



Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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Borough Bulletin ~ 19 April 2024

<i>Friday 19 April 2024</i>	Interschool Sports – Bye Digimaker classes commence – Lunch-time
<i>Monday 22 April 2024</i>	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
<i>Wednesday 24 April 2024</i>	ANZAC School Commemoration – 10:50am
<i>Thursday 25 April 2024</i>	ANZAC Day Public Holiday Wreaths laid at Watsonia & Greensborough RSL services
<i>Friday 26 April 2024</i>	Interschool Sports – Norris Bank v GPS – Away
<i>Wednesday 01 May 2024</i>	Grade 6 Leadership Excursion
<i>Friday 3 May 2024</i>	Interschool Sports – GPS v St Mary’s – Home
<i>Thursday 9 May 2024</i>	Yarra Valley Water Incursion - Grades 3 to 6
<i>Friday 10 May 2024</i>	Interschool Sports – Streeton v GPS – Away Prep Parents – Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea P&F Mother’s Day Stall
<i>Monday 13 May 2024</i>	Term 2 Curriculum Day – Pupil-Free Day
<i>Tuesday 14 May 2024</i>	Education Week Open Morning – 09:10am to 10:25am
<i>Friday 17 May 2024</i>	Interschool Sports – GPS v Bundoora – Home
<i>Monday 20 May 2024</i>	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
<i>Friday 24 May 2024</i>	Interschool Sports – Watsonia Heights v GPS – Away P&F Trivia Night Fundraiser – Adults only
<i>Tuesday 28 May 2024</i>	MSP School Photos
<i>Friday 31 May 2024</i>	Interschool Sports – GPS v Watsonia North – Home
<i>Friday 7 June 2024</i>	Prep Grandparents & Special Visitors Day
<i>Monday 10 June 2024</i>	Monarch’s Birthday Public Holiday – Pupil-Free Day
<i>Friday 21 June 2024</i>	Student Academic Reports released
<i>Wednesday 26 June 2024</i>	Parent/Teacher Interviews Grade 5 & 6 – Natural Disaster Expo – 11:30am to 1:00pm
<i>Friday 28 June 2024</i>	Last day of Term 2 – Early Dismissal – 1:30 pm
<i>Friday 19 July 2024</i>	Scienceworks Excursion – Whole School

Principal's Report

We've had a very smooth start to Term Two and it was wonderful to welcome everyone back and hear about their holiday adventures. Staff met together to plan before and during the holiday break for consistency of class program instruction and this ensured a terrific start to the term for students. Students from Prep – Grade Six have shown they are highly engaged in our usual class and specialist programs and several extra-curricular programs have already begun or are in the planning stage. These include excursions, incursions, High Ability Maths and English Programs, Maths Olympiad, Mothers' Day Tea, Special Visitors' Day, Grade Six Special Leadership days and excursions.

Easter Parade and Grade Six Egg Toss Champions

It was lovely to see all the family members who came to participate in our Easter Parade and activities on the last day of Term One. Congratulations to all the students who made a special hat and contributed to the fun and colour of the day! Each year the creativity and ingenuity of our community amazes us, and this year was no exception, hence we gave a prize to all students who made/wore a hat to acknowledge their effort and enthusiasm. A special highlight of this event is the annual Grade Six Egg Toss where pairs of student throw a raw egg over increasing distances until the egg is broken. Congratulations to Adam and Ethan who were the student winners of this year's event with their skilful throwing and deft catching!



Winners! Easter Egg Competition Greensborough Plaza

We are so excited that Greensborough Primary School has won Greensborough Plaza's Community Easter egg competition. Congratulations to all our students who contributed to the artistic egg display and a huge thank you to our community who participated in the egg hunt and voted for our egg! Special thanks to our art teacher Kristy B. who coordinated this project and gave our students an opportunity to showcase their artistic talents.

ANZAC DAY 2024

Anzac Day is an important day in our school calendar as we remember and honour the men and women of our defence forces who have made tremendous sacrifices for us. Traditionally each year our school captains and leaders in Grade 5/6 lay a wreath on behalf of our community, at the Greensborough RSL Anzac Day service at War Memorial Park. In the last few years we have also been invited to attend the Anzac Day Service held by Watsonia RSL and we have proudly been able to support both.



Students from other grades who attend in their school uniform are also welcome to walk up with our leaders to lay the wreath and our meeting location is at the wreath table at both venues.

Families who attend the Greensborough RSL are also invited to join the march up Main St behind our school banner if they wish. Times and meeting location for the march are below.

I will attend the Greensborough Service and one of our School Council members, Michael C, has kindly offered to meet any students at Watsonia RSL who would prefer to attend this service and lay a wreath. We will send out a COMPASS post prior to Anzac day on Monday 22nd April as a reminder and this will confirm information about the times and meeting points.

ANZAC Day School Service:

Weather permitting, we'll hold our usual school service for our Prep – Grade Six students on the netball court Wednesday 24th April at 10.50am. Parents are very welcome to attend, if we have inclement weather we will hold the service in the hall.

Watsonia RSL:

Morning Service at 10:00am. Location: Morwell Avenue, Watsonia

Greensborough RSL:

ANZAC Day March at 8:15am. Marshall from Greensborough RSL to the Greensborough War Memorial.

National Walk Safely To School Day May 10th

Now in its 25th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- ★ Walking with them the whole way to school
 - ★ If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
 - ★ If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way
- Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and us!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. For more information, visit www.walk.com.au



Message to Parents from Ben Carroll, Minister of Education.

Ben Carroll our Minister of Education would like to extend his warm wishes to every school community across Victoria, and has asked schools to share a pre-recorded [short video message](#) that speaks to parents and carers about the importance of the second school term for learning, along with a few helpful reminders. Please open the link to listen to the Minister's message.

Year 6 – 7 Transition to Secondary School

Information will be sent home this week to families of Grade Six students, giving parents all the relevant information about applying for Year 7 placement. Please contact Grade Six teachers, if you have any questions about this process. I know many students and parents have taken school tours and attended open days/evenings and found them very valuable.

Media Consent for Newsletters and Website Publication

A reminder to parents that we require media permission to publish student photos in the newsletter or on our website. When selecting photos from Easter celebrations recently, we noted that many photos of students were unable to be included as we didn't have parent consent. We absolutely respect parents' decision if they don't wish to give consent, however from conversations with some families, we're aware many had simply forgotten or were unaware of how to give permission for photos to be published. If this is the case for your family, please log on to COMPASS, navigate to Course Confirmation and give consent. Alternately, parents can ask for a hard copy of the form at the office.

Angela Morrìtt

Principal

2024 Curriculum Days

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

- Monday 13th May
- Monday before Cup Day, 4th November

STUDENT WELLBEING

Hi Everyone,

I hope that the term break went well for you! Besides chilling, enjoying the garden and visiting Melbourne Museum with a friend, I was 'doggy-sitting' for our son – a three-year-old, active border collie, named Echo! Thankfully daylight saving finished, and I was able to answer 'Echo's 'call' for a morning walk each morning at 6:30am and watch the sun come up as we played 'chase the ball' at a local oval! This was followed by a late afternoon walk before the sun went down again! So, I am feeling relaxed and FITTER! *Sometimes the best therapists have fur and four legs!*



AUTUMN



Autumn – the season of change! Actually, it is my favourite season as I watch nature change around me, especially the changing colours in nature and even the crisp air after the hot Summer.

Beyond its scenic beauty, **Autumn** carries much symbolism, mirroring the transitions we experience in our own lives. Embracing the **Autumn** season can be a powerful teacher, urging us to embrace change, let go of what no longer serves us, and find beauty in the everchanging nature of life.

We go through many '**Autumns**' in our lives as life brings a number of challenges and changes, some **GOOD & EXCITING**, and some bring **SADNESS, UNCERTAINTY or GRIEF**. Perhaps you, your family or someone you know is going through their own '**Autumn**' at this time. Reach out and share in their happiness or show kindness and care in their sadness. *That is what community is about!*

So, I look forward to once again sharing in the community at Greensborough PS this term. We are so grateful to those in our local community who support us – our Kids Hope mentors; our Breakfast Club volunteers (including Sarah who faithfully makes yummy muffins and muesli bars each week for our students; for FOODBANK; to name a few...

Three community groups supported us financially last year and are again this year so no student misses out on valuable school programs and other needs:

- **Inner Wheel of Bundoora**
- **Bundoora Rotary**
- **Greensborough Inter-Church Council**

Much of the fundraising of these organisations is through Bunnings BBQs, so please support them by buying a sausage or two when you see them at a Bunnings store!

*So, as I like to say, let's continue to work together, supporting each other and encouraging our students to show kindness and care, **AND MAKE THE GREENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY GREAT!***

Stay safe and well!!!

Robyn Mulholland
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

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

EGGCITING NEWS FROM THE ARTROOM!



I am very excited to share with you all that our school was awarded first prize for the Easter egg competition that we entered at Greensborough Plaza!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the amazing students who worked collaboratively to create our entry. Many students gave up some of their lunchtimes to decorate the egg. Thank you for your time, dedication and creativity. I would also like to thank the school community for supporting us by taking the time to vote for our egg.

When I initially discussed the competition with the students, many told me that it wouldn't be a fair competition because our small school wouldn't have a chance up against the larger schools. That just made me even more determined!

What a great life lesson...In the face of doubt and challenges, the size of one's school or the odds against success matter little when met with determination and effort. Encouraging others to do their best, regardless of initial doubts, fosters a mindset where anything is possible. The students' dedication, sacrificing lunchtimes to create a masterpiece, exemplifies that success is not defined by circumstances but by the commitment to give one's all. Their victory is a testament to the power of perseverance and teamwork.

If you didn't get a chance to see our Easter egg entry on display at Greensborough Plaza, we will be displaying it in our office foyer next week, you're welcome to pop in and have a look!

Thank you for supporting our amazing school!

Kristy Bedford

Art Teacher



G.P.S Parents & Friends presents:

Organise a table with your friends
\$20 early bird ticket

80's theme
Prize for best
dressed!

All funds raised goes to
the school

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 24th May in School Hall

Doors Open: 7pm for 7.30pm start

Tickets on sale at office Monday 22nd April

\$20 Early bird – purchase by Monday 20th May

\$30 full price

8-10 people per table

Dress up in your favourite 80's outfit!

BYO alcohol, snacks and gold coins for games

Games + Silent Auction during the night

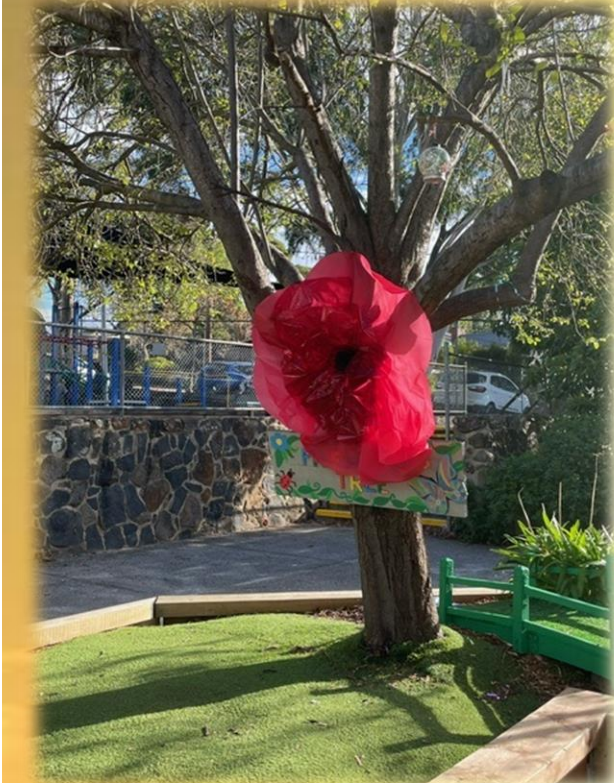
EFTPOS/credit card available for silent auction

Adult only event

The Friendship Tree

A large red Poppy has been placed on the Friendship Tree as a reminder to the students that ANZAC Day is a Day of Remembrance to those who fought for Australia and New Zealand in the defence force. Many students, from Greensborough Primary School, past and present, have had relatives who have served in the Army, Navy or Air Force to protect our nation.

For the next two weeks the Friendship Tree Leaders will be organising drawing and crafts to commemorate ANZAC Day during lunch at the Friendship Tree. All students are welcome.



Physical Education

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

As parents are aware, Greensborough Primary school enthusiastically participates in many extracurricular opportunities at the District and Regional Levels. However, this year GPS will not be participating in District Cross Country. Unfortunately, a clash of dates with our upcoming curriculum day has made our participation unfeasible.

Despite this setback, our commitment to promoting athleticism and friendly competition remains unwavering. We eagerly anticipate future opportunities for our students to showcase their talents and represent Greensborough Primary School with pride.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

GO GREENSBOROUGH!

Leo Derrick

Sports Coordinator





Pupil of the Week



2024 ~ Term 1 ~ Week 8

Prep	Myla	For her amazing positivity and enthusiasm in her everyday learning. Great work, Myla!
Grade 1/2 A	Garrus	For an amazing first term in Grade Two! Keep it up, Superstar!
Grade 1/2 B	Harriet	For her hard work and creativity in her writing.
Grade 3/4 A	Sidra	For her positive attitude towards her learning and NAPLAN assessments this week. You are an inspiration!
Grade 3/4 B	Nikola	For taking on feedback and applying it in his writing. Keep up the amazing work.
Grade 5/6 A	Shashvat	For working hard in completing his Camp Recount. Well done!
Grade 5/6 B	Billy J	You are thoroughly enjoying the 'Titan' book series! You are reading with great confidence!
Art	Oliver D Prep	For a fantastic effort colouring in the lines and leaving no white spaces on your Elmer the Elephant artwork.
Library Prep – Grade 2	Elsie S 1/2B	For her sensational explanation of the author's purpose in 'Jackson's Footy'. Excellent effort, Elsie!
PE	Jay K 5/6B	For your amazing teamwork which lead to a great goal!
STEM Prep – Grade 2	Prisha T 1/2A	For always trying her hardest in STEM and taking on board help offered!
STEM Grades 3 – 6	Malachai L 5/6B	For putting his best effort into his STEM session. You showed a great mindset, well done!

2024 ~ Term 1 ~ Week 9

Prep	Harvey	For his amazing reading & enthusiasm in Maths. Great work, Harvey!
Grade 1/2 A	Elise	For being a kind and engaged member of 1/2A. You are awesome!
Grade 1/2 B	Elsie	For an incredible Term One and for making an unforgettable Easter Hat!
Grade 3/4 A	Kashvika	For her role as narrator in her group's performance of 'How the Kangaroo got their tail'.
Grade 3/4 B	Charlie	For his kindness and sportsmanship during class activities and sport!
Grade 5/6 A	Harper	For a wonderful Term One, keep it up for the rest of the year! Well done!
Grade 5/6 B	Eden	A terrific first term at Greensborough Primary! Keep up the great work!
Art	Paris C Prep	For an excellent effort with your colouring in – well done, Paris!
PE	Harley W Prep	All grown up! It's been amazing to see you try and succeed in PE.
STEM Prep – Grade 2	Shaylah K & Sophie B Prep	For their amazing Lego Easter Egg Basket. It had a great double compartment and interesting handle design.
STEM Grades 3 – 6	Nour G 3/4B	for her persistent attitude during her Easter Egg Catapult design and creation. You didn't give up, even when it wasn't smooth.

Parents & Friends Association

Welcome back to a busy Term Two. We have a lot of events this term including our main fundraiser – the Trivia Night. This event is a lot of fun and we'd love to see as many parents as possible attending! Get your friends together to make up a table or you can join a table and get to know your new friends. This is a friendly and fun child-free evening. Further event details are listed below:

Mother's Day Stall Fundraiser:

- ★ We have the annual Mother's Day Stall for students to purchase gifts for their parent for Mother's Day on Friday 10th May 2024. All items will be reasonably priced, so save those gold coins.
- ★ Volunteers would be greatly appreciated on the day to assist students with their purchases.



Trivia Night Fundraiser:

- ★ Save the date – Friday 24 May 2024.
- ★ See the attached flyer for more details.



Food Day Fundraisers:

- ★ Friday 17 May 2024.
- ★ Friday 21 June 2024.
- ★ Volunteers would be greatly appreciated on each day to assist with packing and delivery.



Please contact myself or Annie if you have any questions or ideas.

Kind regards,

Yvette M & Annie A

for Parents & Friends Association of Greensborough Primary School

Important School Policies Notice

Greensborough Primary School regularly reviews and updates our policies and procedures to ensure they meet the Department's requirements. These policies are available on the school website, or a hard copy can be obtained from the office.

We are committed to continuous improvement and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our policies and procedures.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions please contact Angela or Margaret.

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What's been happening at OSHClub

Welcome to Term Two and what a fabulous start we have had. We are still riding high on the back of a very successful Autumn Holiday Program. So much was achieved, so many exciting adventures which included: an excursion to Bounce, an EGGstravaganza, lots of cooking on our International Day (Sushi, Ice-cream and Minestrone soup), our Incredible Science Incursion and Little Soccer Incursion. Thank you to all the families that joined us we just know you will want more next holidays.

The start of Term has seen the implementation of our Student Leader driven Art and Craft Club. This was so well received on its opening night that even our Senior Coordinator dropped in to spend some time with us. The children had so much fun making paper plate puppets that I think they would give the Muppets a run for their money. Other activities the children have been enjoying have included the Magnetics, our kitchen area, Lego table and making rainbow playdough.

There is always room for more so why not come and join us - you never know what we may get up to next.

Photo Gallery



Special Announcements

It is still preferable that hats be worn when playing outside.

Failure to notify the program of absences **will** incur penalty payments. Please be sure to let us know if your child will be absent from any session.

Coming Up

24th
Apr

Art and Craft Club

25th
Apr

Anzac Day - No School

27th
Apr

Friday Fun Day

Student Leadership News

We are introducing a great new club here at OSHClub. It is free to join and each week we are going to be making something new and exciting for you to take home. We would love to see more people come and join us. Look forward to seeing you at new OSHClub Art and Craft Club soon.



Quality Area Reflection

Quality areas we are focusing on:
Links within the community



You are invited to the Bundoora Difference OPEN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2024
6PM - 8PM

TOUR OUR FACILITIES, MEET OUR STAFF AND
EXPERIENCE HOW WE CHALLENGE STUDENTS TO
BECOME HIGHLY INDEPENDENT AND
AUTONOMOUS LEARNERS



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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 19 th Apr to 14 th 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 info@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/>

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Greensborough Primary School

TUESDAY

**1:40pm - 2:20pm
Library**

Weekly classes will help improve:

- Creativity
- Memory
- Concentration
- Planning Skills
- Independent Decision Making
- General Aptitude for Learning
- Problem Solving
- Teamwork

Learning chess has been shown to improve overall performance at school by nearly 20% compared with children who have not

To book online, scan or go to chessmates.com.au/schools



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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.

Students require a practice diary, and method book suitable for their experience and age. These will be provided by Northern Melbourne Music and included in the first invoice.

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

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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



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