PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
At Greensborough Primary we like to celebrate student achievement in various forums, and this week I am extremely pleased to congratulate one of our Grade Six students, Amy C. for being the successful candidate for the Sporting Excellence Scholarship at Greensborough Secondary College for 2015! Amy impressed the panel with her “outstanding” preparation and delivery during her interview and her passion for sport. Amy also inspired the panel with her explanation of her role as a Student Wellbeing Leader at The Friendship Tree.
I commend Amy and the other Grade Six students who applied for scholarships, on their initiative and willingness to challenge themselves to attain their goals. Whilst we recognise how talented and caring our senior students are, it is terrific to know these traits are identified and acknowledged by the secondary schools they will attend.
Congratulations also to Michael and Ala who represented our school at the Division Cross Country event on Tuesday. They should be very proud of this achievement.

Step Into Life Family Fun Morning
Family members are invited to join us on the last day of term and participate in a range of fun activities that will improve our fitness. Matt from Step into Life is hosting this session and students will be organised into multi-age groupings and rotate through a tableau of games and circuits. If you’re not feeling too energetic, you can still join us and turn the rope for skipping, help run events or sit back and watch the fun!
So come along and join us on Friday 27th June from 9.10 – 10.50am. Grandparents and family members welcome.
Parent teacher Interviews
Notes were sent home this week inviting parents to nominate their preferred time for Parent Teacher Interviews. Please send these back promptly so teachers can coordinate interviews for siblings and finalise times. Reports and confirmation of interview times will be sent home Friday 20th June. Please understand that there is only ten minutes allotted for each student and, if it appears that your conversation is going to go longer than this, then an additional appointment time may need to be made.

Reports
Thank you to our teachers who have spent many, many hours on student reports this term. Parents may not be aware that before teachers allocate a progression point to show a student’s achievement level, they spend a great deal of time evaluating student work as evidence of their score, this includes tests, student work samples and teacher observations. Teachers also ‘moderate’ with other staff members to ensure they are consistent with their assessments – this is especially important for students who are working above or below the expected level. Once reports are written, they are printed for teachers to proofread. When changes are made they are reprinted for either myself or Margaret to proofread and once again scores and comments are discussed. The final report is then printed for parents.
Our teachers are very diligent and their reports show they have a thorough understanding of what their students know and also their areas for improvement for future learning.

Welcome Michael Cosmano
Grade 5/6 B parents were advised in a note sent home earlier this week that during Term Three, Gemma Pearce will be taking Leave and the grade will be taught by Michael Cosmano. Michael is an experienced teacher who comes highly recommended and we are very fortunate he is able to teach the grade while Gemma is away. Michael has spent time working in the grade this week with Gemma and planning for Term Three units of work. You may see Michael at school in the next two weeks as he will be doing some CRT work and meeting with Gemma to complete a thorough handover and ensure a smooth transition for students.
I thank Gemma for her efforts to ensure everything is up to date with Yr 6-7 transition and Graduation preparations, and hope she enjoys her Leave. We look forward to her return at the beginning of Term 4.

School Welfare Worker
A letter is being sent home today with the newsletter advising parents and care givers of the recent changes in the Federal budget that will have a direct impact on our Student Welfare Program with Emma Bevan. I urge everyone to read this letter and if you agree with its sentiments, use the sample letter attached, to write to your Federal Member of Parliament to voice your concerns.

Emergency Management Drill
As parents are aware, each term we practise our emergency management procedures, and we recently practised an evacuation where students and staff were not given any warning of the time or day it would occur. It was very pleasing that all members of our community responded correctly and quickly, and assembled on the oval. It was especially pleasing to note that students who were not in their grade at the time the siren sounded, e.g. on a message to the office or at the toilets, responded appropriately and headed straight to the oval rather than return to their classroom.

Staff First Aid Training
As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure our students are safe and well looked after, all staff had a CPR and Anaphylaxis refresher recently. This course went for two hours after school and staff felt it was valuable professional learning and refreshed many aspects covered in their Level Two First Aid training last year.
Each term our aides and teachers participate in a meeting to refresh our recognition and management of anaphylaxis, including using the training epipens. Next week we will practice our management of a student having an anaphylactic reaction during a recess break. This is always of interest to students who are on high alert all week so they can be the first to respond and assist us.
SRI
As indicated in last week’s newsletter the delivery of Special Religious Instruction (SRI) in schools is subject to a new Ministerial Direction. Information from the Education Department is not yet available for Principals and parents, so SRI will continue in its current format and we will move into compliance when information is released.

Southern Cross Recycling
It’s that time of the term again to recycle your unwanted household goods and raise money for Grade Six graduation. So clear out your cupboards and send along manchester, kitchen goods, toys, clothing, shoes, books….in fact anything except electrical goods are acceptable. All items are available for sale prior to collection, so If anyone spies a ‘treasure’ and would like to purchase it, just see the office and make a gold coin donation. Goods will be collected on Tuesday 24th June prior to 9 am.

Parent Vacancies - School Council
We now have two vacancies on School Council for parent members as one of our parents has had to resign due to work commitments. If any parent would like to be on School Council please let us know at the office. Meetings are held twice a term on Monday evenings from 7pm to approximately 8.30pm. I’d like to thank Adison Cognian for his work on School Council this year.

Angela Morritt
Principal

Help GPS to win $10,000 and raise more funds for ICT equipment!
Help us raise funds by collecting mastheads of the Herald Sun and Sunday Herald Sun. The Herald Sun and Sunday Herald Sun is giving Greensborough Primary the chance to win $10,000! It’s easy for us to take part, just collect as many Herald Sun or Sunday Herald Sun mastheads as you can between Sunday 1 June and Saturday 14 June. Return them to us by Tuesday June 16th and we will tally and submit the final number. The school that collects the most wins! Scores are calculated on a proportional basis to the number of students that attend each school, so everyone has an equal chance of winning. Those mastheads add up fast and we can use the money for any school-related program – including purchasing additional notebooks or i-pads for our students. For more information visit http://media.heraldsun.com.au/winforyourschool/entry.html.

Grade 5 Leadership Day/Grade 6 Graduation Day
This year we once again lucky to have been invited to the Montmorency Secondary College Grade 5 Leadership Day, where students will work collaboratively with other Grade Five students from local primary schools and students from Montmorency Secondary College on a range of activities to develop team work and leadership skills. This day will be held in Week One of Term Three, on Thursday 16th July. Permission slips will be sent out later in Term Two. While the Grade Five students attend this Leadership Day, the Grade Six students will take part in a Graduation Preparation Day, where they will work to plan and prepare for the ceremony on Thursday 11th December. We look forward to hearing all about this special day early in Term 3.

Gemma Pearce
Transition Coordinator

A reminder that enrolments for the OSHC Holiday Program are due next Friday 20th Jun
MUSIC NEWS

Music at the Market
On Sunday 8th June seven students from Greensborough Primary School played marimba music at the newly-established Eltham Farmers' Market (held fortnightly at the top carpark, Eltham Mall). They did a great job playing and representing the school, and the hat put out for donations to Oxfam raised $83.65, including $20 from the market organisers, who were very happy with the performance.

Thank you to these students and their families who got them there on the Sunday morning of the long weekend:
Rhymney, Madeline Jasper, Eloise, Rachel, Britney and Molly.
Special thanks also to Rhymney’s mother Kylie for transporting the instruments.
There will be another opportunity for us to play at the market in coming months.

Oxfam concert (adult performers)
On Friday evening next week, 20th June, there will be a concert at the Eltham Senior Citizens Hall arranged by the Diamond Valley Oxfam group which may be of interest to school families. Heather McLaughlin has organised the programme and will be playing violin/recorder/marimba with friends, including Jon Madin, known to many children for his Echocellos and other invented instruments.
Concert will go from 7.30 - 9.30 p.m., and entry charge is $10 adults, $5 children, which includes supper. Pay at the door.

Oxfam Concert (children performing)
This year groups from Greensborough Primary School will again perform at a school’s concert at Montmorency Secondary College, to be held on Thursday evening 4th September. All GPS students from Years 3-6 are welcome to participate. Notices will go home to students at the start of next term. This concert will also raise funds for Oxfam, specifically for clean water projects in South Africa.

Ms Heather McLaughlin
Music/Japanese teacher

Parents and Friends

Bunnings BBQ
Volunteers needed for our Bunnings BBQ, Sunday 22nd of June. In particular the 10am to 12 noon and 12 noon to 2pm time slots. Sign up sheet in office or you can inbox the page.

Trivia Night Wrap Up
With an attendance of 110 people, our school Trivia Night (held on Saturday May 31st) was a fantastic evening. Our trivia hosts, Paul and Kate, (who do trivia nights for local clubs and community groups) provided a broad range of challenging trivia questions, ensuring a competitive atmosphere amongst the 15 tables. It was great to see so many people dress up.
Thanks to Erin Donaldson for her awesome job in running the games and activities throughout the night, and thanks to Angela Morritt for helping out with the formalities. To Steve Siede, thank you for your support by providing the audio equipment. Thanks to everyone that stayed behind at the end to help clean and pack away furniture – this seemed to happen at lightning speed!
We also wish to thank Banyule Council for providing the Facility & Resource Subsidy Grant which saved us $500 on the hire cost of Bundoora Community Hall. The venue was chosen as it provided sufficient space, tables, chairs and amenities.

Congratulations to Russell Butler who won the Bright hamper (accommodation, dinner vouchers and lots of other goodies) in the 4 Corners game. It was great to see so many people joining in the coin toss game (congratulations to the Smeaths!) and the paper plane game.

Our Silent Auction had 88 products/vouchers up for grabs, and many people “shopped” for bargains. Thanks to all the sponsors, many of whom are local businesses in Greensborough.

Our total profit from the night was a massive $5,287.81! Combining this with the Baker’s Delight Day and Mother’s day profits, the school will be able to purchase a number of iPads which is extremely exciting.

We hope to run another Trivia Night next year, and hope the night can be even bigger and better!

Tina, Simone, Lara, Ros, Kim, Katie, Katrina and Ellena

** Trivia Night show bags still available! They contain a $20 Simone Perele lingerie voucher, a $10 Lower Plenty Hotel voucher, a Hahndorf's free coffee voucher, 3 free Step into Life classes, tea bag samples from Dilmah and Twinings plus more! Approx $70 value for just $5 per showbag. At the school office.

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** CANTEEN NEWS **

It is with regret that we advise that we will cease operating the canteen at the end of this term.

We would like to thank the families who have supported the running of the canteen over the past almost 2 1/2 years.

The final days of service at the canteen will be Friday 13th June and Friday 20th June.

Lisa & Glenn Geraghty

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** Library News **

** Timetable Change **

In the last week of term specialist classes in Art and Library will be held on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th June. Preps and 5/6s will take place on Monday and 1/2s and 3/4s on Tuesday.

** Holiday Borrowing and Returns **

Yes children are quite welcome to borrow over the holidays!! We encourage borrowing at all times. If your child has outstanding books that are quite overdue could they please try and return them before the holiday break.

** Book Week **

During the week August 18th – 22nd we will be celebrating Book Week at G.P.S. There will be more information available early next term but we will be holding a Book Fair during that week, a Multi-Age day and also our annual Book Parade where everyone gets the chance to dress up as favourite character or story. To kick start Book Week a little early, Mrs Troy and I placed a Connect to Reading display on the wall outside the library.

Stories at School

A reminder to parents that as Art for Tiny Tots finishes we begin Stories at School. The first session starts on July 25th and will take place in the library at 9.30am. Please contact the school to book your place.

Happy Reading

Jen Farley

Teacher Librarian
The Friendship Tree
Our Wellbeing Leaders continue to do a fantastic job at The Friendship Tree. Every recess and lunchtime there is a hive of friendly activity around the Tree. Thank you so much to all the children who have decorated the tree, and to the families that have donated wool and yarn. If any of the parents are creatively minded and would like to donate some time to decorating the Tree, could you please contact me? I would be most appreciative of any parental creative input.

Bounce Back
Over the last two weeks the Grade 1/2’s have continued to look at Anger. We read the book ‘When I’m feeling angry’ by Trace Moroney, and then we brainstormed lots of different ways we can calm ourselves down when we are angry, both in the classroom and at home. We talked about why it is important to be the boss of our angry feelings, not the other way around. We also reviewed The Anger Rules.

The Grade 3/4’s are up to the second ‘B’ of the Bounce Back acronym, which stands for ‘Blame Fairly. How much of what happened was due to you, due to others, and how much was because of bad luck or circumstances.’ This session encourages the children to understand that most situations are caused by a combination of these factors and discourages black and white thinking. It also encourages them to take responsibility for their part, good or bad, in whatever has taken place.

Our 5/6’s are continuing their work on ‘Friendliness’ and have been putting together, as a group, a ‘Friendliness Protocol’. The statements in the protocol have been written by the students for the benefit of all the students in the school. We have looked at times when it is easy to be friendly, and also times when it is challenging. In our next session we will try and trouble shoot some of these obstacles to friendly behaviour. The 5/6’s are also in the process of making some ‘Our Friendly School’ posters that will be on display next term.

Have a great couple of weeks,
Emma.

Term Two~ Week 6 Ending May 30th 2014

Foundation ~ Ella ~ For being a bright and happy classmate, and for trying to be the cleverest school girl now that she is six.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Ryan ~ For showing a great improvement in his writing. Keep it up Ryan!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Naomi ~ For being such a caring and respectful classmate and always giving your best efforts in everything you do.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Stuart Mc ~ For always being such a polite and conscientious student. Stuart always gives 100% effort in all areas of school.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Hudson ~ For being an amazing addition to the football team on Friday. You are such a good sport.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Bridie ~ For always being a helpful student asking Miss Plesa if there is anything else she can do to make her job easier. Thank you Bridie
Grade 5/6 B ~ Lachie D ~ For the effort the put into learning this week. The results were very noticeable.
Art ~ Isaac H ~ For a great achievement in his drawing of an Antarctic Fur Seal.
O S H C ~ Leo ~ For being a great helper. Well done Leo.
Music ~ Lucy C ~ For her constant enthusiasm for all music activities.
Student Wellbeing ~ Immogen S ~ For being so caring and kind at The Friendship Tree.
Japanese ~ Harry B For being attentive always and remembering all our Japanese words.