

Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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Borough Bulletin ~ 16 October 2025		
Friday 17 October 2025	2026 Classroom Teacher Request Due Swimming Program 2 – WaterMarc 09:30am to 12:00pm	
Monday 20 October 2025	Grade 6 Graduation Dance Session – 10:00am to 11:00am	
Friday 24 October 2025	Swimming Program 3 – WaterMarc 09:30am to 12:00pm 2026 School Camp Feedback Survey Due	
Monday 27 October 2025	International Students – Day Visit – Grades 3 to 6 Grade 6 Graduation Dance Session – 10:00am to 11:00am School Council Meeting – 07:00pm	
Thursday 30 October 2025	National Teacher & Education Support Day	
Friday 31 October 2025	Whole School Halloween Disco & Activities No Swimming Program today	
Monday 3 November 2025	Curriculum Day – Pupil-Free Day	
Tuesday 4 November 2025	Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday	
Thursday 6 November 2025	Prep & Grade 1 Breakfast 2026 School Camp Information Session – 03:45pm to 04:15pm	
Friday 7 November 2025	Swimming Program 4 – WaterMarc 09:30am to 12:00pm	
Sunday 9 November 2025	2025 Bunnings Barbeque – Volunteers Required	
Tuesday 11 November 2025	Remembrance Day Service – 10:50am	
Thursday 13 November 2025	Prep to Grade 2 – Stop, Look, Listen & Think Incursion Deposit & Expression of Interest for 2026 School Camp Due	
Friday 14 November 2025	Swimming Program 5 – WaterMarc 09:30am to 12:00pm 2026 Prep Transition Session 1 – 09:30am to 10:30am	
Wednesday 19 November 2025	Grade 5 Greensborough Secondary College Excursion	
Friday 21 November 2025	Swimming Program 6 – WaterMarc 09:30am to 12:00pm 2026 Prep Transition Session 2 – 09:30am to 10:30am	
Friday 28 November 2025	Swimming Program 7 – WaterMarc 09:30am to 12:00pm 2026 Prep Transition Session 3 - – 09:30am to 10:30am	
Monday 01 December 2025	School Council Meeting – 06:00pm	
Friday 05 December 2025	Swimming Program 7 – Fun Day – 12:15pm to 02:30pm 2026 Prep Transition Session 4 – 09:30am to 10:30am2026 First Instalment for 2026 School Camp Due	
Tuesday 09 December 2025	2026 Year 7 Student Orientation Session Students meet their 2026 Grade Teachers	
Thursday 11 December 2025	Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony	
Friday 12 December 2025	Ice Cream Truck Visit	
Monday 15 December 2025	Whole School Christmas Picnic – 05:00pm to 07:00pm	
Tuesday 16 December 2025	2025 Semester 2 Student Academic Report to go home	
Wednesday 17 December 2025	Grade 6 Big Day Out	
Friday 19 December 2025	Last Day of School for 2025 – Early Dismissal at 01:30pm	
Wednesday 28 January 2026	First Day of 2026 School Year	

Principal's Report

Welcome back to a busy Term Four. We certainly hit the ground running with the Grades Prep – Four having a Healthy Eating Incursion, the Grades Five and Six having a Sex Education session and all students taking part in the Swimming program. Extension programs in Reading and Writing for students in Grades Two to Five commenced, a group of Grade Two and Three students were selected for an extension sports program, and a Monday lunchtime Christmas Craft program began. Along with all of this, across the curriculum, assessment and moderation is taking place for both end of year reports and planning for next year.

There is a lot of work happening in regard to the school buildings and facilities but most of this won't be easily seen or recognised. Over the past weekend, a window replacement program began, and preliminary planning has taken place for upgrades to the school's electrical capacity, sewerage system and roofing issues. On a more obvious level, Coree Thorpe (Indigenous Artist) is about to embark on Stage Two of the fence mural and measurements and quotes are taking place to install noise absorbing wall tiles in the last three classrooms waiting to be upgraded (1/2B, 5/6A and 5/6B). Also, excitingly, we are about to have a new playground addition (a spider net climbing frame) installed on the Lorimer Street boundary of the school. This piece of equipment has been made possible with the funding from the hard work of Parents and Friends, funds received for hosting International Students and an additional donation towards the equipment from Beyond Education which is the company that coordinates the international students who have short visits at our school. This piece of equipment in the first of a planned redevelopment of this play area of the school.

Detailed information has been sent out via a COMPASS post regarding the 2026 Parent Payment schedule, and this is also attached to this newsletter. We are deeply appreciative of the support of the community in assisting us to maintain high quality resources and well-funded programs.

Information has also been sent out to families advising of the planned classroom teacher allocation for 2026. This plan is based upon everything we know at the moment and, if any changes occur, we will let the community know straight away.

Tomorrow a COMPASS post will come out to ensure everyone is aware of a new activity we will be having this year – A Halloween Day. On Friday 31st October we will be having a Halloween Day at school. This is not something we have done before but there was community interest raised about the school hosting an event for the students so we thought we would trial it for this year.

The plan will be that, at 9:15am, there will be a Halloween Costume Parade. We don't want this to be a stress or burden to anyone – a simple mask would be fine. We will have a few items available at school for students who don't have a costume option. After this there will be seven Treat Stations around the perimeter of the school. Each grade will start at a different Treat Station and will make their way around the school visiting all stations. There will a balance of choices with a few lolly options but also healthy food choices and small bubbles etc. At the conclusion of the trick or treating students will return to their classrooms to have a Halloween activity. After recess the Prep – Grade Two students will have a Halloween Disco in the hall from 11:30am to 12:20pm and the Grades Three – Six will have a Disco from 12:40pm to 1:30pm. We hope it will be a great day and will seek feedback as to whether or not we should make this a regular event on our school calendar. All the costs associated with Halloween Day are being paid for by the M80 Road project to support the school in acknowledgement of the difficulties caused by the road closures.

The school is acutely aware of the challenges some families are facing with traffic delays, and we want to assure you that if you are held up in traffic and are running late for the school pick up, your children are being well looked after. We have supplies in so we can provide afternoon tea for children while they are waiting, and they will be supervised until you arrive.

While Angela is on sick leave, I am back running the school and, as always, if you have any queries or concerns or would like any information or support, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Regards,

Joan Robinson Library



In acknowledgement of almost two decades of tireless volunteering in our library, signage has gone up to name our library the Joan Robinson Library. It is a testimony to Joan's dedication that the school has an outstanding Library, and we are deeply grateful for this ongoing support and commitment.

SunSmart – Hats Required

A reminder to families that students and staff are mandated to wear SunSmart hats from September 1st to April 30th outdoor activities, this includes recess, lunch, Physical Education lessons and walking to swimming. We have a number of students still unable to find their hats. Please check your children's school bags or wardrobes for hats or maybe the back seat of the car.

Remember, School hats are available at the office for \$13.00.



2026 Parent Payments

Dear School Families,

School Council have now ratified the 2026 Curriculum charges, and these are set out below.

The only costs for families beyond the Parent Payment Schedule will be:

- The cost of Camps, Excursions /Incursions, Transport costs for interschool sport and athletics, Pool admission for Swimming and the Circus lessons incursions.
- For 2026 the cost of Student Bookpacks has been included in the Parent Payment Schedule so
 parents will no longer be required to order individually from MAXIM. This way, all resources required
 for student use will be delivered at the end of 2025 and everything will be in place for the start of the
 2026 school year.

As part of the Education Department's updated policy on the collection of Parent Payments for essential school items, we are no longer able to issue statements beyond the information below however, upon request, Mehgan is able to provide an updated statement of amounts owed or payments made.

In addition to the Curriculum Contributions, families are invited to support programs at the school with the option of \$30 contributions towards:

- The Library Program
- Student Welfare Activities
- ICT (Information, Communication and Technology) equipment and programs

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Payment can be made at any time via:

- 1. Via your Compass App
- **2.** Via Direct Debit to the school account BSB: 063 185 Account Number: 10148099 Please put the name of the student/s in the reference section
- 3. In person at the office.

Thank you very much for your support and assistance, it is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Hirth

2026 Classroom Teachers

Introducing 2026 Classroom Teachers:		
Prep	Emily Zann	
1/2A	Jill Chen	
1/2B	Alessia Celotto	
3/4A	Claire Storey & Laura Tillotson	
3/4B	Jesse Stephens	
5/6A	Jacinta Simpson	
5/6B	Clara Ellis	

Grade 5/6 Update

Our Grade 5/6 students have had a busy and engaging start to the term!

Students recently took part in a **Life Education Puberty incursion**, where they were commended for their maturity and thoughtful questions throughout the session.

This was followed by a **Cyber Safety incursion** led by two Victoria Police officers from the Youth Resource Team. Students explored how to stay safe online, discussing the importance of protecting personal information and understanding the consequences of sharing images or content without permission. They also learnt about the **'Be Share A.W.A.R.E.'** message, encouraging them to reflect on whether what they share is **appropriate**, **who** they are sharing it with, the **accuracy** of the information, whether it is **respectful**, and if it reveals details about their **environment**.

To finish off a big start to the term, our **Year 6 students** enjoyed their first **Graduation dance session** with Paige from *Dance n Schools*. There's plenty of excitement building for what's to come!





2026 School Camp - Parent Information Session

We're excited to begin preparations for our **2026 Grades 3 – 6 School Camp** at **Camp Weekaway**, set in the beautiful Benloch Valley near Lancefield. To help families understand what to expect and how to prepare, we will be holding a **Parent Information Session** on:



Where: 3/4B Classroom

When: Thursday, 6 November 2026 – **03:45 pm to 04:15 pm**

This session will outline the key details of the upcoming camp, including daily activities, accommodation, safety procedures, and what students can look forward to during their three-day adventure. We'll also discuss packing tips, payment timelines, and any questions you may have.



The information session is **highly recommended for families who are new to school camp**, as it provides a great opportunity to ask questions and hear from staff about how we prepare students for a safe, memorable, and confidence-building experience.

There will also be a **Q&A opportunity** at the end of the session for any additional queries. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to **contact me via Compass** with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing the excitement of what promises to be another unforgettable camp!

Kind regards,

Jesse Stephens Camp Coordinator

Parents & Friends Association

To all our willing and generous parents out there, we are looking for volunteers between 08:00am and 04:30pm on Sunday 9 November 2025 to assist with our annual Bunnings Barbeque. We need assistance to set up, cook the barbeque, serve, and clean up. If you are able to help you can register through the link below.



Our link has a schedule of 2-hour time slots/sessions to choose from. We understand how busy your weekends are, and alternate times can be created to suit your individual schedule. Thank you in advance for your commitment to assist.

Sign Up here: https://signup.com/go/oFgfHbp



GRADE 1/2 INVENTIONS EXPO





Our 1/2 Inventions Expo was a wonderful celebration of learning! During the event, students proudly showcased what they had been exploring in Discovery lessons about inventions. They were so excited to share their fascinating facts about inventions such as fire, aeroplanes, matchsticks, and more. It was fantastic to see their creativity and enthusiasm as they explained their ideas and discoveries. Thank you to all the families who came along to celebrate their hard work!



The Grade 2 sleepover was a fantastic experience! Students had a blast playing games and enjoying dinner and dessert together in the hall. Indie's birthday cake made the evening even more special, and everyone loved showing off their dance moves at the disco before settling in for a relaxing movie night. We may have been a little tired the next morning, but it was definitely a night to remember!

YOGHURT MASTERS INCURSION



Our Prep-Year 2 students had a fantastic time during the Yoghurt Masters incursion! They learnt about the health benefits of dairy and explored different milk alternatives before taking part in a fun, dairy-themed quiz. Students then designed their own yoghurt shop, showing amazing creativity and teamwork. To finish off, they enjoyed ordering their yoghurt, choosing from a range of toppings before eating together outside with friends. It was a fun and delicious learning experience for everyone!

STUDENT WELLBEING

Hi Everyone!



My Hubby always smiles at the current ad on TV depicting a large bird, not unlike an eagle, swooping down to rescue a small bird and its egg from a storm, safely carrying the bird and catching the egg, returning both safely to the little bird's nest! It's nice seeing his Hubby's 'soft' side, BUT I DIGRESS!

Actually, there is much that children and young people, and ourselves, can learn from the magnificent eagle:

FOCUS AND VISION

- Focus: Eagles can spot prey from a mile away and keep their eyes on their target until they catch it. This teaches children to focus on your goals.
- Embrace your instincts: Eagles have powerful eyesight and physical abilities. This encourages children to use their own strengths to their full potential.

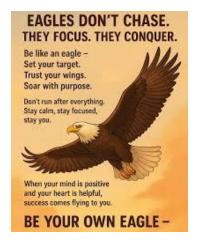


FACING CHALLENGES

- Use life's storms to your advantage: When a storm comes, eagles use the wind to fly above it, while
 other birds hide. This shows that challenges can be used to rise to new heights, which make you
 stronger.
- Embrace change: An eagle may have to go through a painful process of shedding old feathers and breaking its beak to grow new ones. This shows that sometimes we must let go of old habits that hold us back, even when it's difficult, to become better.

GROWTH AND COMFORT

- Leave your comfort zone: Eagles are pushed out of their nests by their mothers, who remove soft
 materials and sometimes nudge them into the air. This teaches that comfort can hold you back from
 growth and self-reliance.
- True love is empowering: A mother eagle doesn't coddle her eaglets; she pushes them until they learn to fly on their own. This teaches that true love involves challenging and preparing children for the real world. Eagles must have courage to take the first leap from the nest to learn to fly. This can teach children that they need courage to step out of their comfort zones and try new things.
- **Be independent:** Eagles often fly alone, which can teach children the importance of being independent and self-sufficient.
- Be determined: Eagles are known for their strength and powerful flight. Children can learn from their determination and the ability to soar to great heights through persistence. Eagles build their nests high up, which can be an analogy for setting high goals in life and striving for spiritual or personal achievement.
- Embrace challenges: Eagles are unique because they use storms to their advantage, riding the winds to rise higher. This teaches children that challenges can be opportunities for growth.
- **Be resilient:** The process of an eaglet learning to fly, and the eagle's periodic self-renewal by shedding old feathers, also teaches children about persistence and renewal.



So, let's continue to work together and give our children & young people the skills they need to SOAR WITH PERSEVERANCE, RESILIENCE, INDEPENDENCE, COURAGE & FOCUS. May they rise above the 'storms' and reach their full potential and achieve their goals.

Science Day Science Celebrations at GPS



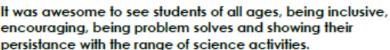
This year our National Science Week theme, was DECODING THE UNIVERSE. At GPS, we wanted to integrate this theme throughout the day and our Incursion. Students participated in multiage activities from 9 am to 1.30, where they finished the day reflecting in their classroom.

Students completed 4 activities- planet knowledge and ordering. Constellations, where students looked at our Indigenous Australians connectionts to our sky and what constellations they can make. Students also

worked together to make a Space Lander that could transport two 'Aliens' to Earth, without falling out. They had to collaborate, problem solve, test, edit and measure. Lastly, students linked their



technology understanding by working with the Stop Motion app, to create a design linked with space and space travel.



Students finisehd the week with attending the whole school incursion from the Mad About Science incursion company. We participated in the Cosmic Chemistry Show and it was a massive hit. Our presenter, Dave took us on a journey through space and had all students thoroughly enthralled as they saw experiment after experiment.



Some of the highlights were: Olivia demonstrating the size difference between the Earth and the Sun.

Dave showing what would happen to a 'solid' (rubber duckie) on the planet, Neptune-cue Liquid Nitrogen and our rubber duckie friend getting smashed to

Mason and Oliver helping to demonstrate

invisible ink by blowing bubbles and changing the colour of water. Caleb showing what surface tension means by holding water in a jar upside down.

And of course, Dave making a favourite, Elephant Toothpaste with Philippa and exciting everyone with plenty of bands, pops and flames along the way!!!

A great couple of days at GPS celebrating all things Science.

Leah Ryan-GPS STEM Teacher







Pupil of the Week



2025 ~ Term 3 ~ Week 09

		You have put in extra big effort in consistently practicing your reading both at home and
Prep	Evanna	school; fantastic effort with the huge progress you have made. Congratulations on the effort, you deserve it! Well done, Evanna
Grade 1/2 A	Patrick	For generously showing kindness and empathy in and out of the classroom. Thank you for always going out of your way to lend a helping hand to others and your teacher. You're a superstar, Paddy!
Grade 1/2 B	Vidur	For being a fantastic helper at the Grade 2 Sleepover, showing great determination and kindness towards his peers.
Grade 3/4 A	Sansa	For incredible effort and enthusiasm for all aspects of your classwork this term.
Grade 3/4 B	Jiro	For his engagement and enthusiasm during our Science Week. You are a budding engineer!
Grade 5/6 A	Heidi	For being an exemplary role model to everyone at GPS. Your confidence has developed so much, and you should be very proud of yourself!
Grade 5/6 B	Hudson	For always putting in maximum effort into taking on new challenges with a positive attitude. You are an absolute legend!
Art	Garrus 3/4B	For creating a stunning piece of art inspired by artist Laurel Burch! We love the vibrant colours and patterns you used. Well done!
Library	Billie G 3/4B	For the amazing, labelled constellations she created in our 'Science Day' activities. You are a star!
LOTE Mandarin	Thomas M 1/2B	For being settled in class and working hard. Well done!
PE	Charlie 5/6A	For your amazing skills at the Hockey Clinic, even besting the coach!
STEM	GPS Students	To all our students for of the amazing effort you have put into your science day activities. We hope you all had a lot of fun!!!
2025 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 01		
Prep	Beth	Fantastic effort in your Roll and Read writing; you have demonstrated effort extending to write more sentences. Well done, Beth!
Grade 1/2 A	Amelia	For always being an honest and helpful member of our class and following instructions quickly to complete tasks.
Grade 1/2 B	Vinnie	For showing great attention to detail in her writing. Keep up the fantastic work!
Grade 3/4 A	Lily	For amazing effort and enthusiasm for your learning. A wonderful start to Term Four, Lily!
Grade 3/4 B	Denva	Loved the enthusiasm you displayed in our Minute to Win It Incursion!
Grade 5/6 A	Raiden	For showing a high level of maturity during our incursion this week. Well done, Raiden!
Grade 5/6 B	Nour	For your respectful listening, cooperation and willingness to help others throughout the whole week!
Art	Lachie 5/6A	For the creativity you demonstrated in your Batik art designs. Well done!
Library	Raiden 5/6A	For your sensible and thoughtful responses during our session.
LOTE Mandarin	Nehaarika Prep	For the beautiful work you have done drawing the Moon Lady for Mid-Autumn Festival
PE	Harriet 1/2B	For your amazing Bat Tennis skills, your balance will take you far!
STEM	Ivy 5/6B	For great participation and being an excellent 'Eye' in our demonstration!



Dear families and other members of the school community,

The Kindness Crusaders are supporting The Cat Protection Society again this year by collecting blankets and towels for them. The Cat Protection Society is a local organisation that is dedicated to helping cats find their forever homes.

We are collecting blankets and towels for the cat's pens to keep them warm. Could you please clean out your

cupboards to help these cold cats? We will be collecting them for the next 3

weeks of term 4 (October 20th – November 10th). Blankets and towels need to be in a reasonable condition and can be placed on the tables outside the Art room.



Thank you so much for helping support this cause,

The Kindness Crusaders



























What's been happening...

HOLIDAY PROGRAM!!

Our recent holiday program was full of fun, creativity, and adventure! We kept busy with a fantastic mix of excursions, hands-on activities, and lots of laughs along the way.

We had an action-packed visit to AFL Max, where the kids burned off energy and showed off their sporty skills. Our cooking days were a huge hit too — from pizza and pasta making to a full day of delicious cooking activities, everyone enjoyed getting creative in the kitchen (and tasting their hard work!).

Our trip to Time zone and bowling was another highlight, filled with excitement, friendly competition, and heaps of arcade fun.

We also put on our lab coats for some science experiments – some were a success, and some... not quite! But every experiment was a learning experience, and we had a great time figuring things out together.

In between activities, we made the most of the sunny weather, played plenty of games, and enjoyed spending time with friends old and new.

It was a fun-filled holiday packed with great memories, and we're already looking forward to the next one!





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Coming Up



HALLOWEEN AFTERNOON

Scavenger Hunt and Dance Party



PUPIL FREE DAY



ARTventure

Every Wednesday - fun art and crafts in the ASC session

Quality Area Reflection

Quality Area 1: Educational Program and Practice

This Fortnight we have been focusing on Quality area 1 - Element 1.1.2 - Child-centred.

We really want to incorporate all the children's ideas, strengths culture, abilities and interests into our program.

We have set up a Class Dojo to upload our menus. This is an area where children and families can add suggestions and ideas or our food items.

HOWEVER!!! we need more, if you have any ideas of what your child who love to do at OSHCLUB or even if it is something they like to eat please scan a QR code and put in your ideas, don't forgot to add your name.



PHOTO CORNER

















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Coordination Corner

Hi families,

We're so excited to be back for Term 4 – the final term of the year (yay!)

We've got so many fun and exciting days planned, and we can't wait to share them with your children. Coming up soon, we're getting into the spooky spirit with a Halloween afternoon, featuring a scavenger hunt and a dance party – costumes encouraged, of course! Don't forget to book!!

And then... it's mine and Emmerson's absolute favourite time of year − CHRISTMAS! & ♣

We've got plenty of festive fun in store to celebrate the season together.

Let's make this term one to remember!

BSC AND ASC (Source Coding)

Recently, we've been receiving lots of feedback about our menu — which we absolutely LOVE! Please keep it coming. Each week, we'll post a photo of our BSC (Before School Care) and ASC (After School Care) menus, along with our weekly planners. This way, you can see what's happening, give feedback, and even share new ideas in the comments. If you do, we'll do our best to add them into our program.

Just a quick reminder: Afternoon tea at ASC is designed as a light snack, not a main meal. It's something to keep children fuelled and happy until they get home for dinner. We know these planners and menus can look a little overwhelming at first, so here's a quick guide to help you understand how we plan and where our ideas come from.

What 'Source Coding' Means

In our planning, we use something called Source Coding (or the Source Key). An example could be (E.C, CM, 25/09/25) which means – this activity/food suggestion came from Emmerson Collins (child's initials) in a Children's meeting (CM) on this date. It's just a simple way of showing where each activity idea comes from. Think of it like a label:

- CM = Children's Meeting (ideas that came directly from the kids)
- . Obs = Observation (an educator noticed a child's interest during play)
- . F = Family Input (suggestions from parents and caregivers)
- EA = Extended Activity (building on a previous learning experience)
- SP = Sustainable Practice (activities that link to caring for our environment)

This helps everyone see the story behind each activity.

Upcoming Events:

NOVEMBER

COOKING:

- Vanila Cupcake Day 10th of Nov
- Poppy Flower Biscuits 11th of Nov
- Frozen Banana Pops 20th of Nov
- Smoothie Cups 24th of Nov
- Energy Balls 25th of Nov

CRAFT CORNER:

- Cupcake Collage 10th of Nov
- Poppy Making (Remembrance Day) 11th of
- World Children's Talent Medals 20th of Nov
- Obstacle Course Maps (24th- 28th)

SPECIAL DAYS:

- Remembrance Day 11th of Nov
- World Children's Day Talent Show 20th of Nov
- Game on Week (promoting physical activities for children) 24th- 28th

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