**Borough Bulletin June 5th 2014**

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

There is a lot happening at school in the next few weeks so it is necessary to have a brief news sheet today, rather than hold items over until next week and overwhelm everyone with information. As explained in the items below, there will be several notes going home next week, so please check your child’s school bag in case they forget to give them to you.

Whilst we know how generous and supportive our school families can be, we are sometimes surprised by the generosity and support we receive from people and companies who are not associated with our school. Recently our Building and Grounds Committee rang companies to ask for quotes for concreting around the cricket nets as part of the refurbishment of this area. We were overwhelmed when Metropolitan Concrete Services (0418 106 434) measured the area and then said they would complete the job for free as they understood the difficulties schools faced to make ground improvements with limited funding. Last Saturday Metropolitan Concrete Services concreted the area with a very professional finish, even though the cement mixer was unable to fit through our Horonda St gate and the concrete had to be wheel barrowed down from the car park – a mammoth task!

Our good fortune continued when our Publicity and Marketing Sub-committee engaged Open2View to take panoramic photos of our school for fence signage and Richard donated his services for free. These photos will be used to advertise and promote the areas of our school that are hidden from street view.

We are extremely grateful to both Colin from Metropolitan Concrete Services and Richard from Open2View for supporting our school and assisting us to improve our environment for our students. This week we farewelled Wayne and Joan on their trip overseas. I know Jen will miss Joan’s valuable assistance in the Library and as I call the plumbers to clear the blocked drains, I miss Wayne’s valuable expertise and advice. We wish them a wonderful holiday and look forward to their return.
School Welfare Worker
Our wonderful welfare worker Emma Bevan works two days a week at Greensborough PS and one of these days is funded from a grant under the National Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Worker Program (NSCSWP) and one day from our school staffing budget. The program funding was due for renewal at the end of this year. As part of the Federal Government’s recent budget, the NSCSWP has been refunded but only in its original form – as the National Chaplaincy Program. Therefore as a school we are no longer allowed to apply for a Student Welfare Worker.
I am meeting with Lara Cowan, our School Council President this week to draft a letter to voice our concern with the program being changed, as it will have a direct impact on our students and families. More information and a sample letter will be sent home to families early next week and we encourage you to write to Federal Members of Parliament to voice our concerns.

Trivia Night
A great night was had by all who attended the Trivia Night last Saturday. There was a great mix of games and trivia questions and the tables looked very festive in their different themes. Nights like this require a great deal of work and on behalf of the community I’d like to thank Parents and Friends, especially Tina, Katie, Ros, Simone, Lara, Kim, Ellena and Katrina for all their hard work to source prizes and organize the night. Thank you also to the parents who came to support the night and raised a great deal of money to purchase ICT equipment for our students. (See Parent Club news item in next week’s newsletter for more details)

Parent Teacher Interviews - Wednesday 25th June
In the final week of term we will have Parent Teacher Interviews where you will have the opportunity to discuss with your child’s class teacher any queries you may have regarding your child’s report and any other issues you would like to discuss. Please understand that there is only ten minutes allotted for each family and, if it appears that your conversation is going to go longer than this, then an additional appointment time may need to be made.
Information about Parent Teacher Interviews will be sent home next Tuesday and we ask families to return the meeting request slip as soon as possible so teachers can coordinate interviews for siblings and finalise times. Reports and confirmation of interview times will be sent home Friday 20th June.
A reminder to parents of students in Grade 5/6A that Ms Plesa’s Parent/Teacher interviews will be held next Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th June as she will be on leave during the last two weeks of term. Her grade’s reports and confirmation of interview times will be sent home tomorrow Friday 6th June.

Student Support Group Meetings
A note was sent home on Tuesday for parents of students who participate in SSGs, explaining that in order to minimise meeting times for parents, the SSGs will be held as part of the P/T interview. Teachers will send home SSG notes, including the Review of Progress and new Individual Learning Plan with student reports and allocate 20 minutes for meetings. As stated above additional appointments can be made if parents require more time to discuss their child’s progress and future learning goals. Please return appointment request slips promptly to assist teachers in allocating extra time for interviews.

Grade 5/6B
Due to unforeseen circumstances, Daryl Hitch is unable to replace Maria Plesa when she is on leave for the last two weeks of term, as previously communicated to parents. The continuity of class programs is very important to us, so we are very happy Patrick McVeigh is able to teach Maria’s class during this time and we are making arrangements for a teacher to replace Pat for P.E.

Special Religious Instruction
The delivery of Special Religious Instruction (SRI) in schools is subject to a new Ministerial Direction, which applies from the beginning of Term 3, 2014 (14 July, 2014). The current policy continues until that time. The Department has indicated it will be delivering more information for Principals and parents in the coming weeks and I will send home more information about SRI in next week’s newsletter and keep families informed of any changes that are required to be made.

Cross Country
Congratulations to students who represented our school yesterday at the District Cross Country event. Our staff members who attended were very proud of both the efforts and behaviour of our students, who ran 2 or 3 kms depending on their age. We thank Alison Gibson for coordinating this event and Chris Blake, Pat McVeigh and Susie Hull as the staff members who attended and ensured our students were safe and made it to events in time. Thank you also to parents who attended and were marshals on the day.

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.

Southern Cross Recycling
It’s time again to clean out your cupboards and recycle your unwanted clothing, manchester, books, toys, cutlery, crockery and the list goes on! Pretty much anything is accepted, except electrical goods. Items can be brought to school and left in the corridor near the hall. Collection date is before 9am Tuesday 24th June. If families spy a ‘treasure’ they would like from this collection, just drop a gold coin into the office and enjoy your new purchase. All money raised is put towards Grade 6 Graduation celebrations.

Angela Morritt
Principal

Greensborough Primary School Marimba Group

Eltham Farmers’ Market
BY LOCAL FOOD CONNECT
Stallholder details now listed at www.elthamfm.org.au

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Sunday 8th June
Eltham Town Mall (car park)
10-18 Arthur Street, Eltham
9am–1pm
38 stallholders & live music
Greensborough Primary School
Marimba Group from 9.30am
for stallholder information visit www.elthamfm.org.au