



Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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Friday 18 October 2024	Swimming Program 2 @ WaterMarc from 09:00am to 12:15pm 2025 Book Pack Orders to go live
Wednesday 23 October 2024	Grades 5 & 6 Sex Education Session 3
Friday 25 October 2024	Swimming Program 3 @ WaterMarc from 09:00am to 12:15pm Celebrate World Teachers & Education Support Staff Day
Monday 28 October 2024	School Council Meeting – 07:00pm
Friday 01 November 2024	Swimming Program 4 @ WaterMarc from 09:00am to 12:15pm
Monday 04 November 2024	Curriculum Day – Assessment & Reporting – Pupil-Free Day
Tuesday 05 November 2024	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – Pupil-Free Day
Thursday 07 November 2024	Prep & Grade One Breakfast
Friday 08 November 2024	Swimming Program 5 @ WaterMarc from 09:00am to 12:15pm
Monday 11 November 2024	Remembrance Day Service 10:50am
Tuesday 12 November 2024	Life Education Session
Friday 15 November 2024	Swimming Program 6 @ WaterMarc from 09:00am to 12:15pm 2025 Prep Transition Session 1 from 09:30am to 10:30am
Friday 22 November 2024	Swimming Program 7 @ WaterMarc from 09:00am to 12:15pm 2025 Prep Transition Session 2 from 09:30am to 10:30am
Monday 25 November 2024	School Captain Speeches – Grades 4 – 6
Wednesday 27 November 2024	Life Education Session
Thursday 28 November 2024	Life Education Session
Friday 29 November 2024	Swimming Program 8 @ WaterMarc from 09:00am to 12:15pm 2025 Prep Transition Session 3 from 09:30am to 10:30am
Monday 02 December 2024	Senior School Captain Speeches – Grades 5 & 6 School Council Meeting – 06:30pm
Friday 06 December 2024	2025 Prep Transition Session 4 from 09:30am to 10:30am Magician Incursion Event – Prep to Grade 2 2025 Student Grades Allocation to go home Interschool Sports 1
Monday 09 December 2024	Meet 2025 Spelling Mastery & Magic Maths Groups – 11:30am to 12:30pm
Tuesday 10 December 2024	2025 Year 7 Orientation Session Meet 2025 Class Transition Session – 09:00am to 11:00am
Thursday 12 December 2024	Grade 6 Graduation Celebration
Friday 13 December 2024	Interschool Sports 2 Ice Cream Truck visit 2024 School Academic Reports to go home
Monday 16 December 2024	Grade 6 – Big Day Out Excursion – Bounce Whole School Xmas Picnic
Thursday 19 December 2024	Last Day of 2024 School Year – Early Dismissal – 01:30 pm Final Assembly – 01:00pm
Friday 20 December 2024	Curriculum Day – Pupil-Free Day

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Principal's Report

Wow! That appeared to be the collective response to the amazing artwork displayed at our art show this week. Parents and family members were high in their praise of our students' artistic talents and the variety of mediums they worked with in their art program. We are very fortunate to have an outstanding art teacher, Kristy Bedford, who fosters and extends our students' artistic talents and endeavours. A huge thank you to Kristy for organising the art show and showcasing the work students have completed this year. Thank you also to all family members who came along to enjoy the artwork and witness the pride the students have in their work.



Dance Concert and Big Freeze



This is our first opportunity to celebrate several highlights in the last week of Term Three. Our students once again dazzled us with their dancing prowess at our Footsteps Dance Concert and enjoyed performing for their audience on a 'real stage'. Events such as this are an opportunity for students who have a passion for the Arts to showcase their talents.

We'd like to thank Montmorency Secondary College for sharing their facility with us. Thank you also to teachers Kate and Jesse, for all the behind-the-scenes organization with buses and sound systems to ensure the day was a success.

Congratulations to JSC members who raised over \$540 in the 'Big Freeze' Ice Bucket Challenge for research into a cure for Motor Neuron Disease. This is the second year we have held this event and is a terrific example of student voice and agency as it was instigated and organised by students, supported by JSC coordinator Vanessa.

Whilst this event raises funds and awareness for a worthy cause, it also provides a great deal of fun for our community. Thank you to all staff who participated, especially Jesse who won...or lost, depending on your viewpoint!

JSC members also raised over \$160 for Beyond Blue on R U OK Day, and we commend them for their commitment to raising funds for important causes beyond our GPS community.



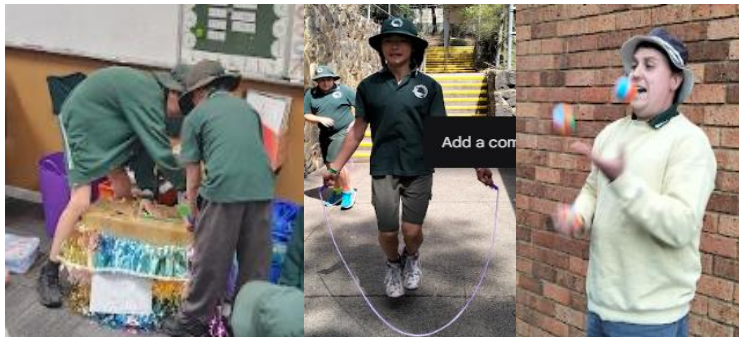
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New Phone and PA systems

Before leaving for a wonderful holiday in Switzerland, Margaret was very busy organizing the installation of new phone and PA systems. There is now a phone in every classroom so that we can communicate directly with classes and similarly they can ring the office when needed. This improves student safety and learning time as students are not sent to the office for messages and their learning isn't interrupted with announcements being made across the whole school.

Surprise Mondays

Surprise Mondays made a welcome return this fortnight, with each classroom receiving a surprise package, stimulating their curiosity and wonderings about what could be inside. Prep – Grade 6 students greatly enjoyed playing with their gifts of juggling balls and skipping ropes. It was terrific to see their growth mindset as they practised and acknowledged they hadn't mastered the required skills **YET!**



Thankyou to Margaret for organising this activity to promote student engagement and wellbeing.

2025 Staffing Profile

Our planning for 2025 is well underway and below is our proposed grade structure for 2025 based on all the information we currently have for staffing and enrolments. As per our recent COMPASS post, we have some staffing changes due to teachers moving closer to home, pursuing career goals, seeking professional development by changing grade levels or returning from Parental Leave.

Alison Gibson is in her 18th year at GPS and with her youngest starting high school, Alison is moving to a school much closer to home. Vanessa is following her passion for teaching in a specialist role, as is Bec. Kate is also seeking leadership opportunities at a school in the growth corridor and Frankie is increasing her time fraction and leadership role at her other school. Laura is returning in a part time capacity and several other staff have changed grade levels to further their professional growth. We are pleased that we are able to place teachers in the grades/programs they aspire to teach.

Whilst we'll miss the personal and professional relationships we have with exiting staff; we congratulate them and support them in their future endeavours. Towards the end of term, we'll acknowledge the wonderful contributions they have made to Greensborough Primary!

We are very pleased to welcome Talina Ellis to our community. Talina is an experienced Prep teacher and has a passion for GPS, having completed pre-service placements here and working at Before and After School Care while studying. Talina understands and is committed to our culture and values at GPS and was selected from a competitive field. We currently have a Grade 5/6 position advertised and if the calibre of our applicants is similar to our recent Prep position, we stand in good stead for 2025 and beyond.

Teachers have asked students to nominate friendship groups so we can begin the process of allocating students to their 2025 grades. This is a very lengthy process, and we need this information to assist us with our planning. The process also includes teachers' consideration of students' friendship groups, school data on academic abilities and needs, and parent input on specific requests for their children. We will be finalising grades by the end of October, so we can begin handover of student information from this year's teacher to next. **Therefore, if parents or caregivers have any specific requests for next year it's very important that you send in your requests via email, phone, handwritten note or in person, to the office, Margaret or myself by Thursday October 24th so this can be factored into decision making.** We are usually able to accommodate requests, however if not, parents will be contacted to discuss further, before grades are finalised. Notification of 2025 grades will be sent home on Friday December 6th and students will meet their 2025 teachers and spend the morning with them on Tuesday 10th December.

Program	Staffing
Prep	Talina Ellis
Grade 1/2 A	Jill Chen
Grade 1/2 B	Alesia Celotto
Grade 3/4 A	Claire Storey 0.6 & Laura Tillotson 0.4
Grade 3/4 B	Jesse Stephens
Grade 5/6 A	Jacinta Simpson 0.8 & TBC 0.2
Grade 5/6 B	Currently advertised
Library	Rebecca Gauci
Visual Arts	Kristy Bedford
Physical Education and Inter School Sport	Leo Derrick
Tutoring	Leo & TBC
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)	Leah Ryan
Mandarin	Han Hung

World Teachers' Day October 25th

This year, we are taking the opportunity to say thank you to all our staff, including teachers, education support, business manager and wellbeing worker, who continue to make a difference today – and everyday – to our students' lives, with a special morning tea for staff. We recognise the passion and expertise our staff have, and we are very fortunate at GPS to have staff who know each child and nurture the development of the 'whole child' not just their academic growth. Our staff go 'above and beyond' in their dedication to their role, and we certainly appreciate their efforts and care for our students and community.

SunSmart

Thank you to families who have ensured children have their hats at school each day. There are still a small number of children who are forgetting to bring their hats and are required to play in undercover areas. This often means they are restricted in their choice of games or friends they play with. We encourage students to keep their hats at school or if they walk to and from school, to keep them in their bags. Hats are required when we walk to swimming each Friday, so we urge families to purchase a new hat from the office if your child has lost theirs

Student Support Groups

Next week a COMPASS post will be sent to parents of children who have Student Support Group (SSG) meetings to arrange an appointment for this term. We ask all families who would like a meeting to contact their child's class teacher promptly so we can finalise our SSG schedule.

Hot Off the Press!

Congratulations to Raiden who came second in Shot Put in the Division Athletics Carnival yesterday. Raiden will now proceed to the State Championships – an outstanding achievement. We wish Raiden all the best as he proceeds to this higher level.

Regards,

Angela Morrill
Principal



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Reminder: Curriculum Days Term 4

Families are reminded that the day before Cup Day, Monday November 4th is a Curriculum Day and students will not attend school. Staff will be moderating student work samples and working on assessment and reporting. The last day of Term Four, Friday 20th December, is our final Professional Practice Day for the year and is also a student free day. Teachers will be planning for 2025 classes on this day. The last day for students will be Thursday 19th December and school will finish at 01:30pm.

Children's Week

Children's Week is a national celebration. It recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children. The event takes place in October every year, with thousands of Victorian children taking part in free festivities.

Children's Week 2024 will be held between Saturday 19 October to Sunday 27 October 2024.

The theme for Children's Week 2024 is: "Children have the right to a clean and safe environment".

For more information, refer to the [Children's Week webpage](#).

2025 Student Book Packs

Greensborough Primary School how to online order with Maxim Office Group Pty Ltd

Dear Parents,

Many thanks for supporting Greensborough PS by using the online portal. We have partnered with Maxim Office Group Pty Ltd to ensure a seamless school start for 2025. Packs will be delivered to the school.

If you have any questions, please call Maxim on 1800 25 35 35.

Please note:

Orders must be placed by Sunday 10th of November 2024 to ensure delivery is on time, ready for delivery to the school in the second week of December this year.

To order your Book Pack:

1. Please follow this link: <http://www.maxim.booklists.com.au>
2. Your access code is: **GREENSBPS**
**Please note this is capital sensitive. Please enter code as displayed in screen.*
3. Select the year level required for order
4. Please ensure that the students' name, your name and contact details are given and correct
5. Select 'Place order'
6. If purchasing more than one booklist, please select 'Add another booklist' and follow the same procedure from step 3
7. Select 'Proceed to payment options'
8. Your total payment amount required will display on screen
9. Select 'Pay Now'
10. Please choose your check-out option – Credit/ Direct Debit available. Ensure payment details are correctly entered
11. You will receive a payment receipt and an order confirmation to the email address you provided
12. Your child's pack/s will be delivered to the school

Thank you,

Greensborough Primary School and Maxim Office Group Pty Ltd

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Dear Greensborough Primary School Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you of some important changes to the Diamond Valley Community Support (DVCS) program, formerly known as KidsAssist, which families at your school have utilized in the past to assist students and families.

We are excited to announce that the program has been rebranded as the **YES Program** (Youth Education Support), reflecting our new focus. Moving forward, the YES Program will no longer fund educational fees, including voluntary/non-voluntary fees, Steiner fees, or stationery packs. Instead, we will be concentrating on supporting students through:

- Uniforms
- Textbooks
- Camps and excursions
- Extracurricular activities

To ensure that the program reaches the families who need it most, we ask that schools refer families who meet the following eligibility criteria:

Eligibility:

- The child resides in or attends a school in our zoned area of Nillumbik or Banyule.
- The parent/guardian presents to our office in person.
- The parent/guardian provides an invoice or screenshot of the item(s) they are requesting coverage for.
- Be in financial hardship.

We value the partnership with your school and look forward to continuing our work together to support students in need. Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact us on 03 9435 8282.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Harvey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Emma Harvey

Emergency Relief Coordinator

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STUDENT WELLBEING

Hi Everyone,

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4! I hope that your family enjoyed some fun activities over the break. I had heard about trips to the Melbourne Show, fun in the park, cooking, to name a few. I was in my happy place in the garden and them enjoyed walking my son's dog twice a day in the Spring air – yes, I paid for it later as I do get hayfever!



Teaching Children Good SPORTSMANSHIP

Parents and kids alike love sports, and it's easy to get caught up in a game and become focused on winning. Yet there is much more to be gained from the sports experience than a winning record. When children and teens are involved in sports, they are able to learn and put into practice values that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Good sportsmanship is one of the life lessons that children can learn from sports. You can help your children understand and value good sportsmanship while making sure they have a safe and fun sports experience.

Good sportsmanship may seem hard to define, but its hallmarks include being able to win without gloating, respecting one's opponents, and being able to lose gracefully. Here are some important principles to instil in your children:

- ★ **If you lose, don't make up excuses**
- ★ **If you win, don't rub it in.**
- ★ **Learn from mistakes and get back in the game.**
- ★ **Always do your best.**
- ★ **If someone else makes a mistake, remain encouraging and avoid criticising.**
- ★ **Show respect for yourself, your team and the officials of the game.**

Parents are important role models, so let your children see you upholding these principles, whether you play a sport yourself or barrack for your child's team from the sidelines.

Tips For Teaching Good SPORTSMANSHIP – Discussion points for parents

- ★ **Show respect and follow the rules of the game which are formed to create fairness and organisation.**
- ★ **Everyone should have a chance to play so they can develop their skills.**
- ★ **Play fair - everyone deserves encouragement.**
- ★ **Follow directions.**
- ★ **Respect the decisions of the referees, or, if a social game, respect the rules of the group.**
- ★ **End with a handshake!!**

Hopefully we can help our students to just enjoy being together with their friends as we work together to help them become the best they can be!

Robyn Mulholland

Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

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GRADE 3/4 SPACE EXPO

Thank you to everyone who took the voyage to our Space Expo in week 9! Students loved being able to share their research and presentations on the solar system.



FOOTSTEPS DANCE CONCERT

Thurs 19th September



We had a fantastic time performing our spooktacular dances!



Greensborough Primary School regularly reviews and updates our policies and procedures to ensure they meet the Department's requirements. These 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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A TERM OF STEM AT GREENSBROUGH PRIMARY

Celebrating STEM last term our students took part in a range of learning opportunities in our STEM room. They also connected their learning to their areas SPACE DISCOVERY UNIT, through different STEM challenges. This is some of the fun they got up to last term! 😊



Last term our Prep students, planted Bean seeds, built Robots from recycled materials, learnt about parts of animals with our GPS rabbits and were introduced to the Scratch Junior-coding program. Students are building resilience and confidence outside their classroom.



Grade 1/2 students learnt about different animal habitats, changing habitats and what happens to those animals and built MICROHABITATS for mini beasts. Planted seeds for grass hair men/ladies, built a robot based on the story, "The Bot that Scott Built." They have also tried their hands at building their skills using Scratch jr. and of course just as importantly, learnt about cooperating and collaborating.



Grade 3/4 students looked at living, non-living and once living organisms. They compared attributes of our living plants in our GPS garden. 34s busily planted seeds and honed their DASH robot skills. To finish the term, they connected to Discovery unit,



by listening to Sadie Sprocket builds a Rocket. Students need to work together to build something to get to the moon.



Grade 5/6 students learnt about the organisms that use adaptations in their specific environments. They researched Australian animals that showcase this. They planted a range of small seeds. Students connected to their classes through STEM, by listening to a story from the Space Station and collaborating ways to get to the moon. They finished the term, by experimenting with the GPS Microscopes and having fun with our fun, interactive "Dash robots."



Leah Ryan

STEM Teacher

I would like to make a special thank you to BUNNINGS THOMASTOWN for donating some seedlings to our school and pots for our use.



ART SHOW

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS WHO CAME TO SEE THE ART SHOW. IT WAS AMAZING TO SEE HOW CREATIVE ALL THE STUDENTS ARE AT GPS!



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**Discover the Spooky Delights
of Our Halloween Display in
the Library!** ¶



**This month in the library, students
will participate in a variety of spooky
activities and delve into ghostly
stories that are sure to be thrilling
and entertaining.** ¶



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Pupil of the Week



2024 ~ Term 3 ~ Week 10

Prep	<i>Khloe</i>	For always setting a good example and achieving her goals
Grade 1/2 A	<i>Abigail</i>	For showing resilience when facing her fears at the Grade 2 Sleepover!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Kleo</i>	For helping her friends and showing gratitude towards Kylie at the Grade 2 Sleepover!
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Jasper</i>	For his magnificent dancing in our Footsteps Concert.
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Charlie</i>	For being kind, considerate and thoughtful during classroom activities.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Xavier</i>	For delivering a wonderful presentation in Discovery. Well done!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Billy</i>	What a dance Superstar! Thanks for 'Keeping the Rhythm!'
Library Grades 3 – 6	<i>Celeste C 1/2A</i>	For always showing an enjoyment in Library. Great work!
PE	<i>Charlie J 3/4B</i>	For fairness, great listening skills and bringing others up in the activity you excel in.
STEM Grades Prep – 2	<i>Tiarna K 1/2A</i>	For always coming to STEM with a positive attitude and great enthusiasm for learning. Keep it up! ★
STEM Grades 3 – 6	<i>Harper T 5/6A</i>	For always coming to STEM with a positive attitude and great enthusiasm for learning. Keep it up! ★

2024 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 1

Prep	<i>Henry</i>	For his consistent improvements in his handwriting. Well done, Henry!
Grade 1/2 A	<i>Ella</i>	For excellent effort in all areas of her classwork. A great start to Term 4, Ella!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Kyson</i>	For a great effort in finishing all his Magic 300 words. Fantastic effort!
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Kashvika</i>	For her incredible collage she created for the front cover of her picture story book 'Escape to the Forest.'
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Fatima</i>	For her effort and enthusiasm in Maths. Keep up the terrific work!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Reese</i>	For being a kind, considerate and helpful member of 5/6A.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Sawyer</i>	For being such a considerate and caring friend in 5/6B.
Library Grades Prep – 2	<i>Fariz S 1/2B</i>	Thank you for all your contributions during Library.
Library Grades 3 – 6	<i>Charlotte C 5/6A</i> <i>Anne-Sophie A 5/6A</i> <i>Billie M 5/6A</i> <i>Reese P 5/6A</i>	You worked so well as a group to write and perform your VERY entertaining play.
PE	<i>Ella F 1/2A</i>	Your coordination and control stand out!
STEM Prep – Grade 2	<i>Abhiraj Y Prep</i>	For his hard work and persistence with our movement/puppet activity.
STEM Grades 3 – 6	<i>Jay K 5/6B</i>	For his participation and great book work during our graphite pencil activity

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JACK ATTACK AT A GLANCE

WHAT IS JACK ATTACK?

Jack Attack is a weekly competitive social bowls game that can be enjoyed by all ages and all abilities. Played in teams of three (you can include up to six, and interchange), taking around 60-75 minutes to complete. Programs run weekly over 4-5 weeks during daylight savings. It's inclusive, fast-paced & fun!

WHO CAN PLAY?

You don't need any experience to come and play. Friendly staff will be there to guide you and give you a helpful hand along the way. You'll pick it up in minutes.

GET READY TO ROLL!

Wear casual clothes, flat soled sneakers or just socks, but it's more fun going barefoot!

HOW TO PLAY

- Simply roll the bowl, get your bowls closest to the small white ball, the 'jack'.
- Closest bowl scores one point (shot), and additional bowls from the same team score additional points.
- Play in teams of 3, or add more friends (up to 6) and interchange between ends.
- Matches comprise 2 x sets of 3 ends taking approx. 30 mins per set.

READY TO PLAY?

Jack Attack is coming soon to: **GREENSBOROUGH BOWLING CLUB**

4 x Thursdays, 6:30pm, starting 31st October, 2024.

REGISTER NOW



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nab AFL Auskick

4-8 year olds

QR Code

Come find your awesome at NAB AFL Auskick! An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.

Register: www.playhq.com/afl/register/9ade9f



AFL Superkick

7-12 year olds

QR Code

Level up your footy with skills and modified match play in weekly sessions. NAB AFL Superkick is tackle-free and great for Auskick grads, newbies and experienced Juniors!

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