Borough Bulletin September 11th 2014

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Today and tomorrow, Mrs Hirth and I are joining 78 Principal Class delegates from Banyule and Nillumbik schools at our Biennial Principal’s Conference. This will be a great opportunity to engage with colleagues in professional development to support our school improvement agenda. We will share our new learnings with everyone when we return.

Work is continuing on the grade structure and staffing for 2015. When we receive our indicative budget for next year we will be closer to finalising decisions. School Council will agree on a model for next year and this will then be communicated to the school community. Thank you to those families who have passed on specific requests for their children for next year. Please see Margaret or myself if there are any additional requests.

As this is our last newsletter for the term I’d like to say thank you to Michael Cosmano for his great work in the Grade 5/6 area this term. We have appreciated Michael’s expertise and the professionalism he has shown. Michael quickly built strong relationships with our community, especially the students and we wish him well in his future endeavours. Next term we welcome back Gemma Pearce and we look forward to hearing about her travel adventures.

A letter was sent home to parents of students in Grade 3/4A last week informing them that due to family reasons, Alison Gibson will be taking Leave from September 15th until the end of the year. Anne Loney will replace Alison in the last week of Term Three and Bonnie Thomson will resume from Family Leave for two days per week and replace Alison in the grade during Term Four. This will be a seamless transition as Anne and Bonnie know the students and staff well and are very familiar with the curriculum programs and activities at GPS. We welcome Bonnie’s return and wish Alison and her family all the best in Term Four.

Cyber Safety – Social Media

As we have done in the past I am urging parents to be vigilant about their children’s interactions on social media. Increasingly young children are innocently and naively being engaged in interactions with strangers which can have significant and serious ramifications. We rigorously implement cyber safety policies at school but this is a situation where families need to be proactively involved in their children’s’ social media activities.

I have contacted the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) which organises the National Cybersafety Education Program and requested an Information Session for students, parents and teachers.
Unfortunately there is a waiting list for these presentations, however in the meantime, I encourage families to access the new Chatterbox parent conversation series, hosted on the Cybersmart Parents’ Facebook Page which allows parents to listen to the latest information on cybersafety through easy-to-follow conversations. Parents also have the opportunity to share their stories with other parents and ask the Cybersafety experts questions. Please visit [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au) for details of these popular free materials and more.

**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 once again 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 help run events or sit back and watch the fun!

So come along and join us on Friday 19th September from 9.10 – 10.50am. Grandparents and family members welcome.

**Buildings and Grounds**

We are very pleased that the Greensborough Plaza Centre Management Team has chosen our school for their community volunteer project. Staff members will attend our school next Thursday 19th September for a day of planting, weeding, mulching, etc. We are very grateful for their support and thank them for choosing us.

Behind the scenes there is lot happening to keep our grounds well maintained and tidy. The refurbishment of the cricket net area is well underway and we thank Wayne and Doug for beautifying this area. The basketball rings and shade cloths have had their usual maintenance to remove rust and replace the fittings identified in our recent audit by Pavan Consultants. An additional shed for gardening equipment and a broom trolley storage unit for the hall have been ordered. Wayne has been hard at work to repair the damaged urinal in the inside toilet and the list goes on! You may also have noticed the new blackboard on the wall near the Friendship Tree that Wayne has installed for our students to enjoy. Thanks Wayne!

**Greensborough’s Got Talent**

Thank you to Maria Plesa and the Junior School Council for organising Greensborough’s Got Talent which gave our students a wonderful opportunity to showcase their abilities in the performing arts. What a talented bunch of comedians, singers, acrobats and dancers we have at Greensborough!

**Annual Report**

The 2013 Annual Report is now available for community information and discussion. Whilst the Annual Report will be posted on the website and copies will be available in the office for collection, the school is also mandated to have a meeting where the community is invited to come along and be given any additional details or explanations as may be required. Rather than calling a specific community meeting for this purpose we will be making the first School Council meeting in Term Four, October 27th, an ‘open’ meeting where interested community members will not only be able to hear details of last year’s Annual Report, they will also be able to gain an insight into and be an observer of the processes in place within Greensborough’s School Council.

**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 16th September prior to 9 am.

**Swimming**

Thank you to all the families who have returned their swimming notices by the due date. If any families still wish their children to attend and haven’t returned notes, the cut off date has been extended to Tuesday 16th September. On this day, the forms will be sent to Watermark so they can organise groups and staff. Please contact the office if you wish to arrange a payment plan.
Please note in your diaries that due to a clash with another school booking the pool, there will not be a swimming lesson on Friday October 31st and we will finish swimming one week later with our last lesson on December 12th.

**Footy Pie Day**
A reminder that students are encouraged to come dressed in their favourite football team’s colors tomorrow Friday 12th September. The JSC are hosting a Footy Pie day and want to thank Parents and Friends for organising the pie orders for everyone. Normally there is a gold coin donation for coming “Out of Uniform”, however JSC recognises that families have supported Book Week, Greensborough’s Got Talent and other school programs recently so they have decided students can dress in their footy colors for free. Hope everyone has a fun, footy-filled day!

**Athletics**
Congratulations to all our students who competed at the recent Athletics carnival. Once again our students were commended by staff and parents from other schools for their excellent behaviour and the sportsmanship they displayed. Eleven of our students will go on to compete at the Division Carnival at Meadowglen Stadium on the first Wednesday of Term Four, October 8th. A note will be sent home with all the relevant details and we wish our students good luck in their events.

**NAPLAN**
The Grade Three and Five NAPLAN results have arrived and were sent home with students on Tuesday. Students and staff approached the NAPLAN tests in a positive, supportive way and we are very pleased with the school results which show continuous improvement every year which is excellent. Our Intervention and Extension programs continue to show we are ‘closing the gap’ for students who are working below the expected level and also extending the students who are working above the expected standard.

**The Great Book Swap**
Thank you to everyone who either donated a pre-loved book or purchased one for a gold coin donation. We raised $78 to support the improvement of literacy development of indigenous children in remote and isolated regions of Australia. For more information about the Great Book Swap and to find out how the money will benefit indigenous children go to: http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/great-book-swap-for-schools.html

**OHSC**
A reminder from Jacqui that the Booking form for Vacation care is due back tomorrow Friday 12th September.

**Angela Morritt**
Principal

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**Parents and Friends**
Reminder that orders from the Chalk and Parent Direct catalogues distributed to Junior School families are due back by Friday 12th September. All money raised from the orders will go towards purchase of new sandpit equipment.
Thank you to all families who have supported our food days this term. By holding these Baker's Delight and Footy Pie Day food days, in addition to the Fathers Day stall, the school is able to purchase an additional 4 iPads.
Our thanks to Baker's Delight Greensborough for their continued support.
Next term we are hoping to run another 2 Baker's Delight days and 2 Sausage Sizzle days, in the absence of our canteen running.
A Parents & Friends meeting will be held in the Art Room after cuppa club on Monday 15th September. All welcome!
Thank you.

**Marita and Tina**
iPads!
Our iPads are booming with new educational apps for students to engage in learning, covering areas of reading, writing, handwriting, number, time and art. Students in the Junior School are using them on a regular basis and now students in the Upper School are starting to take advantage of this wonderful learning tool.
It is with great excitement that we have raised enough money to buy four more new iPads and protective covers. I would like to thank all the parents and students who support the Parents and Friends fundraisers to make this possible.
We have two original iPads in the school that we want to utilize in the classroom, however we are missing the cables to connect them to our storage trolley. If anyone has any old original iPad cables lying around at home and wish to donate them, can you please hand them in at the office.

Erin Donaldson

GREENSBOROUGH’S GOT TALENT
GPS students had a lovely time performing and watching the acts in this year's Greensborough’s Got Talent.
It was fantastic to see such talented students (and teachers). A big thank you goes out to everyone who bought something on the day as all of the money raised will go towards funding the Grade 6 Graduation.
Thank you to the lenient judges and the hilarious MC’s, to Irene and Susie for packaging the lollies, and to all staff who helped and supported the event.

Maria Plesa and JSC.

Music
We have lots going on in music these days at Greensborough Primary School!

OXFAM CONCERT:
Last Thursday evening two groups of children from our school performed in an Oxfam schools fundraising concert at Montmorency Secondary College. We had one group of Year 3-4 students and another of 5-6 students, and they all did a great job of representing the school and played well. Other schools taking part were Montmorency Secondary College, Briar Hill Primary School, the Hurstbridge Learning Co-operative, and Greenhills Primary School. It was a varied concert with trumpets, calypso music, violins, cellos, singing, a humorous play, marimba groups, choirs and other instruments.
Congratulations to the following children from GPS who participated:
Britney, Lillian, Madeline May, Daniel, James, Aidan, Molly, Ania, Eloise, Jasper, Nina, Tua, Scarlett, Michael, Max, Ala, Tara, Cooper, Teague and Ashley.
Thank you to the families of these children for supporting them in and out of school and helping to raise just over $1000 for Oxfam projects.
ELTHAM MARKET MARIMBA PLAYING:
This coming Sunday a group of children with a couple of marimbas will be playing at the Farmers Market in the top car park of Eltham shops. We will put out a hat to raise some funds for plants for our school gardens. Some notes have been sent home to interested children in Grades 3-6. If your child can come along, please inform me or the office. It will be from 9.15 -10.00 a.m. this Sunday 14th September. We will play pieces learnt in class music sessions.

THE ‘BIG SONG’ AND A WHOLE-SCHOOL CONCERT:
In October, after the holidays, the classes will be learning this year’s ‘Big Song’. This is a song learnt by children all around Australia, and sung simultaneously on Thursday 30th October. As well as singing the song on the day, all the children will play and sing pieces and songs they have learnt in their class music lessons.
PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO COME ALONG to the Hall at 12.00 on Thursday 30th October.

JON MADIN IS COMING BACK!
Families who were at Greensborough Primary School two years ago will remember the wonderful music incursion we had then with Jon Madin, who brings a van full of musical delights including Echocellos, Music Bikes, and marimbas. On Tuesday 2nd December he will return and everyone in the school will have a workshop session with him, followed by a whole school concert at 2.30 p.m. Have a look at Jon’s website: www.marimbamusic.com.au

(Ms) Heather McLaughlin,
Music/Japanese Teacher.

STUDENT WELFARE WITH EMMA BEVAN
Bounce Back
This coming fortnight the Grade 1/2’s are going to be learning about Kindness and Empathy. We will be reading a great book by Bob Graham called ‘Rose meets Mr Wintergarten’. The themes of this story are kindness, empathy and inclusion. Together, we will talk about the meaning of empathy and the importance of being able to feel what other people are feeling, especially in friendships.
The Grade 3/4’s are continuing their work on ‘Kindness’. Due to their excursion, they missed this week’s session but next week will be talking about various acts of kindness, how kindness and unkindness feel, and will share stories of times when they were kind.
Our 5/6’s are continuing to explore the topic of ‘Success’. Research has recently shown that the key factor in cultivating success is to have ‘Grit’. Grit = passion and perseverance. Researchers in education have found that the way we develop grit in children is to teach them the ‘Growth Mindset’, that the brain continues to change and evolve as we learn. This is also referred to as Neuroplasticity.
Scientist Carol Dweck has found that when children learn that the brain changes and grows every time they attempt a new task, children begin to understand that failure is not fixed. In other words, they begin to understand that just because they can’t do something now doesn’t mean they won’t be able to do it later with a whole lot of effort and perseverance. To illustrate this point in Bounce Back we will be looking at the story of Michael Jordan and watching a video about his success and all the times he failed in order to be successful. His story is a very inspirational one, and highlights the point that we fail many times before we become successful.
Take care.
Emma Bevan.
LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday borrowing - Just a reminder that the children are allowed to borrow for the holiday period. If you going away or find it difficult to keep track of books over the holiday period just let your children know that you would prefer they did not borrow. This week I will be sending out overdue notes. I apologise if you are sent notes for books that your children have already returned or did not have!! It would be very helpful if any overdue books could be returned before the holidays. If you are at a loose end over the holidays try visiting your local library. They run many interesting and free events for toddlers and school children.

Plastic Bags
If you have any clean, spare plastic bags that you do not need we could use them in the library. You can just leave them on my desk if I am not there.

Thank you
An enormous thank you to the person who left the two signed copies of Andy Griffith’s latest book *The 52-Story Treehouse* on my desk. This will be an extremely popular and sought after addition to our library.

Thanks again

Happy Reading

*Jen Farley*
Teacher Librarian

Lost Property
There is a considerable amount of items in lost property without names on. If your child has lost clothing it is worth a check in lost property. At the end of term unnamed items will be washed and made available for sale as second hand uniform. With the weather warming up students often take off windcheaters and bomber jackets while they are playing and forget to collect them. If their name is on the item we are able to get them back to their rightful owners.

Term Three~ Week 7 Ending August 29th 2014

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<td>For trying so hard to learn all he can at school and with excellent Home Learning too!</td>
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<td>Zayne ~</td>
<td>For consistently displaying the school values of Respect and Cooperation.</td>
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<td>Amihan ~</td>
<td>For always being a polite and cooperative class member.</td>
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<td>Grade 3/4 A ~</td>
<td>Isaac ~</td>
<td>For a sensational effort in all class activities this week.</td>
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<td>Grade 3/4 B ~</td>
<td>Zac ~</td>
<td>For continually pushing yourself to do your best. Well done!</td>
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<td>Eloise ~</td>
<td>For being a helpful member of our class room. I am very impressed with your maturity. Well done!</td>
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<td>PE ~</td>
<td>Erin ~</td>
<td>For trying her hardest in all Sport activities.</td>
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<td>Amelia ~</td>
<td>For always participating and being enthusiastic in Bounce Back.</td>
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<td>O S H C ~</td>
<td>Lucas S ~</td>
<td>For his great effort during Active Sports.</td>
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<td>Ami ~</td>
<td>For excellent work with her drawing and her tapestry in Art.</td>
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<td>Library ~</td>
<td>Kingston ~</td>
<td>For doing such a great job on his character drawings. Great work Kingston!</td>
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<td>Music/Japanese ~</td>
<td>Lucy ~</td>
<td>For giving us a perfect translation of the meaning in English of our Japanese song.</td>
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**Term Three - Week 8 Ending September 5th 2014**

**Foundation ~ Kleio ~**
For amazing reading all term. An outstanding achievement. Congratulations!

**Grade 1/2 A ~ Toby ~**
For always trying his best during Mathematics, Reading and Big Write sessions. Well done!

**Grade 1/2 B ~ Paris ~**
For always being such a caring and friendly class member.

**Grade 3/4 A ~ Emmet ~**
For wonderful focus and effort during Corrective Reading sessions and Class Reading sessions.

**5/6 A ~ Rachael ~**
For the consistent hard work and effort she puts into all of her school work as well as extra curricula activities.

**5/6 B ~ Jasper ~**
For showing resilience when facing challenges this week and still being positive to others, showing kindness when they needed it.

**O.S.H.C. ~ Nicole P ~**
For being a great helper. Thank you Nicole.

**Art ~ Lucia ~**
Always doing great work in Art week after week.

**Library ~ Andy A ~**
For making some very worthwhile points during our discussions about characters in the story we are reading.

**Music/Japanese ~ Isaac ~**
For saying a good sentence in Japanese.

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**St. Marys Tennis Club**
(State & National Award Winning Coaching Program)

**Holiday Tennis Programs**
Monday to Thurs each week of the holidays
Full Day and Half Day available
Coaching Clinics, Competitions, Cardio Tennis
Ages 5 to Adult

**Term 4 - Hot Shot Leagues (Fri or Sun)**
Fun Competition Tennis for ages 7 to 10
Controlled environment with modified balls, racquets, serving & scoring - the kids will love it.

**Term 4 - Junior Dev Competition (Sat or Sun)**
Fun Competition Tennis for ages 8 to 12
Controlled environment with modified balls, racquets, serving & scoring - the kids will love it.

For information or bookings:
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