

### **Greensborough Primary School - 2062**

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Borough E	Bulletin ~ 20 February 2025
Thursday 20 February 2025	District Swimming Carnival – 10:00am to 2:30pm
Friday 21 February 2025	Interschool Sports Round 3 – GPS V Norris Bank PS – Home
Monday 24 February 2025	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
Wednesday 26 February 2025	Parent/Teachers – Meet & Greet sessions – 2:10pm to 7:00pm
Friday 28 February 2025	Interschool Sports Round 4 – GPS V Watsonia Heights PS – Home
Tuesday 04 March 2025	Twilight Sports Event – 5:30pm to 6:30pm P&F Barbeque – 5:00pm to 5:30pm
Wednesday 05 March 2025	Interschool Sports Round 5 – GPS V Bundoora PS – Home
Friday 07 March 2025	Curriculum Day – Pupil-Free Day
Monday 10 March 2025	Labour Day – Public Holiday
Wednesday 12 March 2025	NAPLAN – Writing – Grades 3 & 5
Thursday 13 March 2025	NAPLAN – Reading – Grades 3 & 5
Friday 14 March 2025	NAPLAN – Language Conventions – Grades 3 & 5 Interschool Sports Round 6 – St Marys PS V GPS – Away
Monday 17 March 2025	NAPLAN – Numeracy – Grades 3 & 5
Friday 21 March 2025	Interschool Sports Round 7 – Streeton PS V GPS – Away
Monday 24 March 2025	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm - TBC
Friday 04 April 2025	Easter Bonnet Parade Last Day of Term 1 – Early finish – 1:30pm
Tuesday 22 April 2025	First Day of Term 2
Friday 25 April 2025	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 14 May 2025	Camp Angahook – Grades 3 to 6
Thursday 15 May 2025	Camp Angahook – Grades 3 to 6
Friday 16 May 2025	Camp Angahook – Grades 3 to 6
Tuesday 27 May 2025	MSP School Photos

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#### **Principal's Report**

A huge thankyou to the families of our short-term international students for organizing a lion dance for us last week to celebrate the Lunar New Year. The performance was highly entertaining and the antics of the lion as it threw fruit into the audience and tried to snatch the children's hats made the performance even more exciting. The dance aims to bring success and prosperity, and we truly appreciated the families providing this rich cultural experience for our students.

Tomorrow, we farewell the last of our Chinese students Joy, Grace and Tracie and we'll present them with a small gift at assembly to remember their time at Greensborough Primary. We have greatly enjoyed their stay with us and although they've only been here a short time, their classmates and teachers will miss them. This week we also welcomed Kaian, our first international student from Japan and we look forward to getting to know him and providing an enjoyable experience of an Australian school.



We're very proud of our Student Leadership Team (see photo page later in newsletter) and we know they're looking forward to making a positive contribution to GPS this year, including supporting our first major event, Twilight Sports on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Already they have grown in confidence as they run our assemblies and present awards to their peers. Speaking in front of an audience is a skill, and we are looking forward to seeing their leadership skills develop further as the year progresses.

Junior School Councillors were elected by their peers and presented with their badges at last week's assembly. Coordinator Laura has already met with JSC members and they're very excited to plan fundraising events to purchase equipment for their classmates to enjoy. They'll begin selling icy-poles tomorrow at lunchtime and a COMPASS post will be sent with more information for parents.

#### Parent/Teacher 'Meet and Greet' Sessions – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Thank you to parents and carers who have booked Parent/Teacher 'Meet and Greet' Sessions for next Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Information was sent home via COMPASS for parents/carers of children in Grades 1 - 6 to book a time on Monday and the bookings remain open for families. If any parents/carers experience difficulty with the COMPASS booking process, please contact the office for assistance.

So as not to inconvenience families, meetings will run on time and adhere to the ten-minute time allowance - if any parents require additional time, a further meeting can be arranged on another date. The 'Meet and Greet' sessions provide an opportunity for parents to meet with your child's new class teacher to share information about your child and discuss any relevant issues. Information about class programs, organisation and learning goals will also be provided to parents at this meeting.

Prep parents are not required to attend the 'Meet and Greet' sessions as we have shared information during transition sessions. Parents of students who participate in Student Support Group meetings have been sent an invitation to arrange an SSG with their child's class teacher or attend the 'Meet and Greet'.

Parents in Grade 3/4B have been advised by Mr Stephens that he will be holding interviews on an alternative date.

#### **Twilight Sports**

We're looking forward to our Twilight Sports Night, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. For families new to the school, this annual event is held on the oval and is a great night where students come dressed in their House colours and compete in their grade levels in House Teams, cheered on by their parents and family members. Dinner can be purchased from the Parents and Friends' Barbeque from 5:00pm or families may bring a picnic with rugs and chairs.

Our Grade 5 and 6 students run various stalls to raise money for Graduation, including Face Painting, Hair Spraying, Nail Polishing in House Colours and much more, so please bring along your gold coins! The barbeque will begin at 5:00pm and sporting events will run from 5:30 – 6:30pm. Parents and Friends have sent out a request for parent helpers for the BBQ and we thank parents who have offered to help on the night to make it a great success.

#### **District Swimming**

We were very proud of all our students who attended swimming trials last Thursday for the District Swimming Carnival. Students gave their best efforts and showed great sportsmanship as they cheered each other on. The times of Lizzie and Philippa secured them a place in the Swim Team, and they represented us today at the District Swimming event. We congratulate them both on this achievement and commend Lizzie for improving her times in her freestyle event and Philippa for coming fifth in both freestyle and backstroke.

#### Pre-loved Summer Uniform Available in Office Foyer

We are in the fortunate position to have an abundance of pre-loved uniforms donated by families when their children have grown out of them. These items are available for families to purchase for a gold coin donation to the school, which is used to pay for food for our rabbits. The extra uniform items come in very handy as back-ups.

There is a selection of summer uniform items available in the Office Foyer for viewing. If parents are unable to view the uniform items during school hours, you can send a list of your requested items and sizes and our wonderful ES Emilia, will check and see if they are available and send them home to you. Please clearly write your child's name and grade.

#### Smile Squad Six Month Fluoride Varnish Visit

The healthAbility Smile Squad team are heading back to our school to complete six-monthly fluoride varnish applications for those students who have provided consent. Fluoride varnish applications help make sure students have the best chance of preventing tooth decay, so we're excited Smile Squad are coming back.



Consent for this fluoride varnish application was provided when students' initial consent forms were returned. However, if anyone has changed their mind and do not wish to receive a fluoride varnish application, they can contact healthAbility directly to let them know.

Please contact the Smile Squad team via: <u>Michelle.Duclos@healthAbility.org.au</u> or 0405 990 729

A reminder to parents that assembly is now on Fridays at 3:00pm and family members are most welcome to join us.

Regards,

#### Angela Morrítt

Principal

#### 2025 Curriculum Days

I know many families like advance notice of our Curriculum Days, so 2025 dates are listed below:

- Friday before Labour Day 7<sup>th</sup> March
- Curriculum Day in Term 2 TBC
- Monday before Cup Day 3rd November

### 2025 Student Leaders



School Captains: School Vice Captains: Lizzie and Lachie. Heidi, Harper, Billy and Anjali



Banksia Captains: Vice-Captain: Evelyn and Sofian Drew



Eucalyptus Captains:Phillippa and JacksonVice-Captain:Yamee



Grevillea Captains: Vice-Captain: Fatima and Hudson Jacob



Acacia Captains: Vice-Captain:

Ella and Elouise Shashvat



#### Transition to Victorian Curriculum 2.0 Maths

#### Dear Families,

We are excited to inform you about an important update to the mathematics curriculum that will be implemented at GPS. Starting this year, we will be transitioning to the Victorian Curriculum 2.0 for mathematics. The Victorian Curriculum 2.0 aims to provide a more comprehensive and adaptable learning experience for students, preparing them for the challenges and opportunities of the future. Teachers have spent extensive amounts time familiarising themselves with the updated curriculum and developing scope and sequences, mapping out content being covered throughout the year.

The previous curriculum was broken into three strands, Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability. Moving forward, we are now working with six strands which include Number, Algebra, Space, Measurement, Statistics and Probability.

Reporting will also look different this year for Maths as we are moving from three progression points to a single progression point encompassing all six strands and their related understandings. More information about this reporting change will be provided to families next term.

Due to these changes, our existing Magic Maths and Applied Maths programs have now been combined, with students attending their allocated group with their dedicated maths teacher five times per week. This change allows teachers to support students in finding the links between all strands of maths and connect their knowledge in a more meaningful and level appropriate way.

We are excited to embark on this new journey with your child and look forward to seeing the positive impact of the Victorian Curriculum 2.0 on their mathematical journey. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,

Jacínta Símpson Maths Coordinator



## Physical Education

## **2025 DISTRICT SWIMMING COMPETITION**

Greensborough Primary School will be represented by Lizzie S & Philippa A at 2025 District Swimming Competition - Thursday 20 February 2025. Everyone, at GPS will be wishing our wonderful students all the best in their endeavours today.

#### Leo Derrick

Sports Coordinator







Sincere thanks to the families who donated eggs for the school Breakfast Club. Our community volunteer, Sarah, is very grateful and is now able to make muffins and muesli bars for our students for the rest of this term at least! Yesterday, students were also able to enjoy zucchini slice as we added zucchini from Miss Celotto's garden to some of the eggs!











#### Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student. The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

Payments for 2025 are:

\$154 per year for eligible primary school students

Payments are made directly to the school:

- from March onwards each year where the parent/carer's concession card is assessed as valid on the first day of Term 1 and
- where the parent/carer's concession card is assessed as valid on the first day of Term 2.

Payments are for the application year and cannot be claimed for previous years.

All families who are eligible to apply for CSEF funding should collect an application for at the office and provide a copy of your valid Parent/Carer Concession Card. Applications close soon so if you have any questions, please contact Mehgan on (03) 9435 1496.

#### **Medication and Management Plans**

We are required to update student action management plans for asthma, allergy and anaphylaxis each year, so many families may have received a letter recently requesting they visit their GP and return an updated copy to school., Similarly, if your child has medication kept at school that is due to expire soon, you will have received a letter advising you of this., We thank families in advance for responding to these requests in a timely manner, so that we can work together to keep your children safe at school. Class teachers will follow this up at the Parent/teacher meetings next week. ,We also ask families to ensure we have up to date contact details at the office.

#### Special Deal for all Greensborough Primary School Families

Natio has provided a discount code for all Natio giftsets and clearance products. The discount is 40% off Recommended Retail Price - commencing Thursday 20th February and goes until Monday 24th February.

#### **Special Deal Terms:**

- 40% off with the code NATIOFAMILY40
- $\mathbf{\Omega}$ Includes giftsets and clearance, excludes gift cards
- Not in conjunction with any other offer
- Ends Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 11:59pm



#### STUDENT WELLBEING

Hi Everyone,

#### THE CHALLENGING MID-PRIMARY YEARS!

I clearly remember when my children turned 8! It was definitely a time of change in their lives as they seemed to grow 'overnight', expand their interests and became quite competitive and a little more challenging! Their needs were



changing. This age group is starting to look outside their immediate family for cues and information to complete the picture they're forming of themselves. In the early years as a parent, you were the main influence. *Now they take their cues from their peers and others outside their family, as well as you.* This provides some challenges at both home and school as boundaries are also beginning to be challenged and friendship groups can be difficult.

#### BUT HELP IS AT HAND! - Educational psychologist, Michael Grose, has the following advice:

- 1. Help them follow their strengths and interests. Peer comparison causes some children to change their interests, activities, and toys to match those of their peers. You can't stop peer influences, but you can help them find their strengths and gently nudge them in those directions.
- 2. Be ready to talk about their worries. You may discover a new willingness to talk with you that reflects their wider vocabulary, more sophisticated thinking and a broader world view.
- 3. Some like it scary. Your eight or nine-year-old may be drawn to movies and books that offer suspense, shock and more than a touch of horror. Peer pressure is a factor as well, as they often watch movies together. Be mindful of what they watch and read as horror and gore designed for teenagers isn't suitable for an eight or nine-year-old.
- 4. Give them responsibility. They need to feel a sense of mastery, so it's time to give over plenty of responsibility. Resist thinking for your child and allow consequences to teach and remind, so learning simple lessons lead to more personal responsibility.
- 5. Raise the bar. Expect them to help every day without pay, don't give them everything they want. Encourage them to work through problems and discuss how their behaviour impacts on others.
- 6. Be unimpressed by hurtful behaviour. You may find that your child will move from delightful to devil in an instant. This seems to be an age when *"I hate you"* is directed at a parent more than just about any other. As hurtful as it may feel your child may mean it momentarily, but she generally hates what you have done rather than you. Try not to show a response (even though you may be livid inside).
- 7. Give them more privacy. Don't be surprised if you see a sign on their bedroom door with "Kids only. Adults keep out!" This age group loves segregated play involving one gender, one age group or some other type of grouping. This type of play provides kids with a sense of independence from adults in preparation for the real thing when they move to break away from their family of origin in the teen years.
- 8. Be prepared for a defiant streak. It's common for eight or nine-year-olds to assert their independence by defying your wishes at times. Stay calm and nonchalant. A 'whatever' attitude followed by an expectation that they do as you wish is perhaps your best approach. If your child engages in whining put a stop to it before it becomes a lifetime habit. Some ways of breaking the habit include making your child aware; withdrawing your attention or cooperation; or simply leaving the area when they whinge.
- 9. Avoid bedtime battles. Bed-time battles often emerge as this age as children want to stay up and spend time in the adult world. Many eight or nine-year-olds are anxious worriers, the minute their heads hit the pillow they start thinking and worrying about their day. It helps to set aside some time for talk during the day so they can share their worries and thoughts.
- 10. Aim for busy, but balanced lifestyles. For many children sport is healthy, fun and teaches children about teamwork, as well as promoting personal confidence. If your child is not sporty then look for alternatives such as Lego Clubs and Scouting that offer non-sporty kids immense social and personal benefits. Eight or nine is a great age to explore different options before the complications and awkwardness that Take Time

comes with adolescence become another factor to negotiate.

#### Enjoy your time with your eight or nine-year-old!

#### Robyn Mulholland

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





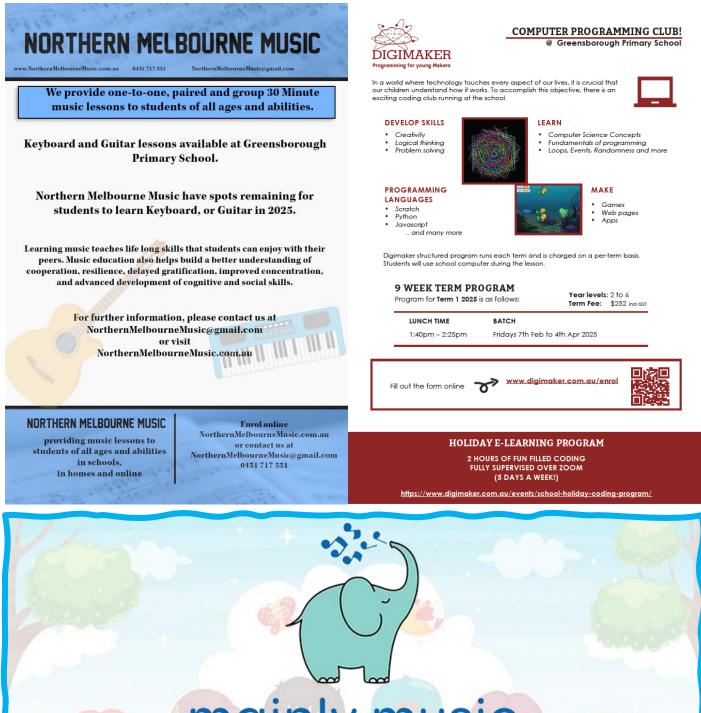


## Pupil of the Week



2025 ~ Term 1 ~ Week 3

Prep	Levi	For taking pride in his work; taking time in completing tasks and asking questions with his hand up. Keep up the great work, Levi!
Grade 1/2 A	Matias	For demonstrating great leaps in his learning and presenting a well thought out speech for JSC.
Grade 1/2 B	Celeste	For showing a great understanding of the book 'Esio Trot' in Reading classes. Fantastic effort!
Grade 3/4 A	Olivia	For consistently giving 100% to all your classroom activities and being so kind to all of your classmates. Well done, Olivia!
Grade 3/4 B	Rona	For the positive attitude you have displayed towards your learning and willingness to help out in our classroom! Well done!
Grade 5/6 A	Nick	For settling into GPS with ease and being such a wonderful addition to the 5/6A classroom. We are so glad you're here!
Grade 5/6 B	Fatima	5/6B's Student of the Week demonstrates how to respectfully share her thoughts, opinions and feelings to ensure we all learn in a kind, calm and safe learning environment.
Art	Sofia F 1/2A	For always coming to Art with a smile and a positive attitude!
Library	Sidra N 3/4B	For her detailed responses in the Venn Diagram on the book 'The Two Suns'.
LOTE Mandarin	Anjali S 5/6B	For demonstrating enthusiasm in Mandarin class recalling there are pandas in Adelaide. Good job, Anjali!
PE	Lizzie S 5/6B	For showing determination and hard work in Basketball and as well as Swim Trials
STEM	Connor D 5/6A	Connor, it is great to see you start your STEM lessons with focus and great participation. Well done, Connor!
		2025 ~ Term 1 ~ Week 3
Prep	Hayley	Caring for a friend when they hurt themselves, made sure to find a yard duty teacher; and showed school values demonstrating empathy for her friend. Well done, Hayley.
Grade 1/2 A	Eddie	For making great progress in his Rocket Writing and experimenting with new ideas. Well done, Eddie!
Grade 1/2 B	Mason	For doing a fantastic job at looking after the new Preps in the yard. Well done, Mason!
Grade 3/4 A	Lily	For showing so much enthusiasm towards your learning and for consistently demonstrating all our school values within the classroom and when playing outside. You are a w wonderful example to your peers, Lily!
Grade 3/4 B	William	For a last second goal to bring your team back to a draw during soccer in Sports Club! Impressive determination 'til the end!
Grade 5/6 A	Liam	For putting in 100% with his literacy tasks and using descriptive language to enhance his work.
Grade 5/6 B	Hudson	For always being ready to learn and consistently demonstrating our school values. We are lucky to have you as part of 5/6B!
Art	Gracie Z 3/4A	For creating a stunning composition showcasing shape, line and colour, inspired by artist, Wassily Kandinsky.
Library	Drew A 5/6A	For his deep thinking and contributions in our book discussion and always lending a helping hand to organise the shelves.
LOTE Mandarin	Hugo S 5/6B	For doing awesome work on matching the months with the Chinese words.
PE	Vidur R 1/2B	For your constant enthusiasm and effort not only in sports but all things school!
STEM	Raythan N 3/4A	For his great peer assistance and being a positive role model when introducing and participating in our Scratch coding focus.



## mainly music

Families with preschool age children can join us on Thursday mornings for songs and play! Find a group on www.mainlymusic.org

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Do you have a daughter in Grade 5? Year 7 2027 enrolment applications close Friday, 15 August 2025.

Apply today via our website clc.vic.edu.au/enrol

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Hear from our Principal Stephanie Evans





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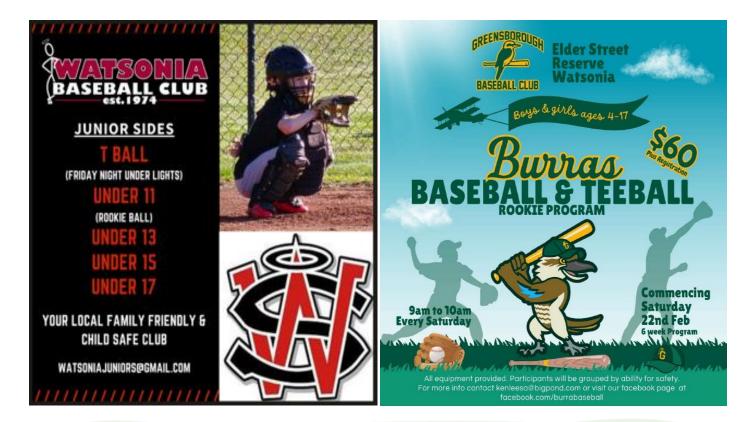
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#### Earth Bubs (Ages 0-4)

Dates: Feb 3 - Apr 7, 2025 (10 Weeks) Days: Mondays, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Free Trial on Tue 14 Jan



#### Earth School (Ages 5-12)

Dates: Feb 2 - Apr 6, 2025 (10 Weeks) Days: Sundays, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

#### Free Trials on the 19th, 26th Jan

For more info, and links follow the QR code or visit **https://liferocks.school/links** 



#### Life Rocks

## Diamond Valley Library After School Activities



Monday

Lego Club 4:00pm - 5:00pm **Discover more!** 

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School Term Only





Tuesday Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden 3:45pm - 4:30pm



Wednesday Code Club 7+ \*Bookings Required

4:00pm-4:45pm





Friday Reading Dog Cedric 3:30pm - 4:30pm



# Diamond Valley Library Reading Dogs

