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<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 – Mothers’ Day Afternoon Tea P&F Mothers’ 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 P&F Food Day – Pie Day
<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 – 7:00pm – 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>Wednesday 12 June 2024</i>	Grade 6 Excursion – Ice Skating & ARTVO
<i>Friday 21 June 2024</i>	Student Academic Reports available on Compass P&F Food Day
<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

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Principal's Report

It was wonderful to see so many of our students attend the ANZAC Day services held by both Greensborough and Watsonia RSLs. Many of our students chose to wear their uniform and walk behind our school banner in the marches and lay the wreath at either service. We were very proud of the manner in which they represented our school. Many more of our students attended with scouts or family members and honoured the men and women of our defence forces.

Last Wednesday, our student leaders led our school ANZAC Day ceremony on the netball court and Grades Prep - Six listened respectfully as our School Captains explained the origin of Anzac Day and what it represented. Parents should be very proud of the mature and respectful manner in which all students participated in the service, listened to The Last Post and observed a minute's silence at the end.



Staffing

This week we officially welcomed Jacinta Simpson as Grade 5/6A class teacher. As previously mentioned, Jacinta attended GPS several times to meet with Jesse and Paula for planning, and to receive a thorough handover of student information and also to work in the grade to meet students and begin building relationships. This induction paved the way for a highly successful transition. Jacinta will teach Monday – Thursdays and Melanie McDonald will teach on Fridays. We also farewelled Paula Ly and wished her all the best for her year ahead teaching overseas.

It's anticipated Jesse Stephens will begin Parental Leave in the coming days and during this time, Melanie McDonald will teach Grade 5/6B Monday – Thursdays and Emily Zann will teach on Fridays. Both Mel and Emily have worked at GPS on a regular basis and are very familiar with our students, staff and school programs.

Extracurricular Programs

Our Grade 6 students had the opportunity to work with other senior students from our North East Small Schools Team (NESST) yesterday and build their leadership skills. Our attending staff, Leo, Claire and Lynette were high in their praise of our students who enthusiastically participated in the sessions and contributed thoughtful responses to situations posed. We are proud of their behaviour and willingness to meet new challenges and make new friends.

We were very excited this week to hear our application for funding for the **Phoenix Soar Program** was successful and we thank Robyn, our Wellbeing Worker for securing this grant. Phoenix Soar is a four-week mental health program for Grades five and six students, developed and delivered by the South East Melbourne Phoenix. Through the program, students learn to recognise, regulate and articulate their emotions. Combining classroom and on court learning, students hear from Phoenix professional athletes via engaging digital content, participate in class discussions and drills and clinics using their learnings in real world situations.

Our highly numerate Grade 3 – 6 students are currently participating in the Junior Maths Olympiad program. This program is specifically designed to stimulate and challenge students at primary school level. It teaches 'major problem-solving strategies and strengthens students' mathematical intuition. The competition runs for several weeks and we wish our students well.

Preps are celebrating their mothers with a special afternoon tea on Friday 10th May and are excitedly looking forward to pampering their guests. Special Visitors Day follows later in the term for Grades Prep – 2 and with Discovery units well underway, it's an eventful and exciting term.

Education Week Open Morning Tuesday 14th May 9:10-10:25am

Family members are invited to join us on Tuesday 14th May as we celebrate Education Week. This year the focus is on STEM and classrooms will be open for parents and family members to join in activities from 9:10am – 10:25am. Morning Tea for parents and family members will follow in the hall from 10:25am. We hope many family members can join us.



Attitudes To School Survey

We value Student Voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction, and in the coming weeks, we are conducting a survey to find out what children in Grades 4 – 6 think of our school.

The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. Further information will be sent home to parents of students in Grades 4 – 6 shortly via COMPASS. Participation in this survey is voluntary and if parents do not wish for their child to do the survey, they will be able to opt out via email to their child's class teacher.

Breakfast Club

A reminder to families that breakfast snacks are available to our students each morning before school. Our Wellbeing Worker Robyn and her tireless volunteers serve breakfast to our students on Wednesday mornings from the canteen. The menu this week included baked bean toasties, hot Milo and cereal....a terrific way to start the day at school! Several of our student leaders, coordinated by ES Claire, serve a breakfast snack the other 4 days of the week in front of the office. This menu includes delicious homemade muffins, fruit cups and milk drinks! We're very grateful to all our volunteers for helping us start the day in a positive way.

School Photos

School Photos will be taken Tuesday 28th May. More information from MSP photography explaining the process for ordering student and sibling group photos will be sent home in the coming weeks. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.



Monday 13th May Curriculum Day

A reminder that Monday 13th May is a pupil free Curriculum day. The focus for staff on this day will be Assessment and Reporting. Please contact OSHClub if you wish to book your children in for care and supervision on Monday 13th.

The remaining Curriculum Days for the year are:

- ★ Monday before Cup Day, 4th November: Assessment and Reporting
- ★ Friday 20th December: Professional Practice Day

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National Walk Safely To School Day May 10th

Well, it's that time of year again when 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 practical for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how we might build a walk into our 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



Walking with your child regularly has physical, mental and behavioural benefits and is a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 10 May 2024! For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

Year 6 – 7 Transition to Secondary School

Information was sent home recently 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.

Thank you to Parents and Friends for organising the Mothers' Day stall next Friday 10th May. We greatly appreciate the many hours spent wrapping and preparing presents for our children to give to a very special person in their lives on Sunday 12th May. This event brings much joy to our community as students take time to select their 'perfect gifts'. Many thanks to Annie and Yvette and their helpers for coordinating this event and helping with the setup, serving and pack-up.

Angela Morrìtt

Principal

2025 Prep Enrolments

Enrolments applications are required by Friday 26th July 2024. If any families know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please encourage them to register their details as soon as possible, (*this includes siblings of current students*). Under the new DET guidelines all 2025 Prep enrolments must be completed by 26th July 2024. Parents will be notified of the outcome of your application between Monday 29 July and Friday 9 August 2024. If parents receive an enrolment offer, they should accept the offer by Friday 23 August 2024. We have already had a number of enquiries and school tours for places in 2025 and the sooner we get a sense of our intake for next year, the sooner we can start planning for grade structures.

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
- ★ Friday 20th December – Last Day of 2024 School Year

STUDENT WELLBEING

Hi Everyone,

What a wonderful Autumn weekend we just had. I can tell you that it was even warmer in Sydney! Yes, Hubby and I flew there for the weekend for a very special celebration – a lady we know turned 100 years old on ANZAC Day and it was time to celebrate with family and friends, about 100 of us! The lady's name is JOY – how appropriate as she spent her life spreading JOY to all she met. As a young newly married lady she travelled to Ethiopia to work in a village high in a mountain for 17 years, travelling by mule up the mountain for 60 miles – she was very thankful to have made it safely to the village, although she was 'a little sore'! She spread her love as she taught children who had never had the opportunity to an education.



JOY and her husband (who is sadly now deceased) returned to Australia with their two teenage children, both of whom were born in quite primitive conditions. They continued to work with the Ethiopian community in Sydney throughout their married life. Each Christmas we would receive a Christmas newsletter updating us about their year, up until last Christmas when JOY had grown frail, but many of her nearby friends and acquaintances still receive an encouraging phone call from her.



We heard wonderful stories of JOY and her husband's hospitality, of which Hubby and I have been recipients on more than one occasion when in Sydney. JOY'S maid of honour also gave a speech – a 97-year-old lady!

Such a wonderful example of a life of KINDNESS, EMPATHY, GRATITUDE, HOSPITALITY AND GENEROSITY. A LIFE WELL LIVED! A PRIVILEGE AND A JOY TO BE PART OF JOY'S LIFE.

Why am I writing this? JOY displays qualities and values that are so much needed in our society. We can be the smartest, the wealthiest, have all the luxuries in the world, BUT still not be happy. COMMUNITY involves sharing, caring, kindness, generosity, gratitude! THAT COMES FROM INSIDE US!

My HOPE is that the students at Greensborough Primary School will grow into CARING, RESPECTFUL AND EMPATHETIC adults as our school values state. And just maybe, they will live long enough for family and friends to celebrate 100 YEARS OF THEIR LIFE (or close to) – A LIFE OF CARING, GENEROSITY AND LOVE!

ALSO REMEMBER THAT 'MONKEY SEE, MONKEY DO' – our children are learning by example!

So, let's continue to work together as a school community and help our students/children to grow to be the best they can be!



Stay safe and well!!

Robyn Mulholland
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

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Governor General's Camp 2024

By Adam C and Thomas H.



Last week from the 14th to the 19th of April, Thomas and I went on a once in a lifetime scout camp in the grounds of Government House in Canberra. We were put into a patrol with people from all over Victoria as well as making friends with people from all around Australia. There were tons of activities to do in fact there were a bit too many! We enjoyed having fun around the campsite with everyone and even Thomas got to go on stage!

The activities we did were things including going to Questacon and the Australian War Memorial. We did stuff like going 4WD up a mountain with astonishing views of the NASA satellite dishes, we got to do ziplines, horizontal bungee and abseiling. More activities were sailing and canoeing, or mountain biking and master chef. There were so many activities that we didn't have enough time to do all of them.



The Friendship Flag

The friendship flag is a flag that at the end of every Jamboree (a camp that happens every four years and goes for 11 days) is handed over to the next state holding it. Victoria held it last but covid hit and we couldn't hand over the flag but this year at Governor General we could!

As well as having daytime activities, we also had nighttime activities such as on the first night opening parade and the second we had a huge bonfire. Next we had the talent show and the magic show. Then on the last night, we had a closing parade where Governor General David Hurley and Linda Hurley closed the first ever Governor General's camp!



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Spotlight on Grades Three and Four

This term, we have been learning different reading comprehension strategies. This week and next week, our focus is on making connections. During reading, students consider how their text can be compared to their own life experiences, other texts they have read, and to the world around them. Making connections is a powerful strategy that supports students to better understand new information. By adding this strategy to our comprehension toolkit, we are helping ourselves to become stronger readers.



Recollections of 2024 Leadership day

On the 1st of May 2024 the Grade Sixes went to Pantom Hill Primary School for a Leadership day. We learnt so many things to make everyone great leaders. We had multiple activities like outdoor initiatives where we did a trust game, we had to guide somebody with a blindfold on, through a field of cones without them touching one. We also did a game which was based on teamwork where we had to make it through the oval with just five wooded planks.

We also did public speaking which helped our confidence when speaking in front of a crowd. We did a project for school fundraisers and tried to name a leadership quality for each letter of the alphabet. Then we got to do hula hoop teamwork games, such as a game where you had to use your fingertips to lift the hula hoop which sounds easy but is actually quite hard. After that we did another hula hoop game where everybody held hands and tried to get the hula hoop from one end to the other.

After the activities we had lunch which was pizza then we had a guest called Andrew Swift who is an Australian Country Music Artist, who has won multiple Golden Guitars the highest award an artist can get in Australia. He told us how he got to where he is today as well as performing some of his most famous songs. Overall, it was an amazing day that everybody enjoyed and learnt from.
- Adam.

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Recollections of 2024 Leadership day

First we arrived at the hall and found our seats, they talked about what you should have to become a leader. We also talked about all the leaders in the world. They're not all good and it's not just about being bossy, it's about doing what's beneficial for everybody in the team or coming closer to your team's goal. It's not just a title, it's a role.

First my group did initiatives. We did this thing where we were guided by our partner to get to the other side. We played a game where there were planks and we had to have a foot on one at a time. My group came up second. Next, we had public speaking. We would make a quick talk to our group about what we wrote and listed.

After the Brain Break, we did our next two activities. One was making a project doing A-Z leadership qualities and the other was using paper clips, without using our hands, to get a ring on a lolly worm, and then we ate it.

We had pizza for lunch. Andrew Swift is a country singer who came and talked about his journey to becoming a musician. We played shankers with a footy with our school.- Xavier.

On the first of May Grade Sixes visited Panton Hill and got to experience how to be a leader in all types of different ways; like public speaking and working together with cooperation and communication with different challenges; like initiatives and problem solving.- Eden.



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Parents & Friends Association

Mother's Day Stall Fundraiser:

- ★ We have the annual Mothers' Day Stall for students to purchase gifts for their parent for Mothers' Day next Friday 10th May 2024 from 11:30am. 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.
- ★ Tickets are selling fast. Don't miss out on the fun! See the attached flyer for more details.



Food Day Fundraisers:

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



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



Kind regards,

Yvette M & Annie A

for Parents & Friends Association of Greensborough Primary School

G.P.S Parents & Friends presents:

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

80's theme
Prize for best dressed!

TRIVIA
Night

All funds raised goes to the school

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



Pupil of the Week



2024 ~ Term 2 ~ Week 1

Prep	Sophie	For her amazing love for learning and always leading by example in the classroom. Keep it up Sophie!
Grade 1/2 A	Amos	For making great progress with his reading! Go, Amos!
Grade 1/2 B	Kleo	For always bringing a smile to the classroom and making us laugh everyday.
Grade 3/4 A	Raythan	For his active participation in class discussions this week. Keep it up, Raythan.
Grade 3/4 B	Azaan	For his excellent contributions to class discussions and being a role model to his peers.
Grade 5/6 A	Arad	For your fantastic efforts during Magic Maths. Well done!
Grade 5/6 B	Joel	You have made an exceptional start to term! Keep up the great work!
Art	Vinnie S Prep	For creating a beautiful underwater background using pastels and watercolour paint.
Library Prep – Grade 2	Patrick S 1/2A	For his participation in Library this week. We love hearing your thoughts, Paddy.
Library Grades 3 – 2	Shyamala S 3/4A	For sharing in-depth text connections during Library. Great stories!
PE	Arlowe F 1/2B	For your amazing listening and supporting of friends in the Footy Clinic.
STEM Prep – Grade 2	Liam M 1/2B	For his participation and great ideas to share in this week's task. Awesome job!
STEM Prep – Grade 2	Abigail G 1/2A	For her wonderful engagement in our discussion and activity today. Well done, Abbi.
STEM Grades 3 – 6	Raiden D 5/6A	For his great teamwork and collaboration in this week's activity. Well done!

2024 ~ Term 2 ~ Week 2

Prep	Shaylah	For always working with enthusiasm and presenting her work beautifully. Great job, Shaylah.
Grade 1/2 A	Ethan	For working so hard to improve his handwriting and contributing to all class discussions.
Grade 1/2 B	Vidur	For practising his handwriting and working hard in writing lessons. Well done, Vidur!
Grade 3/4 A	Sansa	For practising to adjust the volume of her voice in Guided Reading sessions.
Grade 3/4 B	Fatima	For her enthusiasm and determination in all aspects of her learning. Great results!
Grade 5/6 A	Heidi	For being a fantastic member of the classroom and always putting a smile on my face. Thank you, Heidi.
Grade 5/6 B	Edward	What a great Friday you had! From Netball goals to fun memories. Great to see you smiling from ear to ear!
Art	Ren L 3/4B	For demonstrating excellent sculpting skills this week in Art. Your foil sculpture of an astronaut is fantastic!
Library Prep – Grade 2	Arlowe F 1/2B	For providing excellent supporting evidence in your Library work.
PE	Xavier M 5/6A	For your excellent leadership; encouraging others; supporting your peers and love of sport. You are a great role model.
STEM Prep – Grade 2	Eliana C Prep	Well done on mixing and creating our science 'snow'! you did a great job.
STEM Grades 3 – 6	Drew A 3/4A	For collaborating and designing to create a 'flood proof house'. I loved your confidence and ideas.

What's been happening at OSHClub...

It is with great pleasure that we introduce our new team member, Emmerson. We were very lucky to have Emmerson start with us last Monday and already she is making a big difference within our program. We just know that you are going to love the ideas and energy that she brings with her and will make her very welcome here at Greensborough.

The children are busy working on some special projects for Mother's Day and we can't wait to hear your feedback as these are items that haven't been tried here before.

The student leadership team are doing amazing things and compliment other activities such as constructive, outdoor, imaginative and creative play. Last week we made Anzac biscuits in Cooking Club and this week we are making Potato and Corn Soup. We also made some paper poppies, flew paper planes, had a game of soccer, had a tea party, we now have our own resident 'doctor' and so much more. We even found time to practise an evacuation and lockdown drill. Come join us as we truly do have so much fun.

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

7th May Art and Craft Club - Slime

10th May Friday Fun Day

12th May Mother's Day

Student Leadership News

In Art Club we all made pretty mosaic suncatchers. Some of us made them for our mothers for Mother's Day and some of us made them for someone else. We made them by going in pairs and laying out the celaphane in a pattern and laminating it. We stuck them in frames and they looked really pretty. It was so much fun and I am excited for the next Art Club activity.



Quality Area Reflection

QUALITY AREAS WE ARE FOCUSING ON:

Links within the community

GREENSBOROUGH PS PHOTO DAY



TUESDAY 28TH MAY 2024

Orders can now be made through your Compass Portal via your email link or under the **COMMUNITY** tab

PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW TO ENSURE OUR BEST PRICES!

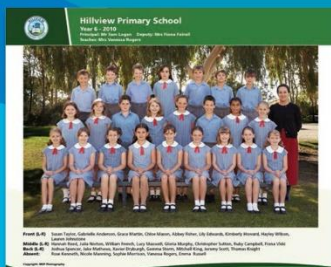


FAMILY PHOTOS

Family/Sibling photos are available for students attending school. Orders must be placed by **11:59PM** the day before photo day.

Parents with 3 or more children can receive a concession with our **Premium** or **Classic** packs. To take up this offer, please contact us prior to photo day.

GROUP STYLE



We're here to help.

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