



Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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Borough Bulletin ~ 14 November 2024

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
Tuesday 19 November 2024	2025 Camp Information Session for Parents – 03:45pm
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 Monty Secondary College Special Musical Performance – 01:00pm
Monday 25 November 2024	School Captain Speeches
Wednesday 27 November 2024	Life Education Session
Thursday 28 November 2024	Life Education Session P&F Food Day
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	House School Captain Speeches School Council Meeting – 06:30pm
Wednesday 04 December 2024	Grade 5 Secondary Experience – Greensborough Secondary College
Thursday 05 December 2024	Kids Hope Lunch
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
Tuesday 10 December 2024	2025 Year 7 Orientation Session Meet Your 2025 Class Transition Session – 09:00am to 11:00am Meet 2025 Spelling Mastery & Magic Maths Groups – 11:30am to 12:30pm
Thursday 12 December 2024	Grade 6 Graduation Celebration
Friday 13 December 2024	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
Tuesday 28 January 2025	Curriculum Day – Pupil-Free Day
Wednesday 29 January 2025	Prep to Grade 6 Students Commence 2025 School Year
Friday 31 January 2025	2025 Grade 6 – Big Day Out Excursion – Funfields
Friday 07 February 2025	Interschool Sports Round 1 – GPS V Watsonia Nth PS – Home
Friday 14 February 2025	Interschool Sports Round 2 –Watsonia V GPS – Away

<i>Friday 21 February 2025</i>	Interschool Sports Round 3 – GPS V Norris Bank PS – Home
<i>Friday 28 February 2025</i>	Interschool Sports Round 4 – GPS V Watsonia Heights PS – Home
<i>Friday 07 March 2025</i>	Interschool Sports Round 5 – GPS V Bundoora PS – Home
<i>Friday 14 March 2025</i>	Interschool Sports Round 6 – St Marys PS V GPS– Away
<i>Friday 21 March 2025</i>	Interschool Sports Round 7 – Streeton PS V GPS – Away

Principal's Report

We are very pleased to welcome our new Grade 5/6 class teacher, Clara Ellis, to Greensborough Primary. Clara is an experienced teacher who impressed the interview panel with her knowledge and passion for teaching. Both our new Prep Teacher, Talina and Clara will attend GPS for a full day of planning for 2025 class programs, with teachers in their teams in the coming weeks. Clara will also meet with her new grade on December 10th when all students meet their 2025 class, Magic Maths and Spelling Mastery teachers. Over the coming weeks current class teachers are meeting with students' 2025 class teachers to give a thorough handover of student information to ensure a successful transition into their new grades. Talina will meet our 2025 Preps at our Prep transition sessions for the next four Fridays. While many schools are experiencing staff shortages and finding it difficult to fill vacancies, we feel very fortunate to have new staff members who are highly recommended and experienced, and an excellent 'fit' for our community.

Remembrance Day

Staff were impressed with our students as they commemorated Remembrance Day on Monday. Our Vice School Captains did an excellent job, conducting our service on the netball court and our Prep – 6 students listened respectfully as they heard why Remembrance Day was so important. Our House Captains and Vice Captains proudly represented our school and laid a wreath at the Greensborough Service at War Memorial Park, whilst our School Captains attended the service at Watsonia RSL. Veterans at both services commented on their pleasure at seeing school children participating in the services and honouring all those who have served in peace keeping missions and armed conflicts.

Congratulations to our School Captains Xavier, Maisie and Charlotte who received an award from Watsonia RSL recognising their leadership and embodiment of school values. Our School Captains are worthy recipients, and we know they'll carry these traits with them to secondary school.



Student Leadership

Our current planning and preparation for 2025 includes the important task of electing our student leaders. We are very pleased that 21 of our students in Grades 4 – 6 have nominated to be Student Wellbeing Leaders and have already begun their training with ES Lynette. Wellbeing Leaders organise engaging activities at the Friendship Tree each day promoting fun and friendship.

On Monday 25th November, our Grade Five students who are applying for School Captain positions will give their speeches and it's always an honour to listen to how passionate our students feel about GPS and their enthusiasm to contribute to school life. On Monday December 2nd, the House Captain speeches will be given and students in each house will have the opportunity to vote for their new leaders.

Help Win \$1000 For Our School

Thank you to Kristy, our Art Teacher and our very artistic students who decorated a magnificent tree for the Greensborough Plaza Competition. See a photo of our beautiful tree and information on how you can vote and help us win \$1000, in Kristy's article in this newsletter.

Save The Date: End Of Year Twilight Picnic!

We're hoping everyone will be able to join us for our end of year Christmas Picnic on Monday 16th December. We know this is a very busy time of year for everyone with many festive, social events on families' calendars, however we're hoping our Christmas Picnic is on your list! This evening is one of the highlights of our school year and provides us with an opportunity to celebrate together as a community. Families are invited to arrive at 5:00pm with chairs or picnic blankets and purchase dinner from the P&F barbeque or bring a picnic from home. At 5:30pm teachers will run games/activities and then at 6:30 each grade will sing a Christmas Carol at the outdoor learning area. The festivities are expected to conclude by 7:00pm and we sincerely hope everyone can join us.

Student Reports on COMPASS

Parents and Carers are reminded to save student reports from COMPASS on to your computer hard drive, so that you will always have access to them. As our Grade 6 students are nearing the end of the primary school journey, and teachers are preparing their final reports, we're mindful that once they are exited from our school, they will no longer have access to their COMPASS accounts and their semester reports. If any family members have difficulty completing this task, please contact your child's teacher for assistance.

Student Support Groups

A final reminder to families of students who have Student Support Group (SSG) meetings to arrange an appointment for this term. If you would like to have a SSG meeting arranged, please contact your child's classroom teacher and a mutually agreeable time can be organized between Monday 18th and Thursday 28th November. If your child is mandated to have a SSG and your child's class teacher does not hear from you, they will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Regards,

Angela Morrìtt

Principal

2025 Book Packs

The Book Pack Online Order deadline with MAXIM has expired last Sunday. This deadline was to ensure delivery to the school in the second week of December 2024. If you have not completed your order, please contact the office.



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Prep One Breakfast

Last Thursday, our Prep and Grade One students enjoyed a delightful breakfast at school, arriving in their pyjamas and bringing along their favourite stuffed friend. The special morning allowed them to socialise and connect with each other as they prepare for their classes next year. Students loved the experience of choosing their own spread for toast and being served breakfast, then practised responsibility by washing their dishes and changing into their uniforms, ready for the school day. This fun and memorable morning allowed our junior grade students to gradually build independence, as part of our camp program. Thank you to all staff members who made this wonderful morning possible!

Miss Chen, Miss Celotto, Mrs Gibson & Miss Storey



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2024 Community Christmas Tree Competition

WE NEED YOUR HELP GPS!

The school with the most tokens wins!

1st Prize - \$1000

2nd Prize - \$500

3rd Prize - \$500

When you spend \$20 or more at Greensborough Plaza, take your receipt to the customer service, Information desk to collect your token. Vote for us by placing your token in the box beside Greensborough Primary School's Christmas tree, pictured to the left.

We may be a smaller school, but you showed just how much heart we have when we rallied together, last time, coming 2nd last year and then 1st for our Easter Egg this year.

Can we do it again?

Thank you for giving us a fighting chance!

Good Luck GPS!

Kristy Bedford

Art Teacher

DESIGN INSPIRATION

Our Christmas tree is a celebration of the diverse artistic mediums our students explored this semester—clay, textiles, and paper collage. Year 5 students crafted the clay stars that sparkle on the tree, while students from our Grade 3/4 extension group hand sewed the 'Merry Christmas' bunting using backstitch on hessian circles. The colourful tissue paper background was a collaborative effort, created by dedicated students from Prep to Grade 6 who volunteered their lunchtime to complete it. Although non-traditional, the vibrant colours were selected to capture the warmth and joy of an Australian Christmas in Summertime!

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Greensborough Primary School Sporting Star!

A big well done to Raiden for getting to State Athletics.

Your continual growth is something to really be proud of.

Leo Derrick

PE Teacher



**2024 STATE ATHLETICS
COMPETITION
SHOT PUT
Third Place**

Save the Date...

2025 Grades 3 to 6 Camp Angahook

Dear Parents,

We will be conducting a Parent Information Session about our 2025 Grades 3 to 6 Camp. Next year's camp will be at Camp Angahook from Wednesday 14th May to Friday 16th May 2025.

Information Session:

Date: Tuesday 19th November 2024

Time: 03:45pm to 04:15pm

Place: 3/4B Classroom



STUDENT WELLBEING

Hi Everyone,



Monday was **REMEMBRANCE DAY**, as we remembered the end to fighting in World War I. Sadly, **PEACE** did not last, and the world has and is experiencing conflict.

We have created many symbols of **PEACE**, as we endeavour to achieve it:

Doves are widely appreciated for their **PEACE**fulness and gentleness as they can soothe and restore wellbeing. The dove is considered a symbol for **PEACE**, purity, hope, renewal, transformation and new beginnings which makes it a gentle yet powerful image for over 2000 years! Dove performances have also taken place at the opening ceremonies of the Olympic Games, which is also known as a 'Festival of **PEACE**'.



Other symbols and words for **PEACE** include:



Teaching kids about **PEACE** isn't just talking about war and conflict. **PEACE** is talking about kindness, fairness, inner peace, respect for the environment, conflict resolution and so much more.

PEACE is a very broad and quite complicated term. It varies from person to person and is often influenced by where we live, how we live and the way we see events happening around us. What we mean by **PEACE** can also change depending on whether we are referring to our lives at home, at school, in the community or **PEACE** in the world (global **PEACE**). Thinking of **PEACE** at different levels, here are some examples of what it may mean:

- ★ **At home:** everyone in the family feeling safe, getting on with one another and being healthy and happy
- ★ **At school:** feeling safe and happy and being able to learn and develop
- ★ **In your community:** people getting on, and there not being divisions between people because of who they are or where they live. People helping one another, welcoming people and doing things together.
- ★ **Globally:** All humans being treated equally no matter what is their race, religion or background; everyone having enough to eat, health care and education; no conflicts or wars.

*So, as I like to say, let's continue to work together to help our children and young people to be the best they can be, remembering that **PEACE** has its beginnings in the hearts and minds of us all!*

Robyn Mulholland
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

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



Kindness Crusaders

Dear families,

The Kindness Crusaders are running a Food Drive until Friday the 6th of December to help people who are less fortunate at Christmas time. These items will be given to The Salvation Army to be distributed to those in need to brighten up their Christmas. We hope as many items as possible can be donated, so we are asking for your help if you are in a position to do so.

Items that can be accepted include:

CHRISTMAS ITEMS

- Puddings, cakes, mince pies, shortbread
- Long-life cream, custard
- Snacks (biscuits, chips, chocolates, lollies)
- Table décor (bonbons, decorations, tablecloths, napkins)

TINNED FOODS

- (Please ensure they are ring-pull tins only)
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Soups
- Meats or fish

MEAL BASES

- Pasta sauces
- Pre-prepared rice meals
- Curry and stir-fry sauces
- Meal kits (Mexican, Asian, Indian)

CLEANING AND HYGIENE ITEMS

- Personal toiletries like soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hairbrush or toilet paper
- Cleaning products like multipurpose cleaner, dish detergent or washing powder
- Baby care items like nappies or baby wipes

OTHER

- Breakfast cereal
- Spreads and jams
- Savoury biscuits
- Packet of jelly
- Liquid gravy
- Sugar
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Long-life milk or juices
- Iced tea
- Baby food
- Gluten, Dairy and Nut free options

Donated items can be put in the red tub in the office foyer outside Mrs Hirth's office.

Thank you very much in advance,

The Kindness Crusaders



Dear Families,

The final Book Club catalogue for 2024 has been sent home this week. If you would like to place an order this can be done online, or you can complete the student order form on the back of the catalogue and take this, with your payment, to Mehgan in the Office.

Orders are due by **Friday the 29th of November.**

If your order is a gift, please indicate this on your order or inform Mehgan in the office, and we will contact you when it is ready for collection.

A big thank you for your support this year. We have been able to obtain many new books for the library with the rewards we receive from your purchase. This keeps the shelves in our library full of current books and our readers excited to see what they may find.

Thank you

Claire Embling

Book Club Coordinator





Pupil of the Week



2024 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 4

Prep	Mason	For his great reading aloud skills in Buddy Reading.
Grade 1/2 A	Oliver	For putting effort and focus into his learning tasks.
Grade 1/2 B	Liam	For his fantastic effort in Spelling Mastery lessons!
Grade 3/4 A	Izac	For finding evidence in the text when answering questions during Guided Reading.
Grade 3/4 B	Jacob	For his excellent procedural text for the class magazine. Great job!
Grade 5/6 A	Raiden	For consistently demonstrating great listening skills. Well done, Raiden!
Grade 5/6 B	Jackson	For always demonstrating empathy towards everyone! Thanks for being such a supportive classmate.
Art Grades Prep – 2	Tiarna K 1/2A	For being an amazing helper with the Community Christmas Tree!
Art Grades 3 – 6	Emilia Y 3/4A	For demonstrating creative flair with your 3D cardboard animal. Well done!
Library Grades Prep – 2	Mason C Prep	For showing respect in our Library by keeping it tidy. Thank you.
Library Grades 3 – 6	Harper T 5/6A	Harper always engages in his learning and shares positive feedback after each lesson. Great work!
PE	Tien H 3/4A	For your excellent anticipation and movement towards the ball. You are a Sports All-Rounder.
STEM Grades Prep – 2	Paris C Prep	For his great ideas when participating in our 'Roll & Slide' investigations.
STEM Grades 3 – 6	Laura C 3/4A	For her amazing collaboration of ideas when looking at designing her magnetic game.

2024 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 5

Prep	Juniper	For her increasing resilience and effort at school. Well done!
Grade 1/2 A	Charles	For working with effort and using his manners.
Grade 1/2 B	Kira	For showing great interest in her writing. Fantastic effort, Kira!
Grade 3/4 A	Hudson	For enhancing our group discussions with insightful comments.
Grade 3/4 B	Lola	For her positive attitude and feedback during learning and encouraging her peers.
Grade 5/6 A	Harper	For working really hard on his reading fluency. Well done, Harper!
Grade 5/6 B	Eden	For always seeking feedback to improve her learning.
Library Grades Prep – 2	Neelabh G Prep	For enjoying our Library and being enthusiastic about borrowing books to take home.
Library Grades 3 – 6	Hudson M 3/4A	For his efforts and focus when researching and writing his health speech.
PE	Malachai L 5/6B	For your amazing efforts in Bat Tennis! You are an amazing teammate.
STEM Prep – Grade 2	Tom M 1/2B	For his great positive choices and thinking he did with his 'Push & Pull' maze.
STEM Grades 3 – 6	Victor S & Dash W 3/4B	For their great teamwork and collaboration to make their magnetic game.

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Greensborough Primary OSHC Update

NOVEMBER

OSHClub

Join The Fun, Get Active, Be Social

IMPORTANT DATES

19th November – Teddy Bear Picnic

13th November – End of term Food Drive

13th November – End of term Wishing Tree

22nd November – Prep come and Try session

What is the Wishing Tree?

The Wishing Tree is a beautiful reminder that the best gifts are the ones we give from the heart. This year at OSHC we are gifting items for children and adults in need during the festive season. Please bring in your gift and we will drop of at Greensborough Kmart more information coming soon.

Food Drive

The food drive provides people in the community with food during the time of holidays, hardship and natural occurrences. A box will be on display for food to be donated in and will be disrupted to the local Salvation Army and Church.

Reminders:

- Please remember HATS and WATER BOTTLES!
- Please note my service working hours is from 6:45am – 9am , 3pm-6pm. Outside those hours I will not be available to answer any calls or messages. However, I will always reply or call back when in service.
- Book in advance to grantee a spot in a R&S or S&P as we can't always ensure that there will be room.

Rise and Shine & Stay and Play

This week we have made the most out of our art and craft with an attempt to make oobleck, painting and creating our own food. Alongside the fun Beyblade competitions, Lego play and jewelry making.

In Rise and Shine we set up our Christmas tree a little early with only 6 more weeks until Christmas. We have been listening to a lot of Christmas carols with decorations on display all around the room. Approaching Summer, we have a variety of fruits for children to enjoy with loads of berries, melon and cucumbers. Along with some pasta, rice cakes and dip and crackers.

If you have any suggestions for food please communicate over text, class dojo or in service.

Service details

Our contact details are:



0447 868 204



greensborough@oshclub.com.au

Other information:

PHOTO GALLERY

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Greensborough Primary OSHC Update

September
2024

OSHClub

Join The Fun, Get Active, Be Social

OSHCLUB PRESENTS
You are invited to the

Teddy Bears' Picnic!

When: 19th NOVEMBER 2024
Where: STAY AND PLAY PROGRAM

Bring your favourite stuffed
companion and enjoy afternoon tea.

I look forward to sharing this terrific
time with you!

♥ From GREENSBOROUGH OSHClub



19th of November Teddy Bear Picnic

UPCOMING!!

Please bring:

- Your teddy
- A drink bottle
- HAT!!

**A friendly reminder to please
book in NOW to avoid missing out
on our Teddy Bear Picnic.**

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Catholic
Ladies' College



Christmas MARKET & CAROLS

WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER
5:00 PM- 8:00PM
CATHOLIC LADIES' COLLEGE
19 DIAMOND STREET, ELTHAM

Scan here for more
event details



GOLD COIN DONATION ON ENTRY

As this is held on school grounds, this is a pet free event.



45-49 Challenger St,
DIAMOND CREEK

REGISTER NOW FOR THE

NOVEMBER PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE

FUN & GAMES



FITNESS, FOOD
(& DRINKS)

WE WELCOME NEW PLAYERS & EXPERIENCED PLAYERS.

WE WANT YOU!!!

Friday Evenings, 6 to 8pm. 15th, 22nd 29th November 2024.

Social Play, BBQ Sausage Sizzle, BYO Drinks. Paddles & balls supplied or BYO. (If you can't make it for a week, send a fill-in or we'll find one for you).

TENNIS PLAYERS WILL PICK IT UP QUICKLY, NEW STARTERS WILL LEARN ON AND OFF THE COURT. TUITION PROVIDED.

REGISTER NOW FOR OUR NOVEMBER 3 WEEK PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE.

WEEK 1: INTRO, LEARNING AND GRADING. (Doubles only at this stage)

WEEK 2: PRACTISING SKILLS, PLAYING MATCHES.

WEEK 3: 'ROUND ROBIN' MATCH PLAY CHALLENGE (OR CONTINUE TO PRACTICE)

COST: \$10 PER WEEK, REGISTRATION NECESSARY VIA EMAIL OR PHONE
(includes a sausage or two)

EMAIL: INFO@UCTENNISCLUB.COM.AU, PHONE: HEATHER - 0438530671.
SHORT 'REGISTRATION' DETAILS TO BE SUPPLIED (Name & Phone No, Email/contact)