



Greensborough Primary School - 2062

130 Grimshaw Street Greensborough 3088 Phone: 03 9435 1496

Email: greensborough.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.greensborough.vic.edu.au

Borough Bulletin ~ 28 November 2024

<i>Thursday 28 November 2024</i>	Life Education Session P&F Food Day
<i>Friday 29 November 2024</i>	Swimming Program 8 @ WaterMarc from 09:00am to 12:15pm 2025 Prep Transition Session 3 from 09:30am to 10:30am
<i>Monday 02 December 2024</i>	House School Captain Speeches School Council Meeting – 06:30pm
<i>Wednesday 04 December 2024</i>	Grade 5 Secondary Experience – Greensborough Secondary College
<i>Thursday 05 December 2024</i>	Kids Hope Lunch
<i>Friday 06 December 2024</i>	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
<i>Tuesday 10 December 2024</i>	2025 Year 7 Orientation Session – Off Campus GPS – Meet Your 2025 Class Transition Sessions – 09:00am to 01:40pm including 2025 Spelling Mastery & Magic Maths Groups
<i>Thursday 12 December 2024</i>	Grade 6 Graduation Celebration
<i>Friday 13 December 2024</i>	Ice Cream Truck visit 2024 School Academic Reports to go home
<i>Monday 16 December 2024</i>	Grade 6 – Big Day Out Excursion – Bounce Whole School Xmas Picnic
<i>Thursday 19 December 2024</i>	Last Day of 2024 School Year – Early Dismissal – 01:30 pm Final Assembly – 01:10pm
<i>Friday 20 December 2024</i>	Curriculum Day – Pupil-Free Day
<i>Tuesday 28 January 2025</i>	Curriculum Day – Pupil-Free Day
<i>Wednesday 29 January 2025</i>	Prep to Grade 6 Students Commence 2025 School Year
<i>Friday 31 January 2025</i>	2025 Grade 6 – Big Day Out Excursion – Funfields
<i>Friday 07 February 2025</i>	Interschool Sports Round 1 – GPS V Watsonia Nth PS – Home
<i>Friday 14 February 2025</i>	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’re hoping many family members will be able to join us this Friday afternoon, November 29th, when our choir performs at the Greensborough Twilight Christmas Market. Our choir members have a passion for singing and have been rehearsing during lunchtimes for this event. We thank choir masters Jill and Alessia for training the choir and inspiring our students to perform and showcase their talents. Our information is that our choir will kickstart the event and perform at 4:00pm.

Date: Friday 29 November (4:00pm – 9:00pm)

Location: Greensborough Walk (Off Main Street Greensborough)

Greensborough Walk & Watermarc Car Park will be transformed into a bustling entertainment zone, featuring live music and performances on stage, a visit from Santa and his elf, plus plenty of fun for the kids with free face painting and activities. Browse a huge range of market stalls offering unique Christmas gifts, enjoy delicious food truck eats, and soak up the festive atmosphere. It’s the perfect way to kick off the holiday season!

Performances by Sugar Fed Leopards, Riot Baby (Punk Rock for Kids), Keets, Zak Gully, Synthotronica & Greensborough Primary Choir!

Speaking of all things Christmassy, we’re very excited that two GPS students Shaylah and Tiarna had the opportunity to celebrate the return of ‘Santa Harold’ for his 46th year at Greensborough Plaza. Santa Harold has been an iconic presence since the Plaza opened in 1978 and given families many happy memories. Santa Harold’s achievement was so impressive, he was featured on Channel 7 news, as were our two celebrities, Shaylah and Tiarna.



We’ve been very excited to see the return of Bluey, our resident Blue Tongue Lizard who makes an appearance in the warmer weather! Pleasingly our students have alerted staff when Bluey appears and, whilst curious, they are happy to maintain a respectful distance and observe from afar.

We’re grateful our school grounds provide opportunities for local birdlife and lizards to co –exist with our students.

Christmas Tree Competition – Help Win \$1000 For Our School

Don’t forget to take your receipts for \$20 or more to the Customer Service Desk on Level 2 at Greensborough Plaza and exchange for a token to vote for our Christmas tree! The Plaza is displaying Christmas trees decorated by our wonderful GPS Art Extension students and other local primary schools on Level 2, near Toyworld. The school with the most tokens at the end of the campaign will receive a \$1000 gift card. So, encourage your friends and family members to vote for GPS or simply go along and enjoy the wonderful display.

If you’re finding it difficult to get to the Plaza when the Customer Service Desk is open, just send your receipts to school and we’ll collect the tokens for you. The exchange rate is one token per \$20 receipt, and I know I’m reminding myself to pay for Christmas purchases or grocery items in groups of \$20, to maximise the number of receipts I can exchange for tokens... It takes a little bit more time but maximises GPS’ chance to win and receive funds for our students.



Cooperation **A**chievement **R**espect **E**mpathy

2025 Planning

Planning for 2025 is well underway with meeting times for 4 weeks prioritized for current teachers passing on students' details to 2025 class teachers. Clara Ellis, new to GPS in 2025 as Grade 5/6 class teacher, will attend 'Meet the Teacher' day and participate in induction sessions in the afternoon. Talina Ellis, our new Prep teacher is building relationships and getting to know our 2025 Prep students during Friday transition sessions. Both Clara and Talina are meeting with their 2025 teaching teams this week and next, to plan curriculum and class events for Term One.

End Of Year Twilight Picnic Monday 16th December

The weather is finally becoming warmer, classes will soon begin decorating their rooms and as the song goes... "It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!" We're hoping many family members will be able to join us on **Monday 16th December** as the Christmas Picnic has always been a great way to come together as a community on the last Monday of the year and share a meal and some fun family activities. Families are welcome to bring some chairs or a rug, sit under the shade of the trees on the oval and enjoy food and drinks from the P&F barbeque or bring your own picnic dinner. Often grandparents and extended family members come along and join in the fun, and this year is no exception. The evening will end with each grade and the choir singing Christmas Carols and we sincerely hope you can join us!

The evening's approximate schedule is:

- ★ **5:00pm:** Picnic begins and P&F barbeque
- ★ **5.30pm:** Activities organised by teachers on the oval
- ★ **6.05pm:** 'Special Visitor' arrives
- ★ **6.30pm:** Christmas Carols in Outdoor Learning Area
- ★ **7.00pm:** Homeward Bound!



P&F will run a raffle on the evening to raise funds for school resources, so bring along your loose change or small notes. Any parents who are able to assist with the barbeque, please contact the school.

Student Leadership

We are currently in full swing with preparation for 2025 formal student leadership positions. The new Student Wellbeing Leaders have begun training, and Lynette is impressed with their enthusiasm and commitment to their role. It's wonderful to see this year's Wellbeing Leaders take on a mentorship role and help train our new leaders.

On Monday 25th November, our Grade Five students who are applying for School Captain positions gave their speeches and given the calibre of our Grade 5s, we knew it would be a very difficult decision. Several students who were absent due to illness on Monday were given the chance to give their speeches on their return to school.

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. It's always impressive to listen to our students explain why they want to be leaders at Greensborough Primary and outline their vision for what they would like to achieve or how they'd like to support their peers and school.

Students' Reports and 2025 Grades

Thank you to staff who have spent many hours this term writing student reports. This process involves triangulating and analysing student achievement data to write reports that accurately reflect students' achievements and their areas for future learning. Data collections include results from formal assessments, class work and teacher observations. Teachers collaborate to moderate the data and ensure their professional judgements about student achievement are aligned.

Student reports will be sent home via COMPASS on Friday 13th December. Parents who would like a hard copy of student reports, should contact your child's class teacher. 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.

The class your child will be in next year will be sent home Friday 6th December and on Tuesday 10th December students will spend the morning getting to know their new 2025 teacher and classmates. After recess students will also spend time with their 2025 Spelling Mastery and Magic Maths classes and teachers, before returning to their 2025 class groups.

Students in Grades One to Six, new to the school in 2025 have been attending transition sessions and have begun building relationships with their peers, and will also attend the 'Meet your 2025 Teacher and Class session.

Our new Grade 5/6 teacher, Clara Ellis, will spend this day at GPS and is looking forward to meeting her new class!

Graduation

We are looking forward to the graduation celebrations for our Class of 2024 on Thursday 12th December. Our graduates have been heavily involved in preparations for this event, which is a major milestone in their educational and personal journey from primary to secondary schooling. Our Grade Six students have been exemplary role models of our school values for students in younger grades and will be sorely missed by all of us, especially their Prep Buddies. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to set up the decorations and assist on the night, especially Belinda S, Tammy C & Steph T, who have volunteered a great deal of time to assist with the planning and organisation of the dinner and photo booth for students. Thank you also to Jacinta and Jesse for their efforts in preparing students for this very special occasion, and aides and teachers who have supported them.

I will be on Leave from Friday 6th December and return on Tuesday 9th December, as I travel north to see my son and his family for Christmas. The school will be in Margaret's very capable hands in my absence.

Regards,

Angela Morritt

Principal

Parents & Friends Association

As we are coming to the end of Term 4 we'd like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time with Parents & Friends Association this year! This really is a team effort and all the events that we put on only go ahead with your help. A big thanks to Anu who has taken over the Food Days!

We are looking for some additional people to take up some roles within P&F so we can continue to hold our events.

The following roles are available:

- ★ BBQ's – Bunnings, Twilight Sports, Christmas Picnic, Election (when they occur)
- ★ Mother's Day Stall
- ★ Father's Day Stall
- ★ Trivia Evening/Silent Auction



If you would like more information on what is involved or would like to volunteer, please contact Meghan at the office who will put you in touch with either Annie or myself.

We will be holding a BBQ for the Christmas Picnic on Monday 16th December, we will be asking for helpers very soon to assist with the set-up, running of the BBQ and pack up.

Thanks,

Yvette & Annie for Greensborough Primary School Parents & Friends Association

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.

It has been wonderful to hear from so many families who have enjoyed seeing our school's Christmas tree on display at Greensborough Plaza and voting with their tokens. Thank you so much for your incredible support. This means a lot to our students who worked really hard to create our beautiful tree! Keep voting and if you'd like your family photo beside the tree to go in the newsletter you're welcome to email them to me.

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!



Thank you Shaylah, Tiarna, Ella, Lachie, Abi and Willi for sharing these terrific photos with our Christmas tree!



Cooperation **A**chievement **R**espect **E**mpathy

Physical Education

2024 GYMNASTICS



BALANCE GYMNASTICS



Last week, we had the pleasure of welcoming *Balance Gymnastics* to our school! Students participated in exciting gymnastics sessions that focused on flexibility, strength, and coordination.

One of the key lessons was the importance of **dynamic stretching** before engaging



in gymnastic movements. These stretches helped prepare students' bodies for activity by increasing blood flow and improving flexibility, ensuring safe and effective participation in all the fun, flexible activities.

It was wonderful to see our students stretching, balancing, and tumbling with enthusiasm and confidence!

Leo Derrick

Sports Coordinator

Cooperation

Achievement



Respect

Empathy

STUDENT WELLBEING

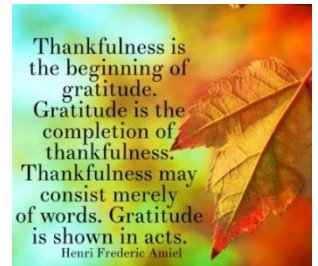
Hi Everyone,

Gratitude is healthy for us. Dr. Robert A. Emmons of the University of California, Davis, reveals that cultivating **gratitude** can increase happiness levels by around 25 percent. Other studies have shown that kids who practise grateful thinking have **more positive attitudes toward school and family**.



Today, November 28th is THANKSGIVING DAY - an international celebration, celebrated in the USA, Canada, Grenada, the Philippines, Saint Lucia, Liberia and the Netherlands. It began as a day where people took the opportunity of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. In the US, the celebration is often recognised as an event that took place when English colonists held a feast to thank Native Americans for helping them start new lives in the US. 'The First Thanksgiving' was celebrated after their first harvest in October 1621. The feast lasted three days.

An attitude of gratefulness every day is great for our mental health. So how can we help our kids learn to live gratefully? **Gratitude** can begin at home, and here are 8 tips to help you start growing an attitude of **gratitude** in your own household:



1. Name your blessings.

Have a moment of thanks each day when everyone shares something they're thankful for.

2. Be a grateful parent.

What an invaluable exercise it is to tell our kids why we're grateful to have them! It goes without saying that we love our kids, and that we're thankful beyond words for their love, their smiles, their hugs and so much more. When we tell them what makes them special to us, their self-esteem is boosted for the right reasons.

3. Have them pitch in when they want something.

If your kids get pocket money or earn money for chores, have them participate in buying some of the things they want. When kids themselves take the time to save up, they gain an understanding of the value of things and encourages kids to appreciate what they have.

4. Set a good example by saying 'thank you' sincerely and often.

The values our kids embrace as they get older are the ones they see us living out. When our kids see us expressing sincere thanks all the time, they'll be more inclined to do so as well.

5. Encourage them to give back.

The old saying 'it's better to give than to receive' helps us realise that it does feel great to help someone else out. When kids give their time and energy to help others, they're less likely to take things like health, home and family for granted.

6. Insist on politeness and respect all around.

When we teach our children to treat others with dignity and respect, they'll be less likely to take assistance and kindness for granted, and more likely to give it the value it deserves.

7. Look for teachable moments.

When kids can connect the concept of gratitude to a real-life situation, the lesson we're teaching will be much more likely to stick.

8. Find the silver lining.

When kids complain it can be helpful to find a response that looks on the bright(er) side. It's called an "attitude of gratitude"; it teaches our kids to be resilient and refocus them on the positives they may be overlooking.

I am **grateful** to be able to serve you and your children!

Recently I have been asked to speak with students who are experiencing big emotions and are feeling overwhelmed. All students have had a big year and a number of weeks of assessments over recent weeks, and, like all of us, are becoming very tired as we reach the end of the school year. Please encourage your children to have device free evenings and more sleep so they can enjoy the fun filled last weeks that are planned by the hard-working staff.

Robyn Mulholland
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

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





Pupil of the Week



2024 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 6

Prep	Abhiraj	For using his resources in writing and using capital letters and full stops.
Grade 1/2 A	Amos	For always working hard, with a smile!
Grade 1/2 B	Kyson	For showing great progress in his focus during sessions with his Kids Hope Mentor, Bill!
Grade 3/4 A	Raythan	For his informative poster on the Digimaker program.
Grade 3/4 B	Nour	For her effort and persistence during writing tasks this week. Great job!
Grade 5/6 A	Charlie	For having a very positive attitude towards Literature Circles this term.
Grade 5/6 B	Joel	You worked so well during our persuasive writing last week!
Art Grades Prep – 2	Sophie B Prep	For always working hard in Art and producing beautiful artwork.
Library Grades Prep – 2	Kira M 1/2B Arlowe F 1/2B	Thank you for all your hard work during Library lessons. Fabulous work!
Library Grades 3 – 6	Charlie J 3/4B	For always applying himself during tasks and being creative with his writing.
PE	Charles D 1/2A	For working with new people and following the school rules.
STEM Grades Prep – 2	Indie B-C 1/2B Elsie S 1/2B	For their collaboration and teamwork when working with Scratchy Jr.
STEM Grades 3 – 6	Maisie G 5/6B	For her enthusiasm and positive mindset when exploring our Dash & Dot robots.

2024 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 7

Prep	Harley	For moving on to read set 3 reader books. Fantastic work, Harley!
Grade 1/2 A	Ethan	For settling into school well at Greensborough Primary.
Grade 1/2 B	Harriet	For always producing her best work in all Writing lessons.
Grade 3/4 A	Evelyn	For using descriptive language
Grade 3/4 B	Lily	For her excellent discussion about the characters and key themes in 'Little Wave'.
Grade 5/6 A	Anne-Sophie	For participating in graduation rehearsal with great enthusiasm.
Grade 5/6 B	Valissia	Terrific enthusiasm shown during Literacy Extension, Valissia!
Art Grades 3 – 6	Aifeina M 3/4A	For demonstrating excellent construction skills in Art this week. Well done!
Library Grades 3 – 6	Nour G 3/4B	Thanks for showing initiative and your help in the Library.
PE	Kyson C 1/2B	For your continual growth and efforts. It is clear how focused you have been.
STEM Prep – Grade 2	Hudson D 1/2A	For his great listening and participation this week in STEM. Awesome job, Hudson!
STEM Grades 3 – 6	Elvy-Li W 5/6A	For her curious nature and exploring when getting the Dashbots to draw.

Cooperation **A**chievement **R**espect **E**mpathy

Greensborough Primary OSHC Update

November
2024

OSHClub

Join The Fun, Get Active, Be Social

IMPORTANT DATES

- 17th December Christmas Movie Night (Stay & Play Program)
- 20th December Last Day for Christmas Wishing Tree
- 20th December Last Day for Food Drive

Christmas Movie Night

Our Movie Night will be on Tuesday 17th December Stay and Play. This will be followed by popcorn, juice and fruit. More information will be provided in service with permission slips to be handed out. If you have any questions or interest in attending the [program](#) please reach out.

Reminders:

- Please remember HATS and WATER BOTTLES!
- Please note my service working hours are from 6:45am – 9:00am & 3:00pm – 6:00pm. 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.

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.

Rise and Shine & Stay and Play

The Teddy Bear Picnic was an amazing day filled of fun, eating lots of fruit and soaking up the sun. With the company of our [teddies](#) we ate food and played games. With group skipping and soccer alongside some free play.

In Stay and Play we have been having enchiladas, tacos and chicken wraps which the kids have been loving. With lots of fresh berries, pineapple and vegetables. We have our Christmas Boxes for the Food Drive and Wishing Tree in service near sign area this initiative allows us all to recognize this festive season as a time to give back to others in need.

With the upcoming event of the Christmas Movie Night at OSHC (Stay and Play Program) 17th of December we advise you to book in advance to avoid missing out on this special night to end the term ready for the new year.

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](#)

OSHClub is a proudly owned and operated by Junior Adventures Group



Cooperation **A**chievement **R**espect **E**mpathy

Greensborough Primary OSHC Update

November 2024



Join The Fun, Get Active, Be Social



17th December Christmas Movie Night

UPCOMING!!

Please bring:

❖ **A drink bottle**

A friendly reminder to please book in NOW to avoid missing out on our Movie Night.



Cooperation **A**chievement **R**espect **E**mpathy



Take control of your finances







For every dollar you save, you will receive another dollar from ANZ to spend towards educational costs, up to \$500



Saver Plus gives you down-to-earth money talk - and a **\$500 incentive** to build your savings!

You can double your savings. If you reach your savings goal each month for 10 months, **ANZ will match it up to \$500.**

What can the \$500 be spent on?

-  Laptops and tablets
-  Uniforms and shoes
-  Vocational education
-  Lessons and activities
-  Books and supplies
-  Camps and excursions

To join Saver Plus

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a Health Care or Pensioner Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St. Laurence and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Berry Street. It is funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

saverplus.org.au 1300 610 355



**GREENHILLS BEAVERS
BASKETBALL CLUB
INVITES YOU TO...**

FREE

COME & TRY Basketball

**FREE TRIAL SESSIONS
4PM-5PM
@ GREENSBOROUGH COLLEGE**

**BOYS - WED 11TH DEC
GIRLS - THU 12TH DEC**

◆ **RECOMMENDED FOR KIDS BORN IN 2018 & 2019**

◆ **FOR MORE INFO:
INFO@GREENHILLSBASKETBALL.COM.AU
0407 010 681 (JAMES - PRESIDENT)**



WWW.GREENHILLSBASKETBALL.COM.AU





Saturday
14 December
2024

Greensborough
War Memorial Park
Henry Street, Greensborough

Performers:
Wilbur Wilde (MC), Sean Millis, Zoe Sunday
The Australian Children's Choir,
The Diamond Valley Brass Band,
The Kazoos and Santa.

Food trucks and
preshow entertainment
5:00pm

Carols showtime
7:00pm

For more information, visit: banyule.vic.gov.au/Carols or phone 9490 4222.

FREE BANYULE
COUNCIL EVENT

Sponsored by:

