also 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 their 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.

Christmas Tree Competition - Help Win \$2000 For Our School

Don't forget to take your receipts for \$20 or more to the Customer Service Desk on level 2 at Greensborough Plaza and exchange for a token to vote for our Christmas tree! The Plaza is displaying Christmas trees decorated by nine local primary schools 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. Entries close this Sunday 17 Dec

2024 Curriculum Days

I know many families like advance notice of our Curriculum Days, so 2024 dates are listed below:

- First day of Term One, Monday 29th January
- Friday before Labour Day, 8th March
- Monday before Cup Day, 4th November
- Fourth Day: TBC

Last Day of Term

Families are reminded that the last day for students will be next Tuesday 19th December and school will finish at 1:30pm. We will have our final assembly for the year at 1.15pm

Teachers will be in attendance on Wednesday 20th, as this 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. Our day will finish at 2:30pm as we are mandated to give teachers two hours Time In Lieu for attending the Christmas Picnic.

Student Leadership

Thank you to all our students who had formal leadership roles in 2023. We've enjoyed watching you grow in confidence and support your peers across the school. From Kindness Crusaders, Junior School Council, Wellbeing Leaders, House Captains and Vice Captains, School Captains and Vice Captains, there are opportunities for our senior and junior students to develop their leadership skills. Thank you to staff who coordinate these programs, for preparing students to fulfill their roles to a high standard.



Thank you!

I'd like to thank everyone in our community for your contribution and support this year. Special thanks to our volunteers who generously offered their time and expertise in many different capacities, especially Joan and Wayne who have been tireless supporters of GPS for over two decades. Thank you also to Geoff and Les, who provide invaluable assistance with buildings and grounds work. A special mention for our School Council President, Kim H, who was also our Parents and Friends President for many years. Kim has donated countless hours to not only raise funds for school resources but to also provide many happy memories for students via Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls, etc. Whilst Kim will no longer have children at GPS next year, we are grateful that she has offered to continue to offer support, which we highly appreciate. Thank you also to Kate D for her work as P&F President this year and the many hours she has spent coordinating events to raise funds for our students.

We have a terrific community spirit at Greensborough Primary evidenced by the support we receive from both family members of our students and volunteers in the wider community, including our Kids Hope mentors and Breakfast Club providers. Thank you also to our staff for going above and beyond for our students so they achieve optimal academic and wellbeing outcomes.

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and peaceful holiday break. We are looking forward to catching up with everyone after the holidays for the 2024 school year.

Angela Morritt

Principal

Vacation Care

OSHClub will begin Vacation Care on Monday 8th January next year. If any families would like to use this service and haven't already registered they can go to https://www.oshclub.com.au/ to register. For queries about Vacation Care please contact OSHClub directly or speak to the coordinator, Linda Reid, before or after school.





Reading Program for 2024 and beyond

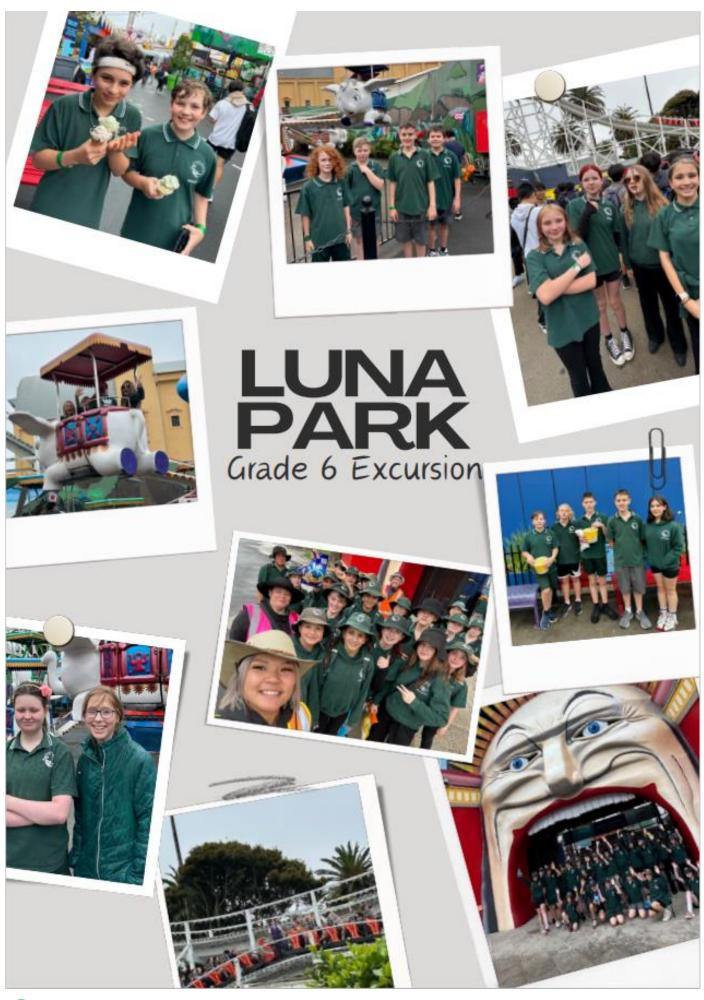
Over the coming years Greensborough Primary School are integrating a new and exciting approach to our reading program. This change has come with a movement in education to shift the focus of learning to read from using 'predictable texts' to now using 'decodable texts'. We are using an evidence-based synthetic phonics approach to learning to read. This means that your child will learn phonics skills in a sequential and systematic way. They will learn the 44 sounds in the English language along with the letters that represent those sounds. As they learn new sounds and letters, they will apply this knowledge through reading enjoyable books called 'decodable books'.

Decodable books only contain words that can be read using the skills the children have been taught up to that point. For example, the first set of books the children read is based on only needing to know the sounds for the letters 's a t p i n m d'. Only words using these sounds are used in the books (with the exception of a few 'tricky words' - words that all books need but are hard to sound out at this stage, e.g.: 'the'). For the next set of books, children also learn the sounds for the letters 'g o b h e r f u l'. They continue in this way until all 44 sounds have been learnt, practising their new phonics knowledge as they go. As children progress higher up through the program, they learn different spellings for sounds they have already learnt. Please keep an ear out for students using new language to describe sounds (phonemes) and letters that make the sounds (graphemes).



For students in the Prep to Grade 2 area at G.P.S that have already mastered the 44 sounds and can decode, they will continue to develop other equally important elements of reading which include fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension through text suitable to their age and individual ability. We have purchased many sets of amazing decodable books and made many new resources which we cannot wait to use next year. We look forward with excitement to seeing the students' progress with their reading in 2024 and beyond!

Alison Gibson



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STUDENT WELLBEING

Hi Everyone,



WOW! We are nearing another FINISH LINE! What a year it has been with lots of learning, FUN, special activities, SURPRISES, friendships, MORE FUN, etc.

It was a pleasure to be at the Year 6 graduation dinner and ceremony last Thursday, watching our young people looking their best and enjoying themselves –



CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 6s!!

I must once again thank parents/carers for allowing me to work with your children/young people throughout 2023. I thank the Kids Hope Mentors who mentor a student each for an hour a week, often over four years! Special thanks to Graham who is retiring from the Kids Hope program after 18 years of mentoring! A number of students have benefitted from his gentle nature and encouragement.

Our community Breakfast Club helpers have been fantastic in getting out of bed early so our students can be fed on Wednesdays – Breakfast Club couldn't run without you. One of our helpers, Sarah, has also made muffins and muesli bars each week for the other days of the week.

Gratefully, I can say that all these helpers want to continue next year – yes, including Tony and Marguerite whose milestone birthdays we celebrated this year. They are all impressed by such well-mannered students who showed RESPECT!

We have also had the support of BUNDOORA ROTARY and the INNER WHEEL OF BUNDOORA this year. A red rose is the symbol of FRIENDSHIP which Inner Wheel use and they presented the school with this lovely symbol of friendship which is planted near the office door.



There has been great excitement this week as we head into CHRISTMAS – CHRISTMAS TREES ADORNED WITH DECORATIONS AND LIGHTS, KK UNDER THE TREES, ELVES KEEPING AN EYE ON IT ALL! We can't forget our CHRISTMAS PICNIC AND CAROLS WITH A VERY SPECIAL VISIT FROM THE MAN IN RED!

As this is our last newsletter for 2023, I'd like to wish our *whole school commu*nity A VERY JOYOUS CHRISTMAS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND A SAFE AND RELAXING HOLIDAY BREAK!

See you in 2024!

Stay safe and well!!

Robyn Mulholland

Student Wellbeing Coordinator

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

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Victorian High Achievement Programs

Our extension music and writing students have had a terrific Term 4.



Our music students have worked on reading music and performing to an audience. This culminated in our Christmas Picnic performance, where students showed just how far they've come this year.



Our Extension Writers have been busy challenging themselves to improve the structure and language of their narrative texts. This term, they worked towards publishing their own books, which can now be found in the school library.

Congratulations to all students involved in this year's Extension Writing and music programs! We are so proud of your efforts this year.





I would like to thank everyone for supporting and enjoying our Library this year. I would especially like to thank our volunteers, Joan and Jenni, who have helped during the year to keep everything in order. With their help we are able to provide such a fabulous library at Greensborough Primary School.

Please remember to return your library books by Friday 15 December 2023. Late notices have been sent home so could you please locate and return these books as soon as possible. If you cannot locate the missing books please



contact the office. Remember library books can be returned by placing them in the Green Returns Tub outside the library.

Happy Reading Everyone

Francesca Cíavola

Librarian/Teacher

Breakfast Club

On behalf of all students and staff at GPS a **BIG THANK YOU** to Sarah who makes the delicious muffins and muesli bars for our Breakfast Club to hand out to students. These muffins and muesli bars are really enjoyed by the students and help to make sure they are ready for the day. Sarah is a volunteer with the Breakfast Club who never fails to deliver a fresh batch every Monday morning. We are so grateful and really appreciate bar kindness.





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Friendship Tree End of Year Celebration

Today the 2023 Friendship Tree Leaders were able to enjoy the end of year lunch together. It was great to see them enjoying each other's company and hearing them laugh and talk about their experiences they have had while helping at the Friendship Tree.



To some we will be saying goodbye as they start the next chapter in their life at Secondary School. Zoe has been a Friendship Tree Leader since she was in Grade 3. Bella started in Grade 4, Mia and Matthew started last year in Grade 5. These amazing leaders have been terrific role models for our younger leaders this year and have instilled in them what it is to be a good Friendship Tree Leader.

Next year we are looking forward to another busy, productive and exciting year under the Friendship Tree.

From all our wonderful 2023 Friendship Tree Leaders, we wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy

and healthy 2024.

Lynette Taylor

Friendship Tree Coordinator







CHRISTMAS AT THE PLAZA



On Friday the 8th of December, our school Choir performed at Greensborough Plaza. We performed Christmas Carols and two pop songs chosen by our Choir.

We had a jolly time, and students shone through with their talents during the performance! We commend the choir for their commitment and dedication to weekly practices. It has been a great year!

Thank you to all the parents and special visitors for coming to support us!

Happy holidays,

Miss Chen and Miss Ly







Pupil of the Week



2023 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 9

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Prep	Hazel	For being a great friend out in the yard and keeping her friends safe.
Grade 1/2 A	Gino	For completing this work with effort!
Grade 1/2 B	Amal	For fantastic efforts in her reading groups. Well done!
Grade 3/4 A	Charlie	For his enthusiastic attitude writing a script about Christmas. Well done, Charlie!
Grade 3/4 B	Philippa	For showing her best effort in every learning task. Keep up the terrific work, Philippa!
Grade 5/6 A	Hayden	For his creativity and great research on his Money Time project. Well done.
Grade 5/6 B	Adam	For representing Greensborough Primary School at the Chess Tournament. Well done, Adam!
Art	Gino G 1/2A	For experimenting with different ways of blending watercolour paints and pencils. Well done!
Discovery	Sidarth L-K Prep Vidur R Prep	For following instructions to build a giant Car Racing Slide. You worked so well together. Well done!
Library	Ren L 3/4A	Great work with your illustrations in your picture book.
PE	Talia B 5/6A	For your wonderful catch in Softball!
STEM Prep – Grade 2	Sidarth L-K Prep	Back from holiday and you have not missed a step! For always being ready to learn!
STEM Grades 3 – 6	Ren L 3/4A	For your amazing knowledge of Space!
OSHClub	Riley M 5/6A	For your impeccable manners.
	2023	3 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 10
Prep	2023 Olympia	3 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 10 For always being a kind, caring and empathetic friend to everyone.
Prep Grade 1/2A		
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Newsletter

December, 2023



What's been happening at OSHClub...

This is it! The 2023 year is almost done!

What a wonderful time it has been for all of us in the OSHClub room. There have been loads of activities, laughter fun and new routines sent to trial us. We have had colour runs, elephants run from their toothpaste, skittles loose their colours, tye-dyeing, paint jumping, cooking, bake-sales, churros, pizza and pinwheels just to name a small amount of what we have experienced.

Our Student Leaders have been an incredible part of our success and without their enthusiasim we would not have achieved a lot of our goals. Even now they are still inviting children and families to donate quality working toys and games that can be given to less fortunate children and help put a smile on the face of a child who may otherwise miss out at Christmas. These donations may be left with OSHC staff during normal session times. We will close donations on the Friday 15th December 2023. All suitable toys will be taken to the Smith Family and the RCH for distribution accordingly. We thank you for your support.

Photo Gallery

















Special Announcements

Next Tuesday will be the final day of operation for the 2023 school season (early dismissal at 1:30pm). We will NOT be offering care on the 20th or 21st of December but you can contact our sister program at St Martin of Tours on **0421 751 216**, who will be able to assist. Bookings are now open for School Holiday Program commencing 8th January 2024. We advise that you get in early to secure your spot. Greenhills will NOT be operating during this time during to their program's closure.

Coming Up



Christmas Rise then Shine Breakfast



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Early Dismissal.



School Holiday Program Commences at Greensborough OSHClub.

Special Thank You

sincerely thank the following Charlotte, Inaaya, Kobe, individuals: Reece, Maisie and Billie. These young people have taken on roles within the OSHClub room with great enthusiasm and They have grown and responsibility. developed and been an integral part of our service this year. We bid a fond farewell to our amazing Kobe who has been part of the Student Leadership Team and wish him all the best on his journey into Year 7. We also wish Elouise, Joshua F. and Riley all the best as they too transition to Secondary School.

We also thank our fabulous families for their wonderful support all year long. It was a pleasure serving some of you at the BBQ on Monday night and we know that you all had a great time listening to the Christmas Carols despite the inclement weather.

Finally, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Safe holiday break and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Quality Area Reflection

QUALITY AREAS WE ARE FOCUSING ON:

Links with the Community.

BSC 6.45AM - 9:00AM ASC 3:00PM - 6:00PM 04447 868 204 Greensborough OSHClub

oshclub.com.au 1300 395 735





Programming for young Makers Summer Holiday Camps

Let them make their own video game these school holidays!

Let your kids dive into Digimaker's Holiday e-Learning Kids Coding Program!

Experienced teachers, small class sizes, and different projects each week ensure a fun and educational experience.

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Hot Shots Tennis Coaching at Greensborough PS

State & National Award-winning program

Monday Lunchtime Preps to Grade 6

(Kids grouped based on age and experience)

\$84 for 7 weeks

All new students receive a FREE racquet & Hot Shots shirt..!!

Other Programs at St. Mary's Tennis Club

After School & Sunday Junior Coaching Cardio Tennis, Squad Training Holiday Programs

> For information or bookings: Craig Haslam - The Tennis Guru 0488 722 538 info@thetennisguru.com.au







