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<i>Friday 16 May 2025</i>	Camp Angahook – Grades 3 to 6
<i>Monday 19 May 2025</i>	School Council Meeting – 07:00pm
<i>Friday 23 May 2025</i>	Interschool Sports Round 4 – Streeton PS V GPS – Away
<i>Monday 26 May 2025</i>	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
<i>Tuesday 27 May 2025</i>	MSP School Photos
<i>Wednesday 28 May 2025</i>	Interschool Sports Round 3 – GPS V St Mary's PS – Home
<i>Friday 30 May 2025</i>	Werribee Zoo Excursion – Whole School – Depart 08:30am
<i>Friday 06 June 2025</i>	Interschool Sports Round 5 – Watsonia Hgt PS V GPS – Away Grandparents & Special Visitors Day – Prep to Grade 2
<i>Monday 09 June 2025</i>	Kings' Birthday Public Holiday
<i>Friday 13 June 2025</i>	Interschool Sports Round 6 – GPS V Watsonia Nth PS – Home
<i>Friday 20 June 2025</i>	Interschool Sports Round Finals
<i>Monday 23 June 2025</i>	School Council Meeting – 07:00pm
<i>Friday 27 June 2025</i>	2025 Semester 1 Reports sent home
<i>Wednesday 02 July 2025</i>	Parent/Teacher Interviews
<i>Friday 04 July 2025</i>	Last Day of Term Two – Early Dismissal – 01:30pm

Principal's Report

We had a sea of excited faces on Wednesday morning as our Grade 3 – 6 students embarked on their camp to Angahook. It's always lovely to see the joy on students' faces as they drop off their suitcases, connect with friends and board the buses. Our Prep students waved their Grade 6 Buddies off and the Grade 1/2s joined in the fun, shouting words of encouragement as the happy campers departed. News from the camp is that their having a fantastic time completing activities including archery, the giant swing, low ropes and much more. We're looking forward to hearing about their adventures when they return tomorrow, especially the Grade 5/6 surfing lessons!



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Thank you to all the parents and family members who volunteered to assist with the Mothers' Day stall last week. Students were spoilt for choice, with several overheard to remark that this was the 'best Mothers' Day stall ever!' This P&F event focuses on creating happy memories and providing opportunities for students to purchase a treasured gift for the very special person in their life.

Our preps were very excited to invite their mothers and grandmothers to a special afternoon tea last week. After sharing a snack, they set out to pamper their mothers with nail polishing and hand massages and share some special activities. A huge thankyou to the family members who attended and built wonderful memories with the preps, and also to Emily and staff who organised the event.



Media Consent for Publishing Photos

A reminder to parents that DET issued new media and privacy consent forms this year, so if families give consent to publish photos of your children in the newsletter and website, then you should proceed to Course Confirmation on COMPASS and give consent. This consent will last for the duration of your child's enrolment at GPS.

We absolutely respect if families don't wish for photos to be published, however we're also aware some families may have missed the COMPASS post asking them to complete this task. We have some terrific photos of camp and cross country, however we're only able to include students for whom we have consent to publish.

Cross Country

Congratulations to our Cross-Country team members who ran either 2km or 3km, depending on their age, at Banyule Flats on Monday 12th May. This is quite a long distance, and we are very proud of all students for attending training sessions, giving their best efforts and the sportsmanship they showed on the day. Thank you to the parents who attended to assist on the day and our PE teacher, Leo for coordinating the event. Special congratulations to Caleb, Fatima and Shyamala who will proceed to the Division Cross Country event.



Walk to School Day Tomorrow Friday 16th



We're encouraging our Prep to 2 students to **arrive at 8.45 am tomorrow morning** and join with staff to don a 'tattoo' and walk laps of the school (inside the fence) to celebrate 'Walk To School' day. This will be a timely reminder that walking and physical exercise brings many benefits to our physical and mental health. If families can walk to school or park a block away and walk, the benefits are even greater! We hope to see many families join us.

Annual General Meeting 7pm Monday 19th May

Next Monday 19th May we will hold our Annual General Meeting in the Library to table our Annual Report for 2024 and school family members are welcome to attend. This report will also be available on our website in the coming weeks. The AGM will be followed by our usual School Council Meeting.

School Photos Tuesday 27th May

School Photos will be taken Tuesday 27th May. Information from MSP Photography explaining the process for ordering student and sibling group photos was sent home to families last week via COMPASS, however it's included again later in the newsletter in case anyone missed it. If parents/carers have any queries relating to photo orders, please contact MSP directly.

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Firewood Available

We have had recent works to remove a tree on our Lorimer Street boundary. We have tree logs available for firewood for school families and all we ask is for a donation of \$20 per trailer load or \$10 per box. (Funds raised will be put towards our student Wellbeing programs). Please contact the office if you are interested on (03) 9435 1496.



Logs and boxes are stacked inside our boundary. If families wish to drive a car on the school grounds to collect a box or trailer load, you will need to collect the wood out of hours. Thank you to parent Andrew K. for cutting the firewood into manageable blocks.

Angela Morrill

Principal

From DET: School Saving Bonus reminder and allocation to school activities

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus (SSB) – a one-off support of \$400 for eligible government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

The SSB can be used for uniforms and textbooks until Monday 30 June 2025.

Any funds remaining after 30 June 2025, including online voucher amounts that have not been redeemed, will become a credit to use on school activities. However, the credit will not be available on your family account at our school until late July. To use any remaining SSB funds to cover the cost of school activities in July, please refer to the [SSB online system](#) and allocate the funds to school activities before 30 June 2025. To learn more about the SSB online system, download the step-by-step System guide for parents and carers ([DOCX, 945KB](#)) or watch this [School Saving Bonus video](#). [System guide translations](#) are also available in 14 languages.

The Department of Education's SSB contact centre will remain available until 30 June 2025. The contact centre can be reached by:

- completing the [School Saving Bonus enquiry form](#)
- calling 1800 338 663, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm on weekdays.

After this date, please contact our office for any SSB related questions.

From DET: Camps Schools and Excursion Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. Means-tested concession cards must be valid on the first day of Term 1, 2025 (Tuesday 28 January 2025) or Term 2, 2025 (Tuesday 22 April 2025).

A student aged 16 years and over who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card is also eligible to apply.

Eligible families will receive a payment of \$154 per year for primary school students and \$256 per year for secondary school students. The funds will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 9435 1496 and ask for an application form. Please return completed application forms to the school office as soon as possible.

2025 Prep Enrolments

If any families know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please encourage them to register their details as soon as possible, (this includes siblings of current students). We have already had a number of enquiries and school tours for places in 2025 and the sooner we get a sense of our intake for next year, the sooner we can start planning for grade structures.

2025 Remaining Curriculum Days

At our recent meeting, School Council members ratified our Term Two Student Free Day. Both of our remaining Curriculum Days will focus on assessment & reporting: teacher moderation and writing reports.

- Term Two Monday May 26th
- Term four: Monday before Cup Day, 3rd November

Families are encouraged to contact OSHClub in advance if you require your children to attend on the day

Junior School Council Update

It has been an absolute pleasure working alongside our current Junior School Council (JSC) leaders on fundraising initiatives both within our school and the wider community. The students have shown incredible enthusiasm, respect for one another's ideas and opinions, and a genuine passion for helping others.

Following a successful term of selling icypoles, the JSC has decided to launch a new initiative — cookie sales! Starting **Friday, 23rd May**, cookies will be available for **50c each**. All money raised will go towards purchasing equipment for students to enjoy at GPS.



In addition, the JSC has chosen the **Starlight Foundation**, a wonderful Australian charity, as the recipient of our next fundraising event. On **Friday, 27th June**, we invite all students to dress up as "*What I want to be when I grow up*". Our JSC leaders will be collecting a **gold coin donation**, with all proceeds going directly to the Starlight Foundation.



Starlight
Children's Foundation

A big thank you also to all the students contributing to the JSC suggestion boxes in each classroom. We've loved reading your fantastic ideas and suggestions for ways we can positively impact our community.

Keep up the great work, everyone!

Miss T and the *JSC Team*

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STUDENT WELLBEING



Hi Everyone,

I hope that everyone had a lovely Mothers' Day on Sunday and felt the love and thanks of their families. For those who grieve the loss of their Mothers, I hope some cherish memories sustained you.

LETTING GO!

For some of you this week marks to first time your child or children went off to school camp. I am sure there were mixed feelings for both you and your child. Letting go is a continual process of parenting as our children grow and towards independence, and before you know it, they are beginning their own parenting journey. I always tell people, especially young people, 'NOT TO BLINK' as life passes very quickly.

Letting go of children, especially as they transition to adulthood, is a natural part of parenting, but it can be challenging for both parents and children. It involves recognising and accepting that your children will develop separate lives and make their own decisions. This process requires parents to gradually relinquish control while maintaining a supportive and connected relationship.



Here's a breakdown of what it means to **let go** of children:

- **Recognising Independence:** Acknowledge that your children are growing and becoming more independent, and they will eventually need to make their own choices and decisions.
- **Gradual Relinquishing of Control:** Gradually ease up on strict boundaries and expectations as your children mature.
- **Maintaining a Supportive Connection:** While letting go, continue to be a supportive and connected part of your children's lives, offering guidance and encouragement when needed.
- **Understanding Separate Lives:** Accept that your children will have their own separate lives and relationships, and you may not be as involved in their daily activities.
- **Re-evaluating Your Role:** Reflect on your role as a parent and how it changes as your children grow.

TIPS FOR LETTING GO

- **Talk Openly:** Have honest conversations with your children about their feelings and your expectations.
- **Help with Independence:** Support their efforts to plan their future and make independent decisions.
- **Share Wisdom, Not Control:** Offer guidance and advice but allow them to make their own choices.
- **Establish Healthy Boundaries:** Set clear boundaries for your relationship with your children, ensuring healthy communication and respect.
- **Seek Support:** Talk to other parents, friends, or a therapist for support and guidance.

CHALLENGES AND CONSIDERATIONS

- **Fear and Anxiety:** Some parents may experience anxiety about their children's well-being and future.
- **Grief and Loss:** It's normal to feel some grief as your children grow and move away.

- **Changing Roles:** Parents may need to adjust their roles as their children become more independent.

Remember: **Letting go** is a process, requiring patience, understanding, and a willingness to adapt to the changes.

It is important that through our parenting years we maintain our own friendships and interests. While some interests may need to be 'put on hold', look forward to picking them up again as your children become more independent.

PLEASE NOTE: YOUR WILL ALWAYS BE THEIR PARENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP A LISTENING EAR AND BE AVAILABLE WHEN THEY ASK FOR ADVICE OR HELP.

So enjoy the 'journey, with all its ups and downs as you **GIVE THEM WINGS TO FLY!**

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Pie Drive Fundraiser coming soon to Greensborough Primary School



National Sorry Day Healing ceremony

You are invited to join Wurundjeri Elders and representatives for a healing ceremony in which we honour the resilience of the First Nations community affected by the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Lunch will be provided. We welcome all who wish to participate in this meaningful occasion of healing and remembrance. Scan the code to book your spot.

Monday 26 May, 1pm – 3pm

Malahang Reserve, corner Oriel and Southern roads, Heidelberg West



GREENSBOROUGH PS PHOTO DAY

TUESDAY 27TH MAY 2025



Orders can now be made through your Compass Portal via your email link or under the **COMMUNITY** tab

PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW TO ENSURE OUR BEST PRICES!

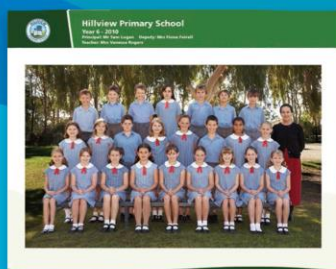


FAMILY PHOTOS

Family/Sibling photos are available for students attending school. Orders must be placed by **11:59PM** the day before photo day.

Parents with 3 or more children can receive a concession with our **Premium** or **Classic** packs. To take up this offer, please contact us prior to photo day.

GROUP STYLE



We're here to help.

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Pupil of the Week



2025 ~ Term 2 ~ Week 2

Prep	Mariam	For always taking pride in your work and taking time writing your letters neatly and carefully. Well done on the effort, Mariam!
Grade 1/2 A	Sofia	For being selfless and always lending a helping hand in the classroom, allowing us to be efficient with our time. Thank you, Sofia!
Grade 1/2 B	Bodhi	For always working towards improving his Writing. Fantastic effort, Bodhi!
Grade 3/4 A	Abigail	For an amazing effort during cross country trials this week. Great work, Abi!
Grade 3/4 B	Kashvika	I was so impressed with your research skills during writing and I am looking forward to seeing your contribution to our Great Ocean Road project.
Grade 5/6 A	Valissia	Your participation and valuable contributions during our literacy lessons are amazing. Keep it up!
Grade 5/6 B	Lola	By taking your time to understand and apply feedback, is the reason why you continuously achieve great results in your learning. Keep up this incredible effort!
Art	Charlie 5/6A Drew 5/6A	For demonstrating terrific teamwork skills when experimenting with the new gel printing plates. You created some great prints today. Well done!
Library	Lizzie 5/6B	For your impressive classification skills in the 'Dewey Decimal System' activity this week, you showed great focus and precision.
LOTE Mandarin	Eloise 5/6B	For working hard and settling in well to lessons.
PE	Hudson 5/6B	Your enthusiasm for all things PE, teamwork and leadership were all on display this week. Keep up the good work.
STEM	Billee 3/4A	For her enthusiasm completing our Heat Sense investigation with Rice last week and finding multiple heat sources in our school grounds this week and classifying them correctly. Keep up the positive attitude with your learning, Billee.

2025 ~ Term 2 ~ Week 3

Prep	Isabelle	For being eager with your reading and proactively completing your Home Reading. Well done!
Grade 1/2 A	Khloe	For her wonderful progress in her reading and writing. Her dedication towards her learning is admirable. Keep thriving, Khloe!
Grade 1/2 B	Myla	For a fantastic effort in her writing. Well done on using adjectives to make your writing more interesting!
Grade 3/4 A	Arlowe	For an outstanding attitude towards your learning. You consistently give 100% to all learning tasks and your positivity inspires all of your peers. Amazing work, Arlowe!
Grade 3/4 B	Natasa	WOW, Natasa! I have been so impressed with your writing! Keep up the fantastic work and recognise this fantastic achievement!
Grade 5/6 A	Connor	For consistently being a helpful class member. Your consideration for our learning space is very appreciated.
Grade 5/6 B	Lizzie	Thank you for being an honest and reflective learner who takes on challenges to improve. Your work ethic inspires us all!
Art	Arlowe 3/4A	For the care and effort you put into creating your stunning Laura Blythman inspired collage. Well done, Arlowe!
Library	Juniper 1/2A	For her respectful behaviour and positive attitude in the library. Juniper consistently shows kindness and care for both the space and others around her.
LOTE Mandarin	Nick 5/6A	For making a Mother's Day card with messages of 'Mother I love you' in Chinese.
PE	Sidharth 1/2B	For your terrific skill development in soccer. It is clear you have listened with your eyes and are always trying your best.
STEM	Lily 3/4A	For the great predictions and observations you made about how 'heat moves' from one object to the next.

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