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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 – 06:30pm
Wednesday 03 December 2025	Friendship Tree Lunch
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 Student Grade Allocation – To go Home 2026 First Instalment for 2026 Camp Weekaway Due All 2026 Camp Weekaway Paperwork & Medical Forms Due
Tuesday 09 December 2025	2026 Year 7 Student Orientation Session Students meet their 2026 Grade Teachers Kids Hope Mentor Lunch
Thursday 11 December 2025	Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony
Friday 12 December 2025	Ice Cream Truck Visit Classroom Kris Kringle Parties
Monday 15 December 2025	Classroom Kris Kringle Party – 5/6A only Whole School Christmas Picnic – 05:00pm to 07:00pm
Tuesday 16 December 2025	2025 Semester 2 Student Academic Reports to go home
Wednesday 17 December 2025	Grade 6 Big Day Out
Thursday 18 December 2025	Last Day of School for 2025 – Dismissal at 03:30pm (<i>normal time</i>)
Friday 19 December 2025	Curriculum Day – Pupil-free day
Wednesday 28 January 2026	First Day of 2026 School Year
Friday 30 January 2026	Big Day Out – Term 1 – Grade 6 Funfields Excursion

Principal's Report

It's hard to believe we have only 3 weeks left of our school year! Whilst we have planning for 2026 well underway, we're also still focussing on completing 2025 projects and academic programs. In addition, in our final weeks we traditionally focus on celebrating students' achievements. We're very proud of all our students and the effort they have applied to their academic and wellbeing programs throughout the year. To celebrate their achievements, we have several special events planned in the coming weeks.

Our 2026 Preps will meet their Grade 6 Buddies next week and enjoy a magic show with 'Tim the Incredible.' Students who completed the Premiers' Reading Challenge were rewarded yesterday with a special Fish and Chip lunch, organised by PRC coordinator, Claire Storey. Our Student Wellbeing Leaders who run engaging activities each day at the Friendship tree will have a special lunch next week with Lynette. Our Grade 6 students are focusing on creating a memorable Graduation evening that celebrates their seven years of primary school and also have their 'Big Day Out' excursion planned in the last week of school.

Our last day of swimming on Friday 5th December will include fun activities on the inflatables and games, as well as water safety. ***Please note there is a change of time for this session and P – 6 will attend the pool at the same time, with the session running from 12:15pm – 02:30pm.***

On our final Friday, 12th December, most classes are holding parties with an optional Kris Kringle and 'Sam, Sam the Ice-Cream Man' is making his annual visit to reward students for their hard work during the year. Our annual Christmas Twilight Picnic is on Monday 15th December and we hope families will join us to end the year on a high note! Families are invited to arrive at 05:00pm with chairs or picnic blankets and purchase dinner from the P&F barbeque or bring a picnic from home. At 05:30pm teachers will run games/activities and then at 06:30pm each grade will sing a Christmas Carol at the outdoor learning area. The festivities are expected to conclude by 07:00pm and we sincerely hope everyone can attend. We've heard Santa is trying to squeeze a quick visit to GPS into his busy schedule – so fingers crossed!

Choir at Plaza Thursday 11th Dec

If you happen to be in or near the Plaza on Thursday 11th December at 12:30pm, we hope you'll stop by the Level 2 Target entrance to enjoy our choir performance. The choir is mainly made up of very passionate junior school vocalists who have been practising hard. Thank you to Grade 1/2 teachers, Jill and Alessia, for organising this event.



Highlights of Buildings and Grounds



A huge thank you to JSC, P&F and our International students for funding our new play equipment. Our JSC members organised a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the Spider Web, and it's been so popular, we've had to timetable grades on for play.

Another project that has elicited praise from passers-by, as well as our GPS community, has been the addition to our fence mural. Indigenous artist Coree Thorpe has extended the river on our mural and explained the story of Bunjil the Eagle. Kristy, our art teacher will work with students next year to add appropriate images to the mural to complete Coree's work.

Students Reports and Transitions for 2026 Grades

A very big thank you to staff who have worked diligently over the last month to write student reports that accurately reflect students' achievements and their areas for future learning. The class your child will be in next year will be sent home Friday 5th December in an envelope with their student self-evaluations. On Tuesday 9th December from 09:10am – 11:00am, students will have a session with their 2025 teachers and classmates. Then after recess, students will spend time with their Spelling Mastery and Magic Maths classes. Students in grades one to six, new to the school in 2026 are also invited to attend.

Teachers have already been having handover sessions of student information with next year's teachers, so that they are up to date with all current information about their class members.

Student reports will be sent home via COMPASS on Tuesday 16th December. Parents who would like a hard copy of student reports, should contact your child's class teacher.

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Camp Fundraiser – Bring and Buy Stand

Don't forget we have a wide variety of items suitable for stocking fillers, gifts or pocket money purchases for sale in the office for under \$2.00 per item. A new addition has been some exceptional handmade, felt food items, suitable for imaginative play. We're hoping to sell all the generously donated items in the next few weeks to reduce the camp bus costs for families. The items are on display in the foyer and we hope parents and family members are able to pop in at drop-off and pick-up times. (*Cash only accepted to assist Meghan with administrative load*).



Reminder: Curriculum Day Friday 19th December

Our final staff planning day for 2025 will be the last day of Term Four, Friday 19th December. This will be a student free day and will focus on staff planning to ensure a smooth start to 2026. OSHClub will not operate on this day as there has been insufficient demand to make this viable.

Students will finish at 03:30pm on Thursday 18th December and our final assembly will be at 03:10pm.

2026 Student Leadership

Last Monday, we were greatly impressed by our Grade Five students who gave their nomination speeches to be 2026 School Captains. Without exception, students delivered their speeches confidently and articulated their passion and desire to support their peers, teachers and school community to the best of their ability. The high calibre of applicants made the final selection very difficult as our candidates have proven to us over their time at Greensborough Primary, that they will make excellent leaders. Many factors are considered in final decision making, including past and current volunteer roles, empathy, respect and inclusivity shown to peers and community members. The students were advised of the outcome today and the successful candidates will be announced to our community at assembly tomorrow.

Next Monday, our students will meet in their sports houses to listen to senior students give speeches for House Captain positions. These positions are voted for by the children in respective houses. We wish all the candidates well!

Angela Morrìtt

Principal

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Premiers' Reading Challenge

Fish & Chip Reward Lunch

Congratulations to our 46 Premiers' Reading Challenge students who enjoyed a special Fish and Chip lunch outside this week. We were very lucky to escape the showers in the morning and had our lunch in the sunshine!

Congratulations Superstars!



REMINDER

2026 School Camp Weekaway

We are looking forward to our **2026 Grades 3 – 6 School Camp** at **Camp Weekaway** in the beautiful Benloch Valley near Lancefield. To assist families in planning ahead, we have outlined the key dates and payment schedule below.



2026 Camp Weekaway Payment Schedule

★	First instalment:	\$150	Due by Friday, 5th December 2025
★	Second instalment:	\$100	Due Friday, 27th February 2026
★	Third (final) instalment:	\$100	Due Friday, 27th March 2026

This brings the total camp cost to **\$400**.

These payments have been **staggered to assist families** in managing costs in the lead-up to camp. However, families are **welcome to pay in full** at any time or to **contact the school** if they wish to discuss **alternative financial arrangements**.

Please note that medical and dietary information forms are also due by Friday, 5th December 2025.

If you have any questions about the camp, please **contact your child's classroom teacher**, or reach out to **Mr Jesse Stephens (Camp Coordinator) directly via Compass**. We thank families for their support and look forward to providing students with a memorable and enriching camp experience next year.

Kind regards,

Jesse Stephens
Camp Coordinator

STUDENT WELLBEING

Hi Everyone!

Research shows that sudden digital disconnection without transitional support can heighten boredom, irritability, impulsivity, and loneliness. So talk to children about the media ban, start by having open and empathetic conversations that acknowledge their feelings and concerns about being left out. Explain the reasons for the ban, focusing on safety and well-being, and work together to find alternative ways for them to connect with friends and explore interests. Conduct multiple check-in conversations to allow them to express how they are feeling and to adjust to the new rules together.



How to approach the conversation

- **Acknowledge and validate their feelings:** Start by validating their emotions, like feeling left out or frustrated. Avoid framing the ban as a punishment; instead, present it as protective for their well-being.
- **Listen more than you talk:** Ask open-ended questions like, 'What do you like about social media?' and 'How do you feel about these changes?'. Let them know that their feelings are important.
- **Explain the "why":** Explain that the ban is to help them avoid negative impacts on sleep, attention, and stress, and to protect them from online dangers.
- **Address exclusion concerns:** Directly acknowledge their fear of being left out of friend groups and work together to find alternative ways to stay in touch, such as through phone calls, group activities, or other platforms that are permitted.



Working on solutions together

- Brainstorm alternatives.
- Make it a collaborative effort and involve them in shaping the new family rules, as children are more likely to follow rules they have helped create.
- Schedule regular check-ins to ask how they are doing and if the changes are working.
- Remember to adjust your own expectations and be prepared for resistance. It's understandable that they are upset, as social media has good bits too, even if the overall ban is for their protection.

The following is taken from 'Kids Helpline' and is a great guide for getting ready for December 10th, although Meta has just announced that it is putting bans on their platforms, such as Facebook, from December 1st and are informing young people via their mobile phones.

Get the facts

ESafety is your best source of up-to-date information on what's being banned, what will happen to your existing account, what happens on D-day (10 December 2025) and more!

Save your content

Take screenshots or download photos, videos, posts, chats, and more and save them somewhere safe. That way you won't lose them.

Save all your faves!

Keep a record of your favourite content creators (e.g.: their @ handles). You can find out if they're active on other channels that you can still access.

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Stay connected

Save contact details of people you care about. Move group chats to alternative platforms so you can keep connected.

Find safe alternatives

Entertainment options – Some restricted socials may still be available without an account. You will also be able to access educational, gaming and messaging apps and platforms (*which aren't included in the ban*).

Socialising options – Many messaging platforms and apps will still be available. **My Circle by Kids Helpline** is also a free, safe, private social media platform exempt from the ban.

The following websites have some great information on helping both parents and students:

esafety: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Raising Children Network: <https://raisingchildren.net.au/pre-teens/entertainment-technology/media/social-media-ban-faqs>

Kids Helpline: <https://kidshelpline.com.au/teens/issues/under-16-social-media-ban-coping>

Headspace: <https://headspace.org.au/explore-topics/supporting-a-young-person/supporting-a-young-person-the-social-media-ban/>

Centre for Excellence in child and Family Welfare: <https://cfecfw.org.au/u16-social-media-ban-resources-for-parents-and-carers/>

Reach Out: <https://parents.au.reachout.com/staying-safe-online/social-media/parents-carers-guide-social-media-age-restrictions>



Thank you to those families who have already responded to my COMPASS post regarding raising food for our local FOODSHARE.

The FOOD DRIVE will run for a couple of weeks. Please place food items in the boxes on the table in the corridor outside the ART ROOM.

FOODSHARE are especially in need of the following:

- ★ Spreads such as vegemite, honey & jam.
- ★ Toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste & toilet paper.
- ★ Canned food, especially beetroot.
- ★ Of course, other non-perishable foods would also be welcome.

We have a such wonderful school community so let's work together and help others in the lead up to Christmas!

Robyn Mulholland
Student Wellbeing Coordinator



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Pupil of the Week



2025 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 06

Prep	Oliver	Fantastic effort with our writing silly sentences Oliver, being creative with Who, When and Where. You have created some funny sentences that demonstrated your writing skills in our Literacy class. Well done.
Grade 1/2 A	Liam	For showing and embodying the school values consistently this past week in his learning and social interactions. You're a superstar, keep up the good work!!
Grade 1/2 B	Mason	For showing great excitement while making a paper Addition Bus in Maths.
Grade 3/4 A	Tiarna	For great enthusiasm and insights into all Literacy sessions this week. Amazing work, Tiarna!
Grade 3/4 B	Charles	Your thinking and enthusiasm around 'Trailblazers' has been outstanding! Well done.
Grade 5/6 A	Ella	For always engaging in learning tasks to the best of her ability. Your commitment to learning should be celebrated.
Grade 5/6 B	Hugo	The consistent effort you put into completing work on time is something you should be proud of! Your design for your front cover of your narrative is very engaging too!
Art	Abi 3/4A	For the beautiful Remembrance Day artwork you created this week. You put so much effort into your piece; we could feel the emotion it provoked. Well done!
Library	Lydia D 5/6B	For considering both sides of our debate topic, Lydia combined creative ideas and personal experiences to present her arguments clearly. Well done, Lydia!
LOTE Mandarin	Hudson D 1/2B	For settling in and working hard in class.
PE	Lettie 1/2B	For your amazing catching skills in Softball. I can see a few home runs coming your way.
STEM	Liam M 1/2A	For his cool cup telephone extension that he came up with. Liam, I love how we could all hear the vibrations through your variation of the idea. Keep up the great work.

2025 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 07

Prep	Vanda	This week's Student of the Week is recognised for building resilience and showing increased confidence to start school each day.
Grade 1/2 A	Sofia	For consistently fostering a growth mindset in your learning and striving for more. You are such a great role model who acts with kindness and empathy. Keep being you!
Grade 1/2 B	Vidur	For showing great kindness to his peers in a cooperation game.
Grade 3/4 A	Ella	For such amazing effort with all areas of your learning. You are a superstar Ella, keep up the great work!
Grade 3/4 B	Shyamala	You have kept our classroom so organised through managing our classroom calendar – all year! Thank you for your great work!
Grade 5/6 A	Dan Anh	You consistently demonstrate the GPS school values and are a wonderful role model for those around you. Well done, Dan Anh!
Grade 5/6 B	Tomas	You should be commended for the way you confidently spoke and conducted yourself at our Calm Youth Graduation and Greensborough College excursion! Keep up this impressive effort!
Art	Amelie D-G 1/2A	For the super creative ice cream cone creature you designed and sculpted out of clay. Fantastic effort, Amelie!
Library	Tyren M 1/2A	For using alliteration to enhance his sentences, keep up the great work, Tyren!
LOTE Mandarin	Aidan O 1/2A	For working hard to draw the Guardian Lion in class.
PE	Elvy-Li W & Heidi S 5/6A	For your cooperation and leadership, sharing special moments with everyone around you.
STEM	Anjali S 5/6B	For the amazing effort you have put into our Light unit this term, well done.



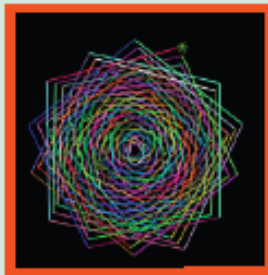
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5pm Saturday 13 December Greensborough War Memorial Park

**A free community event celebrating
the spirit of Christmas**

Join us for a festive evening as Carols by Candlelight returns in 2025. This free event warmly welcomes everyone to enjoy music, joy, and togetherness. Santa will make a special appearance, and families can enjoy:

- Free kids craft workshops
- Face painting
- Santa photos.

**Live performances from:
Wilbur Wilde**

- Isaiah Firebrace
- Ruva Ngwenya
- Australian Children's Choir
- Diamond Valley Brass Band
- Team Dream
- Chao Feng Chinese Orchestra.

This is a drug and smoke-free event.
Leave the pets at home (assistance dogs welcome). Bring your picnic rug and your Christmas cheer.

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Christmas Tree SALE

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Intersection of community Drive, Mountain View and St Helena Roads GREENSBOROUGH

NOVEMBER

Saturday 29th November 8.30am to 5.00 pm
Sunday 30th November 9.00am until sold out

DECEMBER

Saturday 6th December 8.30am to 5.00pm
Sunday 7th December 9.00am to 5.00pm

Saturday 13th December 8.30am to 5.00pm
Sunday 14th December 9.00am to 5.00pm
or sold out

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Construction Blitz on Grimshaw Street – Spring/Summer 2025

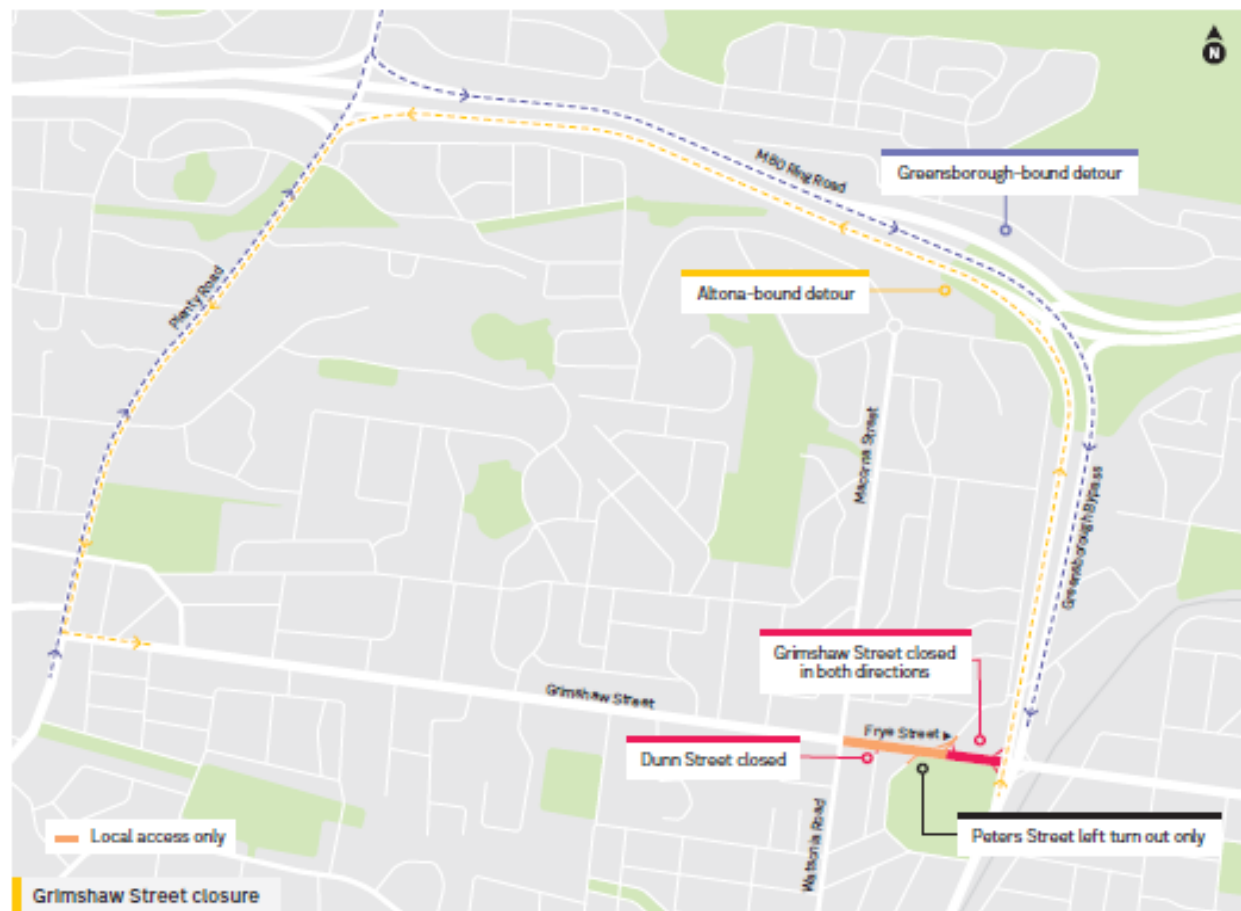
Works Notification
October 2025

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 or scan the QR code.



Noise wall foundations



Artist's Impression of Grimshaw Interchange, Watsonia North

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