



# Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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## Borough Bulletin ~ 30 October 2025

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 10:30am 2026 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

Every year, the Education Department collects data on every school in the state and, after rigorous analysis, releases a report which gives schools a ranking of either Developing, Medium, Improving or High. The data analysed comes from a range of sources including NAPLAN, Students' Attitude to School Survey and Staff surveys. We are very proud that the 2025 Panorama Report has given Greensborough Primary School a ranking of High in both the Learning Performance Group and the Wellbeing Performance Group. This achievement has come about as a result of hard work with consistent, sequential curriculum delivery, focused analysis of student data and extensive student wellbeing and engagement programs and is something everyone in the community should take great satisfaction from.



It is great timing that this school data has been released in the week that we will be celebrating World Teachers' Day. Greensborough Primary has an excellent, caring, committed teaching staff who truly work tirelessly to support students to achieve their personal best. The usual date to celebrate World Teachers' Day is October 31<sup>st</sup>, however, because all attention will be on students enjoying the Halloween Day on Friday, at Greensborough Primary we will be having a morning tea for staff on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> and take this opportunity to acknowledge their effort and commitment to the students in their care.

Last week the Education Department released a new policy document on Digital Learning. Essentially this policy means that primary schools will no longer be able to ask parents to purchase devices for their children for school use, that schools are to provide banks of devices for class use and that time limits (Minimal time for Prep – 2 and no more than 90 minutes per day for grades 3 – 6) for use of devices is to be implemented. All of the guidelines in the new policy are exactly what Greensborough Primary is currently doing and intends to do in the future, so we are very pleased that what we had already identified as best practice ICT use in schools, has been endorsed by the Education Department.



In addition to the new building works which were outlined in the last newsletter, we have just accepted a quote to have noise absorbing wall tiles installed in the last three classroom waiting to have this valuable addition. Apart from their pleasing visual appearance, these tiles also assist with display and maintenance issues and reducing class noise levels, facilitating a calm classroom environment and providing support for students with sensory needs. We anticipate these works in 1/2B, 5/6A and 5/6B taking place towards the end of this year and over the January school holidays.

As previously advised this Friday we will be having a Halloween Day at school. Starting with a Parade at 9:15 in the morning (weather permitting on the netball court), there will then be seven Trick or Treat stations around the school. Classroom activities and a Halloween disco will complete the day. We do not want costume preparation to be a burden for families but also, if possible, if students could have a small bag to put their treat items in so they don't get dropped that would be very helpful.



Thank you to those families who have paid in full or who have taken up the option to pay 2026 Parent Contributions in instalments. We work extremely hard to minimise any financial impacts upon families and are truly grateful for the support of our community in supporting excursions, incursions, camps and Parent Contributions.

Next Monday is a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be using this day to analyse student data and commence on the report writing process. We hope everyone has a restful four-day break and students return to school next Wednesday energised to continue learning and enjoying school for the remainder of the term.

Regards,

*Margaret Hirth*

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## 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

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## Parents & Friends Association

A final call out to our generous parents out there, we are still 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>

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# STUDENT WELLBEING

Hi Everyone!

As you are probably aware there are new laws around SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS FOR UNDER 16s coming into force on December 10<sup>th</sup> 2025. I HIGHLY recommend that you book in for one of the ESAFETY COMMISSIONER'S FREE 30-minute parent webinars in November, which will explain which social media platforms will be involved and how these laws will affect your child.

Please click on this link:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions/webinars>



Already I have had some students devising ways to get around the new laws, including getting their PARENTS TO LOG IN FOR THEM – BEWARE!

## Mandatory minimum age

Age-restricted social media platforms will have to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under 16 years old from having accounts on their platforms. THE ULTIMATE ONUS WILL BE ON THE PLATFORMS TO ADHERE TO THESE LAWS TO MAKE SURE PERSONS UNDER 16 ARE UNABLE TO ACCESS THEM.

## New penalties

A court can order civil penalties for platforms that don't take reasonable steps to prevent underage users from having accounts on their platforms. This includes court-imposed fines of up to 150,000 penalty units for corporations – currently equivalent to a total of \$49.5 million AUD.

So hopefully these new laws will give parents/carers some ground to stand on when restricting their children/young people's social media use.

And be mindful of 'monkey see, monkey do' – recently I was out having coffee with a friend and saw a family of 4 (two grandparents and two primary aged children) out for a meal 'TOGETHER'. Sadly, instead of enjoying each other's company, EACH person was busy on their own phone and not a word was being communicated.

My daughter and her husband already have rules around TV for their currently 4-month-old baby – they never place her in front of the TV so that she will engage in other things around her. They are both teachers and are well aware of the effects of social media and television content on young minds.



**CHRISTMAS IS COMING! Yes, only 56 days from today (Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>)** We are all very aware of how tight budgets are for many in our community, and budgets become tighter as Christmas approaches. There are at least 3 wonderful local community organisations who offer free food and other needs to families:

**DIAMOND VALLEY FOOD SHARE** – in the Senior Citizen's building in the park behind Woolworths in Henry St. They require a referral from Diamond Valley Support Service which is near KMART in the small exit corridor to the carpark. Only your postcode is needed, and you can say that you are from Greensborough Primary School. You take this referral to Food Share. Food share also provides meat, personal hygiene and cleaning products They are open each Tuesday to Friday from 1 – 3 pm.

**GREENHILLS NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE COMMUNITY SUPPORT** - The Greenroom, Community Drive off St Helena Road, Greensborough. No referral needed, only ID e.g.: postcode. They are open every Thursday, 10:00am – 12:30pm.

**THE HOPE CENTRE** – 30 Graduate Road, Bundoora (behind Uni Hill shopping centre and in a warehouse behind Uni Hill Church), 10:00am – 4:00pm Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays. They provide food and will also be able to help with other household items when available.

**Have a great long weekend and relax and enjoy some lovely weather BEFORE the Christmas rush begins!**

Robyn Mulholland (Student Wellbeing)

*Robyn Mulholland*  
Student Wellbeing Coordinator



Greensborough Primary School regularly reviews and updates our policies and procedures to ensure they meet the Department's requirements. These are available on the school website, or a hard copy can be obtained from the office.

We are committed to continuous improvement and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our policies and procedures.

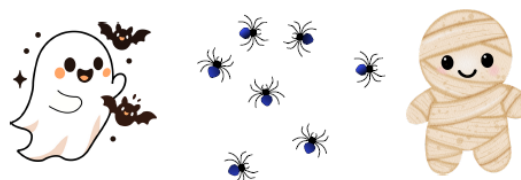
If you have any suggestions, comments or questions please contact Angela or Margaret.

# Thursday

This Thursday, we're celebrating World Teacher's Day at our school. It's a chance to recognise the care, creativity and hard work our teachers bring every day. Families and students are invited to share a quick "thank you," note or drawing to show appreciation.



Get ready for some spooky fun! Our Halloween Parade and Disco will be held this Friday. Students are encouraged to come dressed in their favourite costumes and enjoy an afternoon of music, dancing, and Halloween excitement!





# Pupil of the Week



## 2025 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 02

Prep	Jethro	For his enthusiasm in class completing tasks and giving his best especially with reading. Congratulations, Jethro!
Grade 1/2 A	Hunter	For his incredible effort this week with following instructions and completing his work. Keep up the great work, Hunter!
Grade 1/2 B	Celeste	For showing great enthusiasm and accepting feedback graciously in Writing.
Grade 3/4 A	Amal	For great enthusiasm and insights in all Literacy sessions this week. Great work, Amal!
Grade 3/4 B	Millie	Your letter to Snack Shack used some great persuasive techniques and humour! I was very impressed.
Grade 5/6 A	Nyora	Your progress in reading is so pleasing to see. Keep up the amazing work!
Grade 5/6 B	Billy	You have demonstrated some amazing organisational skills to enable you to be prepared for learning and completing tasks independently. Keep up this momentum!
Art	Jacob 5/6B Drew 5/6A Ren 5/6B	For your patience when working with your clay coasters, and your willingness to come up with creative solutions to the problems.
Library	Valissia 5/6A	For showing respect, being attentive and contributing her thoughts and opinions in our discussions.
LOTE Mandarin	Bodhi 1/2B	For working hard and colouring in a Chinese Dragon today.
PE	Gino 3/4B	For trying your best at bat tennis and working on your backhand.
STEM	Harriet 1/2B	You have been so engaged and inquisitive during STEM lessons. You use scientific reasoning skills, ask questions, get involved and always offer to help others. Thank you!

## 2025 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 03

Prep	Isabelle	For showing initiative by noticing where help is needed, supporting your teacher, and helping efficiently with classroom routines. Well done, Isabelle!
Grade 1/2 A	Prisha	For being helpful, kind and encouraging towards her peers. A great effort with her focus and dedication towards learning tasks.
Grade 1/2 B	Talitha	For showing great enthusiasm in Magic Maths lessons. Keep up the hard work, Talitha!
Grade 3/4 A	Nikola	For an amazing effort with all his Literacy tasks this week.
Grade 3/4 B	Atri	You had some great knowledge about the human body and organs! Thank you for sharing it with us!
Grade 5/6 A	Shashvat	You have made huge strides with your reading fluency and comprehension. Awesome work, Shashvat!
Grade 5/6 B	Jackson	You have put in maximum effort into planning an engaging fantasy narrative. Very impressive work!
Art	Row 5/6A	For always lending a helping hand in the Art room. I really appreciated the extra assistance with filling all the PVA glue bottles this week! Thank you.
Library	Stevie Prep	For her terrific effort in describing characters and also for helping to put away picture books in the library.
LOTE Mandarin	Prisha 1/2A	For doing great work in Mandarin writing about students in Chinese.
PE	Kleo 3/4B	For continually moving to the ball in Bat Tennis, all that training is paying off.
STEM	Talitha 1/2B	For her great work on Sound, making her Rain Stick and sound investigation, well done Talitha.

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# SHAKE RATTLE & BOO

**SAT 25 OCT**

**10AM – 1PM**

**Level 1, Centre Court**

Halloween Craft, Silent Spooky Disco,  
Face Painting & Live Performances

**SUN 26 OCT**

**11AM – 2PM**

**Level 1, Centre Court**

Halloween Craft, Silent Spooky Disco,  
Face Painting & Live Performances

**FRI 31 OCT**

**4PM – 7PM**

**Level 3, Dining Precinct**

Face Painting  
and Trick-or-Treating

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[greensboroughplaza.com.au](https://greensboroughplaza.com.au).



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Stage Entertainment  
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Soccer Clinics & Learn to Skate  
Circus & Garden Workshops  
Council Departments & Neighbourhood Houses  
on display  
Market Stalls & Food Trucks  
Plus, a whole lot more

**16 NOVEMBER** **SUNDAY**  
11 AM TO 4 PM  
**MALAHANG RESERVE, HEIDELBERG WEST**

Join a **free** celebration with the local community. Proudly featuring a culturally diverse program with heaps to see and do for everyone!

Circus play | Live music | Art & craft workshops for all ages | Council displays  
Kids' rides | Come and try sports | Sensory friendly space | Food trucks



For more information and to view  
the full event program please visit

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Dogs to be kept on lead. This is a no smoking event.

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# Construction Blitz on Grimshaw Street – Spring/Summer 2025

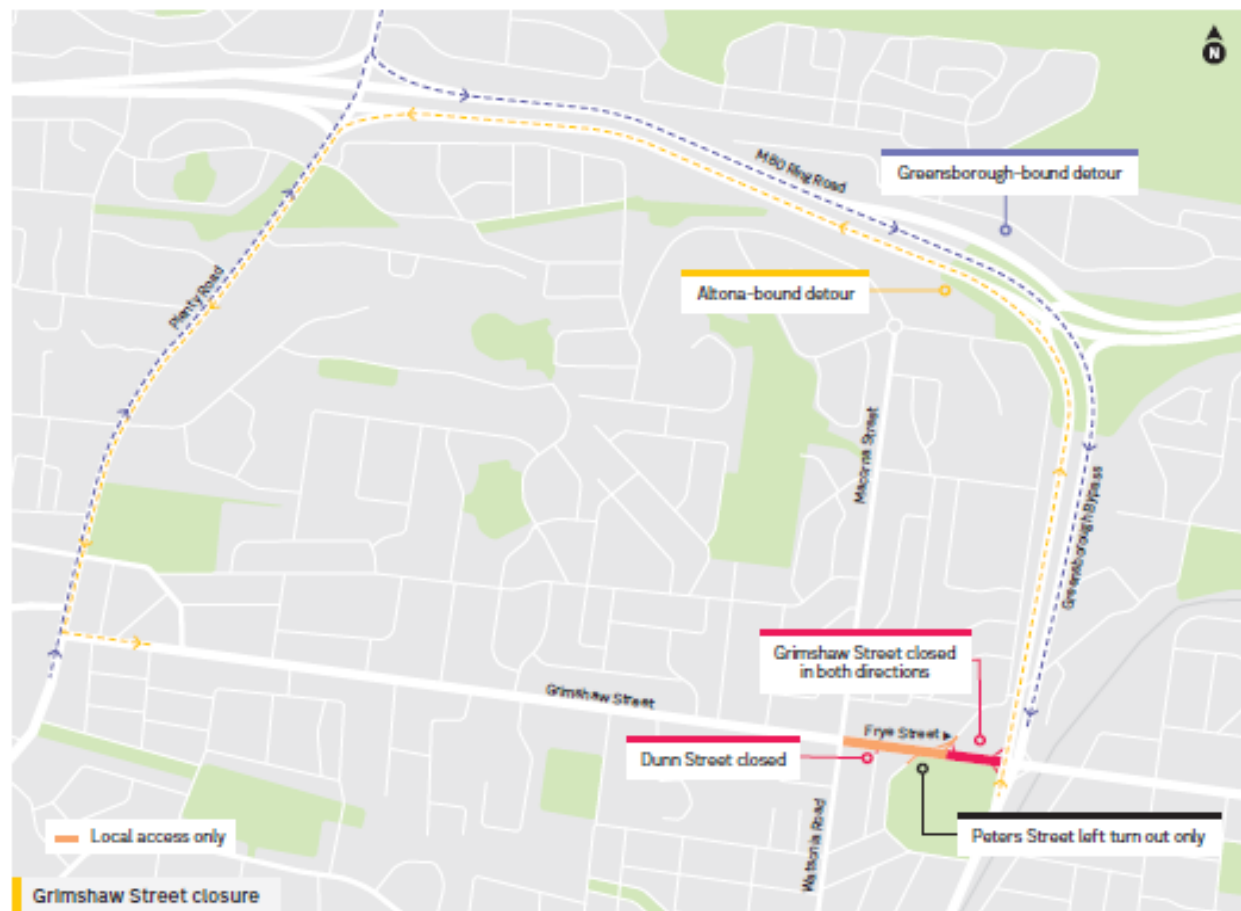
Works Notification  
October 2025

**BIG BUILD**  
**M80 RING ROAD**

We're building the new Grimshaw Street Interchange in Greensborough, with express lanes to the North East Link and less congestion for locals.

Major works on Grimshaw Street continues in November and December. Grimshaw Street will close in both directions between Frye Street and Greensborough Bypass, with crews working 24/7 to build the west side of the interchange.

While major works continue at the Grimshaw Street Interchange, crews will also be working nearby in Kempston Street. In late October and November, beams will be delivered and installed for the new Kempston Street bridge, requiring overnight road closures of Kempston Street.



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Grimshaw Street, Greensborough		
Impact	Date and time	Detour
Major works on the road to build the west side of the Grimshaw Street Interchange		
24/7: Grimshaw Street closed in both directions between Frye Street and Greensborough Bypass.	9pm Friday 7 November to 5am Tuesday 16 December	Detour via Greensborough Bypass, Plenty Road. Delays of up to 30 minutes .
Bus routes 566 and 902 detours		
<p>Bus Route 902 will operate via the M80 Ring Road between Greensborough Station and Keon Park Station.</p> <p>Bus Route 566 will not service bus stops between the Greensborough Bypass and Greensborough Station.</p> <p>These stops will be serviced by shuttle buses.</p>	9pm Friday 7 November to 5am Tuesday 16 December	Four shuttle buses will run every hour between Greensborough Station bus interchange and Keon Park Station with extra services on weekday mornings for students travelling between Loyola College and Greensborough Station.
Kempston Street bridge beam installation		
Kempston Street closed in both directions between Sellars Street and Hamlet Street, and Greensborough Bypass – northbound and southbound closures at times.	<p>Tuesday 28 October to Thursday 30 October, 10pm to 5am each night</p> <p>Sunday 9 November to Friday 14 November, 10pm to 5am each night</p>	Detour via Greensborough Bypass, Diamond Creek Road and Yando Street. Delays of up to 5 minutes.



Hurstbridge Line rail tunnel extension

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## Public transport bus service changes



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### What we'll be doing

As part of these upgrades, a works area will be set up on Grimshaw Street, between Frye Street and the Greensborough Bypass. Activities in this area will include:

- placing traffic barriers, fencing and lighting to establish temporary works areas
- cutting into asphalt and concrete on roads and paths
- demolition, excavation and drilling works
- installing large concrete beams on Kempston Street bridge overnight with road closures in place
- installing of concrete culverts
- piling and pouring concrete to build new road bridge foundations and retaining walls
- installing and connecting new drainage, smart transport systems, traffic signals, lighting and other utilities
- laying asphalt, line marking, and concrete to reinstate road and paths

### What to expect

As we conduct these works you may notice:

- varying levels of noise, light, dust and intermittent vibration during work hours
- materials and equipment deliveries to and from works areas, including out-of-hours via local roads
- AK Lines Reserve site compound operations, including construction traffic access
- changed traffic conditions on Grimshaw Street, on local roads and footpaths
- detours of bus routes 566 and 902



Please plan your trip and allow additional travel time. Disruption dates are subject to change.

For the latest updates on what's happening at Grimshaw Street, visit [bigbuild.vic.gov.au/roads/grimshaw](https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/roads/grimshaw) or scan the QR code.



Noise wall foundations



Artist's Impression of Grimshaw Interchange, Watsonia North

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