



# Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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## Borough Bulletin ~ 29 May 2025

Friday 30 May 2025	Werribee Zoo Excursion Arrive at school – 08:15am Buses Depart – 08:30am
Friday 06 June 2025	Interschool Sports Round 5 – Watsonia Hgt PS V GPS – Away Grandparents & Special Visitors Day – Prep to Grade 2
Monday 09 June 2025	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 13 June 2025	Interschool Sports Round 6 – GPS V Watsonia Nth PS – Home
Friday 20 June 2025	Chinese International Student Day Tour AFL Sports Clinics – 11:30am to 1:30pm
Monday 23 June 2025	School Council Meeting – 07:00pm
Friday 27 June 2025	JSC Dress Up Day Fundraiser 2025 Semester 1 Reports sent home
Wednesday 02 July 2025	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday 04 July 2025	Last Day of Term Two – Early Dismissal – 01:30pm

### Principal's Report

Our students (and staff) are very excited about our whole school excursion to Werribee Zoo tomorrow, especially seeing the elephants in their new habitat. A reminder to families that **students need to arrive at school by 8.15am** so that teachers can mark the roll and put wrist bands on students. **Buses will depart at 8.30am.** The early start is necessary due to the distance to the zoo and traffic conditions, and to allow students time to enjoy the safari and many other exciting experiences the zoo has to offer. Thank you to class teacher, Alessia Celotto for coordinating this event.



As well as our usual class programs, we are looking forward to other extracurricular events this term. Our Grade P – 2s are looking forward to their ***Special Visitors/Grandparents Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June***. This day is always a highlight of their school year as they showcase their schoolwork, share their favourite places at school and build lifelong memories. Unfortunately, I'll miss this event this year as I head north to share a special school day with my own granddaughter. Margaret will be in charge in my absence, and I look forward to hearing about the day when I return.

Leo is planning a suite of ***AFL sports clinics***, courtesy of the Sports in Schools Grant, during Physical Education lessons. We are very pleased the AFL players will also be able to attend on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June, when GPS is hosting fifteen International Students from China. An Aussie Rules clinic will be a terrific inclusion for their trip to Victoria and may result in some new fans of the game!

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We were very proud of our students in Grade 3 – 6 who attended our recent ***camp to Angahook***. Their behaviour was exemplary, and many students stepped out of their 'comfort zone' to challenge themselves and achieve new goals. Students said it was hard to pick a favourite activity from archery, ropes courses, giant swing or the talent show but all took away many happy memories. A huge thankyou to Camp coordinator Jesse Stephens and all the staff and parents who attended and ensured all students had a safe and fun-filled camp.



### **Thank you to Active Movers/Eltham Leisure Centre**

A huge thank you to the Active Movers group, which is aligned with Eltham Leisure Centre, for their generous donation of \$674 from their BBQ fundraiser. I recently met with Betty the group coordinator and Sabrina, Healthy Nillumbik Coordinator, and greatly appreciated their desire to support our students' inclusion in school events and activities. Our School Captains, Lizzie and Lachie, will write a thankyou letter on behalf of GPS expressing our gratitude for their community support.

### **Attitudes To School Survey Grades 4 – 6**

We value Student Voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction, and over the next fortnight, we are conducting a survey to find out what children in Grades 4 – 6 think of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. Further information was sent home to parents of students in Grades 4 – 6 on Monday via COMPASS. Participation in this survey is voluntary and if parents do not wish for their child to do the survey, they will be able to opt out via email to [greensborough.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:greensborough.ps@education.vic.gov.au) before the survey begins next Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

### **Student Support Group Meetings**

A COMPASS post will be sent home next week to the parents of students who have Student Support Group meetings (SSGs), asking if they would prefer a Parent/Teacher Interview after reports are sent home or an SSG in the week before. Parents are asked to contact your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time for the SSG.

### **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 \$30 per trailer load or \$10 per box or bag. (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 firwood into manageable blocks.

***Angela Morrìt***

Principal

## 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.

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From Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th May, our Grade 3 – 6 students attended Camp Angahook in Aireys Inlet along the stunning Great Ocean Road. Across the three days, students engaged in a wide variety of outdoor activities including disc golf, orienteering, archery, low ropes, hut building, and the ever-popular giant swing! They pushed their limits, supported one another, and proudly represented G.P.S. throughout what was an unforgettable experience.

In addition to these activities, the Grade 3 and 4 students ventured out to visit the iconic Split Point Lighthouse and the nearby rock pools. With great enthusiasm and curiosity, they explored the marine sanctuary, created portraits in the sand, and marvelled at standing on 'the edge of Australia'. Their beachside adventure concluded with a lively round of Beach Olympic Games, hosted by our wonderful friends at Camp Angahook.

Meanwhile, the Grade 5 and 6 students headed to Urquhart Bluff for an exciting surfing session. Despite the limited time, many students quickly picked up the basics - some even managing to stand up and ride the waves! They returned to camp tired but full of pride and excitement.

The evenings were just as special. We gathered around the campfire to toast marshmallows and share stories, followed by our much-loved annual **Greensborough Talent Show**. The audience was blown away by the brave and talented students who performed a variety of creative, awe-inspiring, and entertaining acts.

On a personal note, as Camp Coordinator, I want to sincerely thank every student for making this camp such a smooth and memorable experience. I was incredibly proud of the way our students supported each other and faced challenges with courage and teamwork. A heartfelt thank you also goes out to the dedicated teachers, education support staff, and family members who helped make this camp possible. Looking back at the photos and reading the student reflections, it's clear just how special Camp Angahook was.

Looking ahead, we're excited to return to a rural setting next year with a visit to **Camp Weekaway**, early in Term 2, 2026. This is another camp fondly remembered by past students, and we can't wait to share more details in Term 4 - stay tuned!

Our Camp Angahook photo display board is currently under construction outside 1/2B. I will let you all know when this is ready so you can come down and have a look at all of the photos for yourself!

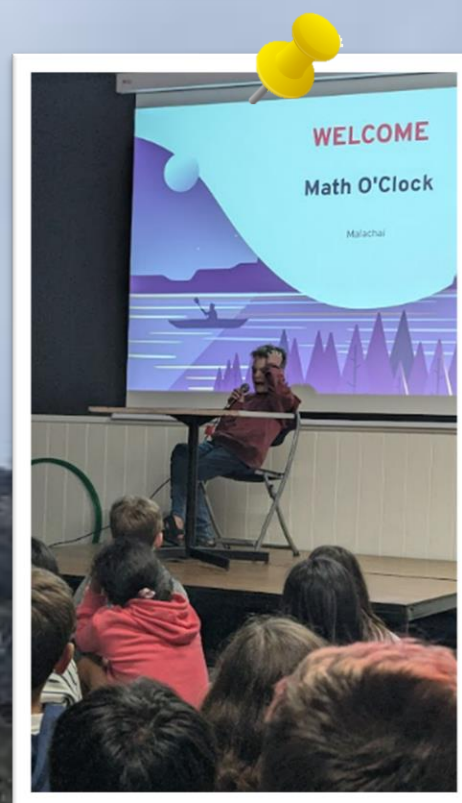
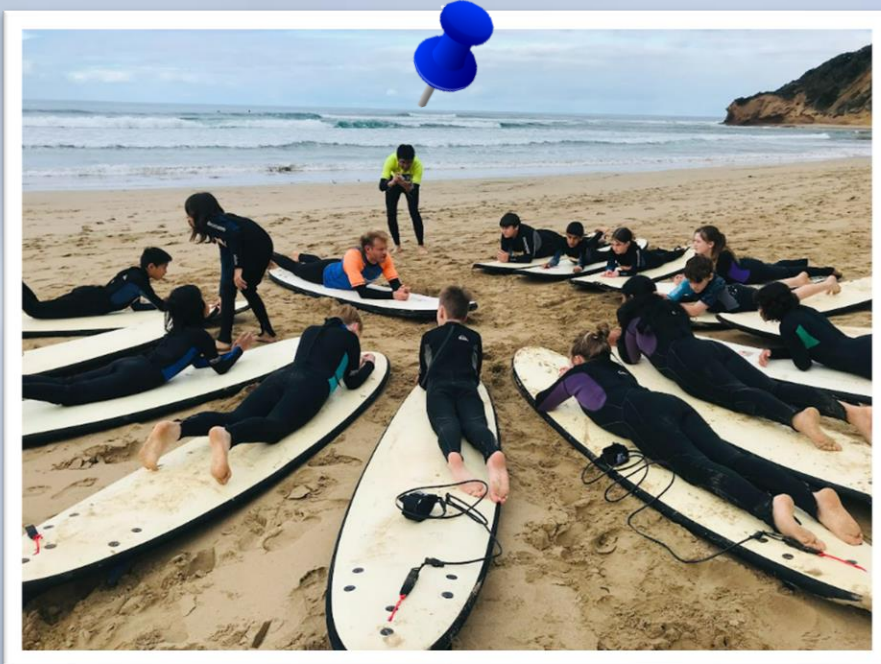
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2025 Camp Angahook Coordinator



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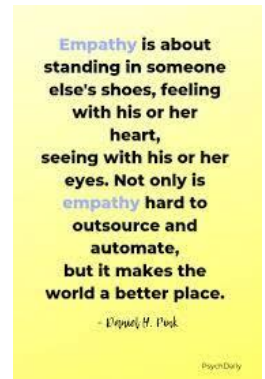
# STUDENT WELLBEING

Hi Everyone,



I was gobsmacked when a number of years ago I learnt that our capacity for EMPATHY is well on the way to being established by the ages of 3 or 4! AMAZING!

The capacity for EMPATHY develops gradually throughout childhood, with significant milestones emerging between 18 months and 4 years of age. While some signs of EMPATHY, like comforting a crying baby, can be seen as early as 18 - 24 months, a full understanding of others' perspectives typically emerges around age four. This milestone marks the ability to understand that other people have different beliefs and feelings from one's own.



Here's a more detailed look at the development of EMPATHY:

- **Early Signs (18 - 24 months):**

Infants and toddlers may exhibit simple acts of EMPATHY, like offering comfort or attempting to soothe someone in distress. These young children begin to respond to the distress of others and to show concern. These behaviours are often rooted in emotional contagion and imitation.

- **Growing understanding of others (around 4 years):**

Around age four, children begin to develop understanding that others have separate minds and intentions. This allows them to take on the perspective of others and empathise with their feelings.

- **Cognitive Development (preschool and early school years):**

As children's thinking and discernment skills mature, they can better understand and manage their own emotions, allowing them to connect with others' experiences without feeling overwhelmed.

- **Social and Environmental Factors:**

A child's empathy is also shaped by their social interactions, the behaviour of their caregivers, and the broader social environment and other family and environmental factors. EMPATHIC parents and teachers can serve as positive role models for young children, teaching them the importance of considering others' feelings.

In summary, while early signs of EMPATHY appear in infancy, the full capacity for EMPATHY, including the ability to understand and share the feelings of others, develops gradually throughout childhood, with key milestones occurring between 18 months and four years.

## EXAMPLES from my own observances:

- It is always beautiful to see a very small child, under two years of age and over, show gentleness towards a baby or small animal.
- Often a small child will smile at and wave to an adult from their pram – it puts a smile on the adult's face and may be the highlight of their day. They seem to sense this connection with elderly persons especially.
- If I was talking to a neighbour who stopped for a chat while I was gardening, my 2-3 year old daughter would run off and pick one of our flowers and give it to the lady.
- We were at a function when my about 18-month-old fell over. Her three-year-old brother picked her up and told her "It's alright, I'll carry you", as he carried her to a safe place. An older couple who witnessed the event often reminded us of this memory over many years.

In our next newsletter I would like to highlight what happens when our capacity for EMPATHY is disrupted, and how it can be restored and developed. So, let's continue to work together to help our students grow into empathetic, caring young people!

**Robyn Mulholland**

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# Cooperation Achievement Respect Empathy





# Pupil of the Week



## 2025 ~ Term 2 ~ Week 4

Prep	Stevie	For helping out the teacher throughout the week and using initiative of what needs to be done in the classroom . Well done, Stevie!
Grade 1/2 A	Juniper	For her amazing progress in reading this term. It was a pleasure listening to you read so fluently with enthusiasm. Keep up the great work, Junie!
Grade 1/2 B	Lilyana	For showing great persistence in her Writing. Keep up the fantastic work, Lilyana!
Grade 3/4 A	Noah	For taking risks and showing bravery in all camp activities!
Grade 3/4 B	Yasmin	What a fantastic time you had at Camp Angahook! You were such a thoughtful member of the activity groups and encouraged everyone to achieve their best!
Grade 5/6 A	Nyora	For completing her factual recount writing to an extremely high standard. Well done, Nyora!
Grade 5/6 B	Hugo	For getting involved in all camp activities and even encouraging others to do the same! You're a surfing superstar!
Art	Sansa	For always coming to Art with a positive attitude and putting 100% effort into every piece of artwork you complete. Your Pete Cromer inspired Collage of the penguins is beautiful! Well done!
Library	Alister Prep	For thinking carefully about the book 'Three Cheers for Errol'. Alister shared how the story reminded him of experiences from his own life.
PE	Amal 34A	For your terrific goal kicking in Soccer!
STEM	Jethro Prep	For being such a wonderful helper and showing such kindness in the STEM classroom, keep up the wonderful effort every lesson, Jethro!

## 2025 ~ Term 2 ~ Week 5

Prep	Jethro	For eagerness in learning your 'Friends of 10' and taking an interest to know each one. Well done, Jethro!
Grade 1/2 A	Elise	For her captivating rocket writing this week using a sizzling start to enhance her writing. Well done, Elise!!
Grade 1/2 B	Shaylah	For demonstrating great positivity at school. Well done, Shaylah!
Grade 3/4 A	Tiarna	For her amazing effort in all subject areas so far this term and for trying all activities at camp with great enthusiasm. Amazing, Tiarna!
Grade 3/4 B	Sidra	You have written such a fantastic Camp Angahook recount! Your Discovery Journal looks great!
Grade 5/6 A	Isaac	For upholding our school values during camp and enthusiastically supporting others.
Grade 5/6 B	Tomas	For sharing your uplifting humour and getting involved in all learning tasks with a positive attitude. Absolute champ!
Art	Isabelle Prep	For the energy and enthusiasm you brought to Art this week as you created a vibrant 3D Waterpark using paper construction techniques. Congratulations!
Library	Fariz 3/4A	For skilfully delving into the book 'Parachute' and offering unique perspectives on the main character and events to highlight the story's message.
LOTE Mandarin	Tomas 5/6B Fatima 5/6B	For doing a great job and working to the best of their abilities in Mandarin.
PE	Tien 3/4B	For your wonderful leadership in PE class, showing students how to trap the ball and then kick goals will help them greatly in the future.
STEM	Sidra 3/4B	For always putting her best effort into her work during STEM sessions. It is great to see your enthusiasm in class.



## Greensborough Primary School

We have organised with **Tony's Pies of Essendon** to conduct a fundraising pie drive. Tony's Pie's will supply us with a range of their freshly baked pies, pasties, quiches and sausage rolls on **Friday, June 13, 2025**.

**Last day to order is midnight, Tuesday, June 10, 2025.**

All the products will be freshly baked and will be suitable to go straight into the freezer if you wish.

So order up BIG. Remember, the more you order the more we make.

We **need** the support of **everyone** to make this fundraising a success.

Product Per 1/2 Dozen	Our Instore Retail Price	Special Pie Drive Price To You	Family	Our Instore Retail Price	Special Pie Drive Price To You
Steak Pies	\$45	\$39	Steak Pie	\$20	\$18
Steak & Mushroom	\$45	\$39	Steak & Mushroom	\$20	\$18
Steak & Cheese	\$45	\$39	Steak & Cheese	\$20	\$18
Chicken & Vegetable	\$45	\$39	Chicken & Vegetable	\$20	\$18
Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$45	\$39	Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$16	\$14
Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$45	\$39	Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$16	\$14
Pasties	\$45	\$39	Pasties	\$20	\$18
Sausage Rolls	\$27	\$24	Apple Pie	\$15	\$13
Party Pies	\$15	\$12	Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$15	\$13
Spinach & Cheese Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Mac & Cheese Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Lasagna Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Apple Pies	\$45	\$39			
Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$45	\$39			

To start ordering open your smartphone camera and hold it over the QR code till the link pops up.



Or copy and paste the link below into your browser to start ordering on your PC.

<https://tonspiedrives.com.au/fundraiser/greensborough-primary-school-2>

# Bread Tags

The Kindness Crusaders are still collecting bread tags. Please support us by kindly bringing in your PLASTIC bread tags and putting them in the collection box in the office.

Thank you for your help,

*The Kindness Crusaders*



Free for rest of  
Term 2 only

5-15 year olds  
Wednesdays  
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