

Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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Borough Bulletin ~ 07 March 2024		
Friday 8 March 2024	Term 1 Curriculum Day – Pupil-Free Day Interschool Sports – GPS – Bye	
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	
Friday 15 March 2024	Interschool Sports – St Marys PS v GPS – Away	
Monday 18 March 2024	NAPLAN Writing – Grades 3 & 5 (please keep date free of appointments)	
Tuesday 19 March 2024	NAPLAN Reading – Grades 3 & 5 (please keep date free of appointments)	
Wednesday 20 March 2024	NAPLAN Language Conventions – Grades 3 & 5 (please keep date free of appointments)	
Thursday 21 March 2024	NAPLAN Maths – Grades 3 & 5 (please keep date free of appointments)	
Friday 22 March 2024	Interschool Sports – GPS v Bundoora – Home P&F Food Day Fundraiser P&F Hot Cross Bun Drive Orders Due	
Monday 25 March 2024	School Council Meeting – 7:00 pm	
Wednesday 27 March 2024	P&F Easter Raffle Tickets Due	
Thursday 28 March 2024	Easter Fancy Hat Parade – 9:10 am Easter Egg Hunt Last day of Term 1 – Early Dismissal – 1:30 pm	
Monday 15 April 2024	First Day of Term 2	
Monday 13 May 2024	Term 2 Curriculum Day - Pupil-Free Day	
Tuesday 28 May 2024	MSP School Photos – TBC	

Principal's Report

Thank you everyone for joining us at Twilight Sports and helping to make the event a resounding success. The weather was perfect, and our students were impressive as they dressed in House colours and cheered on their teammates. It was wonderful to see families coming together to have a chat and enjoy a picnic or sausage/hamburger from the P&F barbeque. Special thanks to all the parents who assisted at the barbeque. As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work" and it was terrific to see new faces supporting this fundraiser. Our Grade Six students were appreciative of everyone who stopped at their facepainting, hair spraying and nail polishing stands, and supported their fundraising for their Graduation celebrations. Special thanks also to Leo and the organizing committee for preparing the students and ensuring the night ran smoothly.



Congratulations to Grevillea for being the overall winning House and to Kira, Celeste, Indie and Maisie for winning the 'Best Dressed' in their respective teams. See Leo's article later in the newsletter for more information.

Thank you also to all the parents/carers who attended the Student Support Group meetings or 'Meet and Greet' last week. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and share information that's individual to your child. Our students certainly benefit from knowing that teachers and parents are working together to support their wellbeing and academic outcomes.

We wish our Grade 3 – 6 students well as they attend camp at Phillip Island next week. Looking at the itinerary, they have a fun-filled schedule and we can't wait to hear about their adventures when they return. A huge thankyou to the parents and staff who are generously donating their time away from their own friends and families to ensure our students have a safe and memorable experience.

We wish Anne-Sophie good luck as she competes in the Division Swimming Carnival next Tuesday. Anne-Sophie is a great ambassador for our school and always gives her best effort and shows tremendous sportsmanship when she competes.

Celebrating Our Students' Achievements

We love to celebrate students' achievements at GPS and we congratulate our Prep students on their terrific start to their Primary School journey. They're now attending full time and we're enjoying their excitement at learning new skills, and their pride and enthusiasm to share their efforts.

Special mention to Vidur for being selected as a mascot for the match between the Matildas and Uzbekistan recently at Marvel Stadium. Vidur is in the U7 team at Watsonia Heights football club and was fortunate to be chosen with a lucky dip. Vidur had the opportunity to meet and 'high-five' the players from both teams and walk onto the pitch with them. A fantastic opportunity and an inspirational lifelong memory.



Congratulations to Kashvika for her recent win in the 'Victoria Big Summer Read' competition. Kashvika has had three consecutive wins and we applaud her passion and commitment to showcasing her Literacy skills. Kashvika attended a woodworking workshop as part of the win and made a billy cart. Kashvika has also been awarded the Joey Promise challenge award by the Scouts.



Easter Parade



Families new to our school this year may not know that on the last day of term, Thursday 28th March, we will have our annual Easter Hat Parade at 9:10 am on the netball court. This is a fun morning when students, and preschoolers wear their wonderful creations, each grade then has a special activity, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt on the oval. Our Grade 5/6 student leaders are planning for this special day and we hope many family members can join us. A highlight of this day is the Grade 6 egg toss, where students in pairs try to throw and catch a real egg the longest distance without breaking it! Our Grade Six teachers, Paula and Jesse, will then attempt to throw further than the students and challenge for the overall

title. Parents and Friends are creating hampers as prizes for the Easter Raffle, so if families would like to donate eggs or Easter items for raffle prizes, please send them along to the office.

Rehoming Our Chickens

If any families are able to assist us by providing a home for our three chickens it would be greatly appreciated. Our pest control company has advised that we are not the only school/business that is having a problem with rodents. The many excavations and building works in the Greensborough area is apparently one of the contributing factors to the problem. We know that our chickens are popular with our students, especially our Grade 3/4 monitors, however we need to rest the enclosure for a while and remove the food source for the rodents. If any families can provide a home for the chickens, please contact the office.



School Council 2024

Thank you to the parents who nominated for School Council. We are pleased to welcome our new school councillors, parents Tamlyn K and Bree G. I'd also like to welcome back Michael C and Shareen B who renominated for a second term, and Claire H who returned to fill a casual vacancy. Kim H and Wayne R have been co-opted as community members and they join Cassie F, Tracy H and Sarah D, Margaret Hirth, Jesse Stephens, Leo Derrick and myself as the 2024 School Council. We thank our retiring school councillor Megan B who has very generously shared her time and expertise to support our school. The first meeting of the new School Council to elect Office Bearers will be Monday March 25th at 7:00 pm and I look forward to working with the 2024 School Council members this year.

Emergency Management and Anaphylaxis Drills

Student safety is very important to us at Greensborough Primary and each term we practise emergency management drills. This includes evacuations, lock-ins and treatment of an anaphylactic reaction in the yard or classroom. Prior to our drills, teachers discuss correct procedures in a sensitive and age-appropriate manner with their grades. Each time we rehearse we commend our students on their calm, prompt responses. Our OH&S Rep, Claire E or Anaphylaxis Coordinator Rebecca G act as observers to our drills and complete a DET checklist so that we can acknowledge what's working well and address any areas for improvement. Whilst none of the staff have ever had to evacuate or administer an EpiPen to a student in our teaching careers, being prepared is always our best management option.

A reminder to families that tomorrow is a Curriculum Day and students do not attend school. All staff will be offsite at a joint Professional Learning Day with other schools in our NESST (North East Small School Team). OSH Club will be operating for families if childcare is required.

Angela Morritt

Principal

2024 Curriculum Days

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

- Tomorrow, Friday 8th March
- Monday 13th May
- Monday before Cup Day, 4th November





We are thrilled to share the tremendous success of our recent Twilight Sports event held on 5th of March 2024. It was an evening filled with excitement, camaraderie, and spirited competition that truly embodied the essence of our school community.

With an amazing turnout of friends and family gathered to support our students, witnessing the sea of vibrant house colours was a testament to the enthusiasm that spreads throughout our school.

In the spirit of healthy competition, Grevillea (Red House) emerged victorious, showcasing outstanding teamwork and determination. However, beyond the winner's circle, the true triumph of the evening was the overwhelming display of sportsmanship as students from all year levels rallied together in support of their peers.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Parents and Friends (P&F) association for organizing a delicious BBQ, which added to the festive atmosphere of the event. Additionally, we extend a sincere thank you to the parents who graciously volunteered their time to assist with the cleanup at the conclusion of the festivities. Your dedication and support are deeply appreciated and contributed immensely to the overall success of the evening.

Twilight Sports 2024 will be cherished as a memorable and uplifting event, highlighting the strength of our school community after the last few years we have all faced. We eagerly anticipate many more moments of joy and camaraderie as we continue to celebrate the achievements and talents of our students.

Again, thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making Twilight Sports 2024 such an outstanding success!

Go Greensborough,

Leo Derrick

PE Teacher



STUDENT WELLBEING

Hi Everyone,

Imagine a world in which everything is in our control (circumstances, work life, family, the weather, grocery prices, other people, etc....). Would it really make us happy and stress free? Would we be reaching out to others with love and respect, or would we become very inward looking and develop an 'it's all about me' mentality? Is this how we would like our children to grow and behave in their friendships and other relationships? What would the world look like? Hmm......

Yes, I am sure we can all think of a situation, either close to us or in the news, that show some worst-case scenarios.

Throughout our lives, there will be things we can control and things we can't. Focusing on the things we can't control can cause us to experience unnecessary stress and perceived anxiety. We can become STUCK. It is important to teach our kids that there will be things in life that they might not be able to control and that it is important to rather place our focus on the things that we can indeed control. Often anxiety comes from feeling out of control.



BUT there is a way forward as we endeavour to teach our children that to grow healthily. One of the things we need to teach them is that there are things that we can control AND things that we cannot control, AND THAT IS OK.

It will <u>improve</u> their attitudes and interactions towards others and <u>improve</u> their ability to self-regulate their emotions. Hopefully, they will also develop increasing empathy, respect and understanding of others and themselves.

This does not only apply to relationships. Hopefully our children will realise that it also applies to how we approach learning in the classroom and turn a negative attitude into a positive one of 'it is up to me to try and do my best' rather than 'it is too hard so why try', realising that 'it is up to me'.

As you can see from the above image, this concept can be used to look at many aspects of our lives. An interesting exercise for you and your child would be to discuss what we can control and what we can't control. Draw an inner circle (what I can control) and an outer circle (what I cannot control) and ask your child for suggestions to fill the circles. Discuss how their choices will change their attitudes to various scenarios e.g.: friendships, school, etc... Also repeat the exercise with your own circles, so that your children realise that this applies throughout life.

Let's continue to work together to help our children and ourselves live happy and meaningful lives, enjoying positivity, love, gratitude, and respect.

Stay safe and well!!

Robyn Mulholland

Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays – 9:00am to 3:30pm robyn.mulholland@education.vic.gov.au





Pupil of the Week



2024 ~ Term 1 ~ Week 4

Prep	Juniper	For always presenting her work beautifully and looking after her books. Well done!
Grade 1/2 A	Terrance & Tanya	For being a great addition to our class for the last four weeks.
Grade 1/2 B	Kyson	For being so helpful with our class library. Great work!
Grade 3/4 A	Joy	For his wonderful performance in our 'Readers Theatre' this week.
Grade 3/4 B	Jacob	For his fantastic effort in persuasive writing. Keep it up!
Grade 5/6 A	Xavier	For always being helpful and taking initiative when packing up for the end of the day!!
Grade 5/6 B	Imogen	For the great artistic skills you have demonstrated during Discovery!
Art	Amelie G Prep	For demonstrating excellent cutting skills this week. Well done, Amelie!
Mandarin	Thomas T 5/6B	For doing some great learning in how to say 'sorry' in Chinese.
PE	Khloe D Prep	For being a great role model in PE and showing our friends how to put their best foot forward.
STEM Prep – Grade 2	Tyren M Prep	For putting his best effort into his picture about our sessions. Well done.
STEM Grades 3 – 6	Atri R 3/4A	For working through his problem in STEM to create an interesting shadow figure.
2024 ~ Term 1 ~ Week 5		
Prep	Vinnie	For always presenting her work beautifully and being kind and helpful to her peers.
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Parents & Friends Association



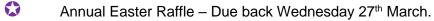
A big thank you to all our amazing parents who volunteered their time for the Twilight Sports BBQ. Without you donating your time we wouldn't be able to run these events. Annie has coordinated the BBQ which is really big job which is very labor intensive not just on the day but in the lead up.

In the next couple of weeks we have a number of events coming up:

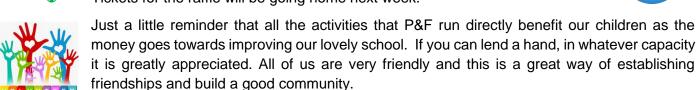
Hot Dog Day – Friday 22nd March

Baker's Delight Hot Cross Bun Drive Fundraiser – Due back Friday 22nd March.

- Order forms have gone home already but there are spares at the office if needed.
- All Hot Cross Buns orders will go home with your children at the end of the day on Wednesday 27th March.



- The draw will be conducted at the Easter Bonnet Parade on the last day of Term 1.
- We are now accepting donations at the office for any Easter related items. Any Easter eggs or other festive donations will be gratefully received.
- Tickets for the raffle will be going home next week.



If you are feeling shy but would like to volunteer we do have a Facebook group – Greensborough PS Parents & Friends Association. Please note; this group is for parents who would like to volunteer only, this is not a school information group. *Inactive members do get removed as this group is just for parents/carers that are wanting to help or volunteer.*

Please don't hesitate to contact myself or Annie if you have any questions or ideas.

Thank you,

Yvette Mohan

for Parents & Friends Association of Greensborough Primary School



Book Club catalogues were sent home last week with your children. If you would like to place an order this can be done online or complete the student order form on the back of the catalogue and take this, with your payment, to Mehgan in the Office.

Orders are due by Friday the 15th of March.

Thank you again for your support,

Claire Embling

Book Club Coordinator





Kindness Crusader Cookie Fundraiser

The Kindness Crusaders are selling cookies to raise money to buy some books about kindness for the library. Cookies will be sold on the last 2 Wednesdays of this term.

Wednesday 20th and 27th of March at

Lunchtime: 1:40 pm – 2:00 pm Cookies will cost 50 cents each.

Students will be able to purchase a maximum of 2 cookies each.

A gluten, dairy, egg and soy free alternative will also be available





Free From Gluten Choc Chip Cookies - Dairy, Egg, Soy and Gluten Free

Ingredients: Tapioca Flour, Choc Chips (20%) (Sugar, Cocoa Butter, Cocoa Powder, Cocoa Mass, Emulsifier (Sunflower Lecithin)), Chickpea Flour, Rice Bran Oil, Sugar, Golden Syrup, Coconut, Flavour (Natural flavour), Raising Agent (Sodium Bicarbonate), Salt. Chocolate contains minimum 50% Cocoa Solids

May be present: Almonds, Cashews, Macadamias, Sesame

Woolworths Anzac Biscuits

Ingredients: Sugar, **Wheat** Flour, Oats, Margarine (Vegetable Oil, Water, Salt, Emulsifier (471, 472c), Antioxidant (304), Natural Flavour, Natural Colour (Carotene)), Desiccated Coconut (Desiccated Coconut, Preservative (223)), Golden Syrup, Water, Raising Agent (500, 450).

May contain: Egg, Lupin, Milk, Peanuts, Tree Nuts, Sesame, Soy

Woolworth Funfetti Cookies

Ingredients: Wheat Flour, Margarine (Palm Fat, Water, Salt, Emulsifiers (471, 472c), Antioxidant (304), Natural Flavour, Natural Colour (160a)), Sugar, White Choc (13%) (Sugar, Palm Fat, Milk Solids, Emulsifier(322 (Soy)), Natural Flavour), Glucose (Preservative (223 (Sulphites), Candy Choc (4%) Sugar Palm Fat, Cocoa Powder, Colours (170,100,120, 160c) Milk Solids, Tapioca Starch, Emulsifiers (322(Soy), 492), Water, Glazing Agent (Wheat) (414, 904,903), Salt, Natural Flavour, Gardenia Extract) Sprinkles (3%) (Sugar, Tapioca Starch, Palm Fat, Emulsifier(322 (Soy), Colours (120, 100), Glazing Agent (903), Gardenia Extract), Natural Flavour, Milk Solids, Water, Salt, Raising Agent (500). Wheat Flour, Margarine (Palm Fat, Water, Salt, Emulsifiers (471, 472c), Antioxidant (304), Natural Flavour, Natural Colour.

May contain: Egg, Almond, Cashew, Hazelnut, Macadamia, Pecan, Pistachio, Walnut

Woolworths Triple Choc Cookies

Ingredients: Wheat Flour, Sugar, White Compound Chocolate (12%)(Sugar, Vegetable Fat (Palm, Vegetable Emulsifiers (322(Soy),492), Milk Solids Natural Vanilla Flavouring, Dark Compound Choc (12%)(Sugar, Hydrogenated Vegetable Fat (Palm, Vegetable Emulsifiers(322 from Soy, 492), Cocoa Powder, Milk Solids, Salt, Emulsifier(322 (Soy)), Natural Vanilla Flavouring, Glucose Syrup (contains Wheat, Preservative (220)), Margarine Vegetable(Fats & Oil (Palm, Canola),Water, Salt, Vegetable Emulsifiers(322(Soy), 471(Palm), 472c, Antioxidants (307b from Soy, 304), Natural Butter Flavouring, Natural Colours(100, 160b,160a)), Water, Cocoa Powder (3%), Milk Solids, Golden Syrup, Natural Vanilla Flavouring, Raising Agent (500), Salt, Egg Powder.

May contain: Egg, Almond, Cashew, Hazelnut, Macadamia, Pecan, Pistachio, Walnut

Woolworths Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients: Wheat Flour, Sugar, Dark Compound Chocolate (20%) (Sugar, Maize Starch) Hydrogenated Vegetable Fat (Palm Fat, Emulsifiers (Lecithin (**Soy**), 492), Cocoa Powder, Whey Powder (**Milk**), Salt, Emulsifier (Lecithin (**Soy**), Natural Flavour, Natural Colour (Carotene), Water, Natural Flavour, Raising Agent (Sodium Carbonate), Salt.

May contain: Egg, Almond, Cashew, Hazelnut, Macadamia, Pecan, Pistachio, Walnut, Sulphites.





COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CLUB!

@ Greensborough Primary School

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



DEVELOP SKILLS

- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving



LEARN

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

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

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



MAKE

- Games
- Web pages
- Apps

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

9 WEEK TERM PROGRAM

Program for Term 2 2024 is as follows: Year levels: 3 to 6
Term Fee: \$225 incl GST

LUNCH TIME BATCH

1:40pm - 2:25pm Fridays 19th Apr to 14th Jun 2024

Fill out the form online by Thursday 28th Mar 2024



www.digimaker.com.au/enrol

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

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

HOLIDAY E-LEARNING PROGRAM

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

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





Hot Shots Tennis FREE Come & Try Sessions

At Greensborough Primary School

Monday Lunchtimes 1:30pm Prep to Grade 2 2:00pm Grade 3-6

The kids cannot just show up you need to book them in.

To book a place contact: Craig Haslam - The Tennis Guru 0488 722 538 info@thetennisguru.com.au

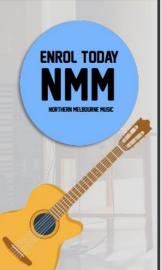






NORTHERN MELBOURNE MUSIC

We provide one-to-one, paired, and group, 30 Minute music lessons to students of all ages and abilities.



No need to bring instruments to school! We provide the guitars, keyboards, and ukuleles needed for lessons.



One-to-one lessons are charged \$35 per lesson Paired lessons are charged \$25 per lesson, and Group lessons are charged \$15 per lesson. Lessons are invoiced for the entire term

udents require a practice diary, and method bool itable for their experience and age. These will be ovided by Northern Melbourne Music and includ the first invoice.

Instrument availability can vary depending on scho Please contact us to see what is available to you!

NORTHERN MELBOURNE MUSIC

providing music lessons to students of all ages and abilities in schools,

in homes and online

Enrol online

NorthernMelbourneMusic.com.au or contact us at NorthernMelbourneMusic@gmail.com 043 455-5602



Petrie Park

Mountain View Road, Montmorency

Enjoy a fun festival for all ages with FREE activities and displays showcasing sustainability, pets and lifestyle ideas.

Program includes:

Market stalls · Pet photo-booth · Hands-on workshops Face painting and live reptiles - Live music & food trucks





PLAY T-BALL

FRIDAY NIGHTS

1st March - 10th May

8 sessions

6pm - 7:15pm

UNDER LIGHTS



Swing into Fun! Our T-Ball Program: Where Little Players Hit It Big!

t-shirt

Join the excitement and watch your future all-star discover the joy of the game.

Register now for a season of laughter, learning, and home runs!

> <u>BOYS & GIRLS</u> 5-8 Years Old

For more information contact Andrea on 0413 315 566 or juniors@montybaseball.com.au

Malcolm Blair Reserve, Karingal Drive,