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Friday 14 June 2024	JSC Big Freeze Fundraising Event – Postponed to Term 3
Monday 17 June 2024	Last day to return orders for Sausage Sizzle Food Day
Friday 21 June 2024	Student Academic Reports available on Compass P&F Sausage Sizzle Food Day
Wednesday 26 June 2024	Parent/Teacher Interviews (Normal School Day for Students) Grade 5 & 6 – Natural Disaster Expo – 11:30am to 1:00pm
Friday 28 June 2024	Last day of Term 2 – Early Dismissal – 1:30 pm
Monday 15 July 2024	First Day of Term 3
Friday 19 July 2024	Scienceworks Excursion – Whole School
Friday 26 July 2024	Footsteps Dance Program – Session 1 (Whole School)
Friday 2 August 2024	Footsteps Dance Program – Session 2 (Whole School)
Wednesday 7 August 2024	Athletics Trials – Willinda Park – 9:00am to 1:30pm
Friday 9 August 2024	Footsteps Dance Program – Session 3 (Whole School)
Friday 16 August 2024	Footsteps Dance Program – Session 4 (Whole School)
Friday 23 August 2024	Footsteps Dance Program – Session 4 (Whole School)

Principal's Report

Returning from my leave this week, I can thoroughly recommend Peru and the wondrous sites of the Amazon and one of the new Seven Wonders of the World, Machu Picchu. These locations have long been on my bucket list and the opportunity to visit other cultures and learn about their history and customs was greatly valued and enjoyed. That said, I'm glad to be back and would like to thank Margaret for leading the school and staff for their commitment to ensure class programs continued without disruption, despite absences due to staff illness and difficulties of replacing teachers.

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I was sorry to miss the P&F Trivia Night, while I was away, which was a terrific success both as a community social event and fundraiser. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event either by attending on the night and participating in the Silent Auctions or by purchasing raffle tickets for the ten additional prizes drawn at assembly this week. Thanks also to everyone who worked 'behind the scenes' approaching companies for donations, setting up and packing up the hall. We greatly appreciate P&F upgrading existing resources or purchasing new items for our students to experience and enjoy.

Special Visitors' Day was also held last week and this event is one of the highlights of the year for our Prep – 2 students and many happy memories are created and shared. From all accounts, the morning was a great success and our junior students proudly and enthusiastically displayed their talents and school programs to their special visitors, who in turn greatly enjoyed the opportunity to share the experience with students. Thank you to our junior school staff for organizing this extracurricular event.



Acknowledging Terrific Student Behaviour



Congratulations to Lola for winning our 'Raffle Reward' this week. As families are aware, each week this term we are celebrating our students who demonstrate appropriate behaviours during recess and lunch breaks in the yard by showing respect, empathy or care towards other students and also demonstrating resilience and the capacity or willingness to solve problems and sort out differences of opinion using appropriate strategies. As staff spot students displaying appropriate behaviours, names are written on raffle tickets which then go into a draw for a \$25 Greensborough Plaza gift voucher each week. Tickets are also awarded to recognise and reward students who demonstrate growth and improvement in these skill sets.

Kudos also to our Grade Six students for the public acknowledgement of their exemplary behaviour! As part of our Grade Six celebrations our senior students are given the opportunity to use their Student Voice each term to select a fun excursion. Yesterday our Grade 6s attended Art Vo and Ice skating in the city and staff at both venues went out of their way to give extremely positive feedback to our staff about our student behaviour. Their comments echoed our staff's opinions and we commend our students for representing themselves and GPS in a manner to be proud of.

Bookings For Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in the final week of Term Two on Wednesday 26th June, from 2:10pm to 7:00pm. Our Compass booking system will be open today, **Thursday 13th of June from 4:00pm**. Families with more than one student attending GPS are advised to book early to allow sessions to be booked closer together rather than have large time gaps between meetings. Due to the need to avoid delays to parents, meetings will need to run on time and adhere to the ten-minute time allowance. Please contact your child's class teacher by Wednesday 19th June if an interpreter is required for interviews. A quick guide for booking interviews on Compass was sent in yesterday's Compass post. If any families experience difficulties, please contact the office or your child's class teacher.

Attitudes To School Survey Grades 4-6

Teachers have reported productive discussions arose recently as our Grade 4 – 6 students completed the DET, Attitudes To School Survey. Students discussed the importance of Student Voice and Agency and what it means at GPS. Opportunities to contribute to change within the school via the Class Meeting protocols was also acknowledged.

We're looking forward to receiving the survey results and gaining further understandings of our students' perceptions and experiences at GPS. Thank you to Jacinta Simpson, for coordinating student participation in this survey.

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Footsteps Dance Program Term Three

Planning for next term's programs is well underway and this includes our dance lessons. The ten dance lessons with Footsteps Dance Company are included in our Parent Payments, as is the cost of the bus to Montmorency Secondary College for our performance. **Families who have not paid this year's Parent Payment are required to pay \$50 for the dance program and transport cost.** To assist families, Mehgan, our Business Manager will contact parents to advise if payment is required.

The program uses dance as a vehicle to develop students' inter/intrapersonal skills, fitness levels and provide teachers with classroom resources. The program is fun and exciting for students and culminates in a performance for parents.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Morritt

Principal

Emergency Clothing Payment

At times, we supply students with dry clothing items to replace their own clothing which may have become wet or muddy. A reminder that if your child is supplied with these items, we greatly appreciate a gold coin donation to ensure we can keep a supply of varied sizes for future use. Items such as shorts and trousers can be washed and returned, however socks and underwear cannot be returned, and parents may keep the items.

2025 Prep Enrolments

Enrol 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 should be completed by 26 July 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.

Parents/Carers will be notified of the outcome of the application between Monday 29 July and Friday 9 August 2024. If an enrolment offer is sent, it should be accepted by Friday 23 August 2024.

2024 Curriculum Days

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

- ★ Monday before Cup Day, 4th November
- ★ Friday 20th December – Last Day of 2024 School Year

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STUDENT WELLBEING



Hi Everyone,

*In case you haven't noticed,
WINTER has arrived!!*

There's a Japanese proverb that says, *"One kind word can warm three winter months."* To me, this means that when the cold wind howls, the snow flies and the night comes on all too soon, a little love, a little kindness and a little warmth go a long way. The cold and darkness of **WINTER** encourages us to value the **warm and comforting things** in our lives.

WINTER brings us inside, and it brings us closer to those we love. Walking a positive path through **WINTER** means embracing this opportunity, savouring low lights, a warm bed, quiet conversation, crackling fires and cozy activities from movie-watching to jigsaw-puzzling.



Advantages of Winter

Contrary to popular belief, there are many benefits of **WINTER**, and the health benefits of winter are not just limited to the warmth of a fireplace. So here are four major benefits of cold weather as explained by *experts* on why you should love **WINTER!**

- ★ **Boosting the immune system:**
Your body uses energy to help fight infection, especially when it's cold outside. During winter, the body's ability to produce white blood cells increases in response to the increased demand for immune defence cells, resulting in stronger defences against infection and illness.
- ★ **Cold weather burns more calories:**
Cold weather can actually help you burn calories. Cold weather has a way of making the bodywork a little harder to keep warm.
- ★ **Reduced stress levels:**
The season has a hibernating effect on people and makes people get more sleep than during other seasons. Hence, the body automatically has more time to heal and repair both physical and mental health.
- ★ **Nature is healthier:**
WINTER is a dormant season in all senses. Since the temperature drops, most of the dust and allergens stay on earth reducing allergies. The season also sees a decline in the insect count, making it relatively bug-free. So, when you walk outside in **WINTER** you are more likely to breathe fresher air and feel much more relaxed and rejuvenated. Colder air boosts your brain activity, improves focus, and helps you think more clearly and make quicker decisions and even often stay calmer when our body needs more energy to keep us warm.



DO YOU WANT YOUR WINTER TO BE BRIGHTER? Perhaps easiest of all, *try sharing one kind word with someone you meet today.* A smile, a greeting or an encouraging comment could warm **WINTER** months for that person and for yourself in the process.

And, if **WINTER** is less-than-positive for you right now, either because of the physical or emotional challenges of the season, you can always turn to the inspiring words of the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley: **"If WINTER comes, can SPRING be far behind?"**

SHARE SOME POSITIVITY WITH YOUR CHILDREN THIS WINTER. *More 'inspiration' to give you positivity this WINTER in our next newsletter. Until then stay warm, smile and be kind!*

Stay safe and well!!

Robyn Mulholland

Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
robyn.mulholland@education.vic.gov.au

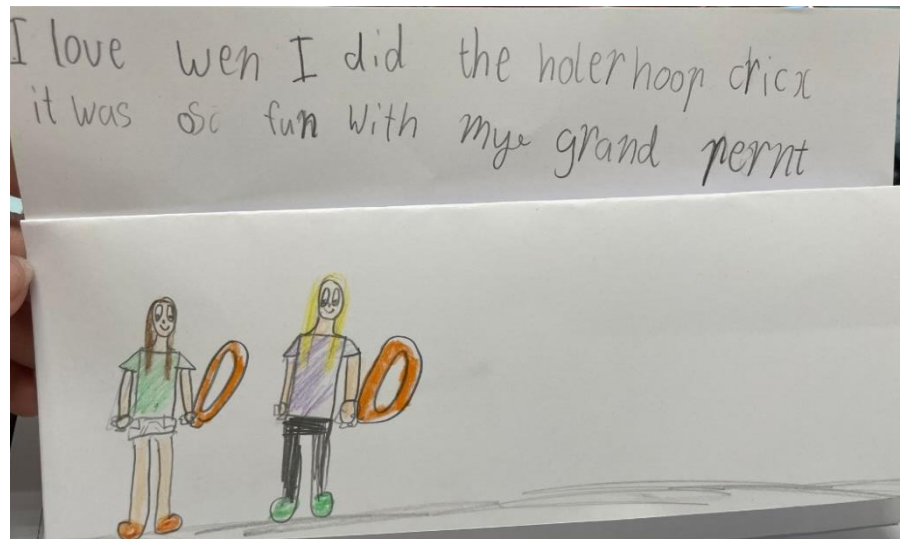


GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY



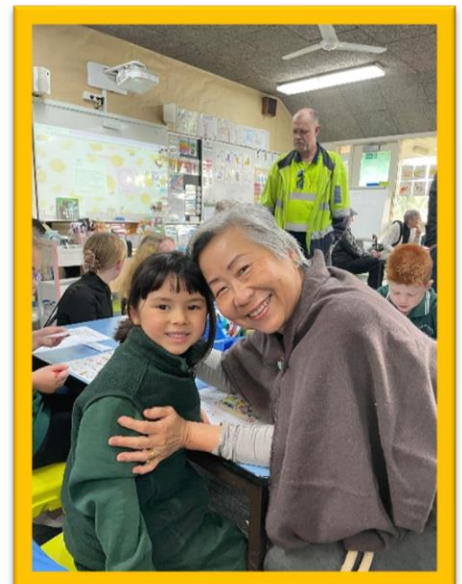
Last Friday, the Preps and Grade 1/2s had special visitors join us for a morning of great fun! The Preps and Grade 1/2s were able to show their visitors around their classrooms and spend some quality time together before a delicious morning tea with scrumptious treats for everyone. We sincerely thank everyone who made the effort to join us, as it created so many wonderful memories for our students. Here are some of our highlights!

On Friday I brought my Grandma and Grandpa to Grandparents' and Special Visitors' Day. We listened to a story and asked our Grandparents about all their favourite things when they were young. We did lots of activities, my favourite was making a paper plane and flying it with my grandparents outside. Then we had lots of yummy morning tea. - Patrick





My favourite thing that me and my granpernt did was finshing a puzzle!



I brought my Grandma and Grandpa to Special Visitors Day. I enjoyed making origami dogs with my grandparents and rolling dice and drawing monsters with the number that we rolled. I showed my grandparents the Prep room and the other 1/2 classroom. We had morning tea together. - Amal

Our Special Grade 6 Excursion to Ice Skating and ArtVo

On Wednesday 12th June, the Grade 6 Graduates went to ArtVo and Ice Skating for our special Term Two excursion. When we arrived at our first destination, O'Brien Ice House, we checked in and then went to listen to our first safety briefing, which explained how to put on our gear that we would use on the ice. Then, all of us went to find our skates and helmet, before then going onto the ice for the first time! Charlotte said, "... *the ice is so slippery!*" Stepping onto the ice was like stepping onto a banana peel and we were lucky to have a rail to hold on tight to.

Next, we had our first lesson on how to skate, fall over safely, get up from a fall, break and turn around. Then it was time for skating! Many students were holding onto dear life. This included our more safety conscious students in Maisie and Reese. A few more daredevils in Charlie and Thomas T tested their skills with multiple falls!! Graceful in skill and speed, Billie, Jay, Eden, Mounina and Sawyer quickly made a case for the Australian Olympic team. Arad takes the trophy for the highest number of falls!

Next was lunch - YUM! Docklands food court offered up an array of delicacies. KFC was hot in demand, Subway, Souvlaki and ice cream to top it off made us full and content before we then went to our next destination...

...ArtVo! ArtVo was a place that made 2 dimensional paintings turn 3D – just like an optical illusion! We took photos with the paintings on the walls with our friends. There were animals, superheroes, props, settings and scenes! It looked strange in reality, but the photos made it look real and amazing!

- ★ *"The excursion was one of the best ever! Ice skating was a challenge for some, and enjoyable for others like me!" – Eden*
- ★ *"I felt like a professional ice hockey player - In slow motion..." – Xavier*
- ★ *"At ArtVo, all of the illusions looked so different to when the photo was taken!" – Anne-Sophie*
- ★ *"It was so much fun taking photos with our friends at ArtVo" – Maisie*
- ★ *"O'Briens Ice House were so kind to give me Bouers hockey skates. They made us feel confident and safe!" – Billie M*






Pupil of the Week



2024 ~ Term 2 ~ Week 7

Prep	Harley	For her dedication towards learning her letters and sounds. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 A	Ella	For always being an enthusiastic learner. Keep it up, Superstar!
Grade 1/2 B	Arlowe	For always showing kindness towards her peers and coming to school with a big smile.
Grade 3/4 A	Tien	For his enthusiasm in learning and researching locations in the story 'Are We There Yet?'
Grade 3/4 B	Eloise	For being so kind and considerate to her peers and making sure everyone is included!
Grade 5/6 A	Raiden	For showing a high level of maturity and making sensible choices.
Grade 5/6 B	All 5/6B	For being such a great team in class for Mrs Mac!!
Library Grades 3 – 6	Carter A 5/6A	For engaging in his learning of returning borrowed books to their correct place on the shelf.
PE	Lachie G 5/6B	For your passion and knowledge of Lacross.
STEM Prep – Grade 2	Edward O Prep	I love how you got in and gave everything 'a go' today. Keep it up!
STEM Grades 3 – 6	Shyamala S 3/4A	For always giving her best effort every session! Super Star 

2024 ~ Term 2 ~ Week 8

Prep	Ishaan	For his consistent effort in reading and always applying feedback to his writing.
Grade 1/2 A	Hudson	For his engaged effort during Literacy tasks. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 B	Shiv	For showing dedication in Reading groups. Well done, Shiv!
Grade 3/4 A	Ella	For using high modality language throughout her persuasive text.
Grade 3/4 B	Dash	For his excellent reading during Literacy groups this week. Well done!
Grade 5/6 A	Anne-Sophie	For being a mature role model, always thinking of her peers.
Grade 5/6 B	Valissia	For reading and love of books are making your development SHINE!
Art	Elsie S 1/2B	For an excellent effort creating her flower collage. Well done, Elsie!
Library Prep – Grade 2	Myla F Prep	You always try your best, Myla. Fabulous!
PE	Annabelle W 1/2B	For clearly listening and applying yourself in Lacrosse! Big well done!
STEM Prep – Grade 2	Ella M 1/2A	For using her DASH robot carefully to follow and complete the maze she created.
STEM Grades 3 – 6	Adam C 5/6B	For sharing his confidence in coding with his peers when assistance was required. Great work, Adam.

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2024 Graduation: *Expression of Interest*



Dear Families,

We're about to kick off a fundraising drive to raise money for the Greensborough Primary School 2024 Graduation!

It would be great if you could roll up your sleeves and help. The good news is that this fundraiser is super simple... and delicious!

Cadbury Fundraiser: We're Selling The Natural Confectionery Co. Lolly Box!

Every box of Natural Confectionery Lollies we sell will raise \$25 towards our Graduation! Last year, we made over \$850! Some families were able to take boxes into their workplaces or sell them in their neighbourhood communities. Once again, we're asking all members of our Greensborough Primary School community to consider fundraising for us to make this event a huge success!

What To Do

If you are able to assist us with the fundraiser, please visit Mehgan Uren at the General Office or call on 9435-1496 to place your '*Expression of Interest*' by Tuesday, 18th June 2024.



Thanks for your support in advance!

Jesse Stephens & Jacinta Simpson
5/6 Classroom Teachers
Graduation Committee



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS

Dear Families,

Book Club catalogues were sent home last week with your children. If you would like to place an order this can be done online at <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx> 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 14th June 2024**.

Thank you again for your support,

Claire Embling

Book Club Coordinator

Parents & Friends Association

Food Day Fundraiser:

★ Friday 21 June 2024. – Sausage Sizzle Food Day

★ Calling on willing volunteers to assist with preparation, packing and delivery of the pie and sausage roll orders next Friday. Please contact the office if you can help.



Kind regards,

Yvette M & Annie A

for Parents & Friends Association of Greensborough Primary School

Bread Tags

The Kindness Crusaders are still collecting bread tags. Please support us by kindly bringing in your PLASTIC bread tags and putting them in the box in the office.

Thank you for your help,

The Kindness Crusaders





Message from the team!

This month brought us to the end of Linda's journey with OSHClub. She has been a wonderful member of our team and is dearly missed by all children. We thank Linda for her time spent with us here at Greensborough, and wish her well on her next chapter.

Hillary will be taking on this role until a suitable Coordinator is hired. Hillary has worked at Greensborough OSHClub before and has been continuing to build friendships with all children.



Rise then Shine Update



We've been having a great start to our mornings! The children enjoy settling in with quiet activities such as Lego construction, colouring, reading, and Uno. We have a range of breakfast items to ensure that each child has a good start to their day. We end each session by offering a group game to energise them for school. Our current favourites are 'Night and the Museum' and 'Poison Lizard'.

We even made Earth Stress Balls on one morning last week. It was such a relaxing activity which the children enjoyed.

Stay and Play Update



Our Stay and Play sessions are always a bundle of fun. We have a great Student Leadership Team who take pride in organising activities and ensuring our Weekly Children's Meetings are being done. Our Art's & Crafts Club on a Tuesday is a great example of their input into our program. Each week they plan the activity and facilitate it themselves, ensuring we have the proper resources required for the activities.

Some other recent activities include making yummy lemon slice, having fun with table tennis (using magnetic plates to great the net!), splat painting, and making our own slime!

Service details

Our contact details are:



0447 868 204



Greensborough@oshclub.com.au

Our hours:

Rise then Shine: 6:45am-9am

Stay and Play: 3:30pm-6:00pm

Holiday HQ: 6:45am-6:00pm

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Community Updates

The Winter Holidays are fast approaching!
We will be taking part in the Holiday HQ Games. A fun-filled two weeks of Olympic themed games and activities!
Places are limited so be sure to book in quick!

Our 'Opening Ceremony' will include a live video meeting with Olympic Gold Medalist Libby Trickett! Have the chance to meet and ask a question about her journey as an Olympian.

This June, OSHClub is raising money for The Smith Family, to help children in Australia who are living in poverty and may not have the same opportunities as us.
If you would like to donate, please scan the QR code found on the parent sign-in desk.

Congratulations to Eliana for winning our Lolly Jar in our 'guess the lollies' competition! Your guess was the closest to the correct amount, enjoy the lollies!

Happy Snaps



NSC Chess Tournaments at Ivanhoe Primary School

Northern Star Chess has been running chess tournaments in Victoria for many years! Ivanhoe Primary School has hosted events in the past, and this year the school will be hosting a tournament in August. We welcome IPS students to join in!

Online registration is essential, we offer this using Trybooking. Please see below for the link which has been set up especially for IPS parents.

Date: Thursday 22nd August
Time: 9:30am – 2:00 pm
Cost: \$25 per player (plus \$0.50 booking fee per ticket)

Register before the event

Due to the nature of this process, your child needs to be registered online before the event. We can only accept IPS students on the day if they are registered. (unless a parent comes with the child at the start of the tournament to give permission and make a cash payment)

Attending the tournament

- Students should attend their classroom at the start of the day as usual, so they can be marked off the roll.
- Sometime before 9:30am, they can come to the playing hall. Organisers will follow up on any registered players who have not showed up at the venue.
- IPS students should bring their snacks, lunch and a drink with them. It is fine to bring all this in their school bag.
- All players play 7 games of chess during the day. We aim to finish games and presentation around 2pm – 2:15pm.
- After the event, they can go back to their class.

Format:

- Individual based tournament
- Every student plays 7 games against players of similar skill, regardless of how many games they win or lose (Swiss pairing method)
- Students experience proper tournament rules
- Gold/Silver/Bronze medals awarded to various grade/year level categories
- "Star of the tournament" trophy for top scorer of the day
- Table prizes/giveaways.
- Cost is \$25 per student per event

How to register – IPS chess tournaments:

Register and pay online with Trybooking.com using any of the methods below:

1. Scan QR code for booking page
2. [Click on this link](#) for booking page (if you see a clickable link)
3. Type the URL below in your browser for booking page



<https://www.trybooking.com/CSEIH>

Enquiries: info@NorthernStarChess.com

VACANCIES AVAILABLE



FREE kindergarten



2025 proposed timetable

3 YEAR OLD KINDER

Tuesday 8.30am - 1.30pm
Thursday 8.30am - 1.30pm
Friday 8.30am - 1.30pm

*With intention to offer a new After Care Program from 1.30pm to 4.00pm subject to interest from families.

4 YEAR OLD KINDER

Monday 8.30am - 4.00pm
Wednesday 8.30am - 4.00pm

9435 8752

OPERATIONS@APOLLOPARKWAYSPRESCHOOL.COM.AU



YOGA for KIDS



BREATHE, STRETCH, GIGGLE...REPEAT!

Join us for kids yoga these school holidays at Viva Life Pilates. Explore the themes of kindness and gratitude through yoga poses, games, breathing exercises, mindfulness activities, meditation and relaxation.

KINDNESS CLASS
WED 3RD JULY

GRATITUDE CLASS
WED 10TH JULY

11:30am-12:15pm (AGES 3-5 YEARS)
12:30pm-1:30pm (AGES 6-12 YEARS)
\$25 PER CHILD

Viva Life Pilates - Yarrambat Studio



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School Holiday Clinics

Wednesday 3rd & 10th July

9.30 - 12pm | \$20pp

UC Tennis Club 45 Challenger St, Diamond Creek

PRIZES & SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH PROVIDED

Contact Simon to book your spot **0408 821 322**

GET IN QUICK LIMITED SPOTS

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