Borough Bulletin October 9th 2014

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
It was lovely to start back with a sunny day after the holidays and hear of everyone’s varied adventures, from trips to the Royal Melbourne Show to breaks in Bali. We welcomed back staff members Bonnie Thomson and Gemma Pearce, pre-service teachers Richard Dowling and Kirsty Walden and two new students, Grace and Akeem, and we trust they will enjoy being part of our community at GPS.

Term Four is always busy with exciting events such as Graduation and the Grade Two Sleepover, however it is also the time when students and teachers work hard to ensure they have reached their expected goals and learning standards. Teachers met together in the holidays to plan units of work, prepare resources and review their assessment schedules for Semester Two reports.

During the holidays our grounds improvement projects continued and the cricket nets are now completed and look terrific. The students are enjoying using them and future planting around this area will complete the refurbishment. Wayne also continued to place sleepers for the terracing above the oval and deserves a medal for digging all the post holes in the rock hard soil!

With the lovely spring weather the weeds have proliferated in all of the garden beds and it would be greatly appreciated if
any families had a spare 20 – 30 minutes to weed a section whilst the ground is still soft. The new beds outside the school in Grimshaw and Horunda Streets especially need a quick tidy up. Mr Blake and I began weeding outside the library and toilets this week during recess, and with our small band of willing helpers it only took fifteen minutes to clear these sections. As our Corrections Crew failed to make their scheduled visit last Sunday, we have a load of mulch that needs to be spread on the garden beds. There are also 18 new grasses and wild irises to be planted in various garden beds and once again, any help would be appreciated to complete these tasks – Thanks to Josie (mother of Zayne and Jamal) for already offering to help with wheelbarrowing the mulch.

**Egg Cartons Required**
Diamond Valley Foodshare has asked for donations of egg cartons. Local supermarkets donate eggs which the Foodshare sort and repack and they are finding the cartons expensive to purchase. If any families would like to send their empty egg cartons to school they can be placed in the tub in the foyer and we will forward them on.

**Working Bee**
Our Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee will meet in the coming weeks to determine a date for a working bee. Please keep an eye out in the newsletter for this date. Tasks will include wheelbarrowing soil and possibly planting in the new terracing near the oval.

**Walkathon – Crazy Hat Theme!**
Thursday November 6th is the date for our Term Four Walkathon. In the past all students have really enjoyed this activity and it is also a great opportunity to have a final fundraiser to purchase much needed items for our students to use. Samantha Molyneaux is organising this year’s event and a sponsorship form and note will be sent home on Monday with all the relevant details. This year students and family members are encouraged to wear a ‘Crazy Hat’ and join in the fun.

**Swimming**
Swimming begins this Friday and session times were sent home in a note on Monday. A big thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time to assist with the supervision of children walking to and from Watermarc. As this venue is so close to our school, we save a great deal of time and money walking, rather than having to use buses. Extra adults are greatly appreciated as we cross roads and walk along the footpaths. Please remember if rain showers are predicted then students should wear jackets. It is also a good idea to label clothing as all the polo tops and shorts look alike and sometimes students can accidentally scoop up someone else’s clothing and place it in their bag.

**Hats and Sunscreen**
It is compulsory for hats to be worn from September 1st to April 30th as part of the school’s Sun Smart Policy. Hats need to be broad brimmed (not caps) and, from next Monday, any students who are not wearing hats will need to spend their outside breaks in a defined undercover area of the school grounds. Sunscreen is also supplied in classrooms for students to apply at recess and lunch breaks. If any students have a sensitivity to certain brands of sunscreen please let us know or send along your preferred brand to your child’s classroom.

**Cyber Safety – Social Media**
As mentioned in previous newsletters an increasing area of concern for schools and families is 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 are on a waiting list for a CyberSafety presentation from ACMA which organises the National Cybersafety Education Program, however the demand is so great they are unable to let me know of even an approximate date for this community session. We are therefore sending Gemma Pearce and Claire Storey to eSmart and Cyber Safety Professional Development sessions next week and they will return to school to share information with staff. I have ordered parent information brochures and these will be sent home to assist families with strategies for keeping children safe online.

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**Cooperation**  **Achievement**  **Respect**  **Empathy**
**Boing Boing**

Our school’s beloved rabbit Boing Boing passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday night. On Monday teachers and students discussed their happy memories of Boing Boing and students were invited to write a card or draw a picture to express how they felt. Emma Bevan, our Student Welfare Worker, was available to talk to any students who wanted to discuss their feelings further.

Boing Boing joined us in 2011 and he was a great mascot for our school community. He taught us about responsible pet ownership and delighted us often with his antics. Boing Boing will be fondly remembered and sadly missed.


Have a great term everyone!

*Angela Morritt*

Principal

**Music**

**MARKET MARIMBAS**

On Sunday 14th September seven students from Greensborough Primary School played marimbas at the Eltham Farmers’ Market and raised some money for plants for the school garden. Thanks to Ania, Ala, Eloise, Madeline, Rhymney, Tara and Jamal and their families, and well done!

*(Ms) Heather McLaughlin,*

Music/Japanese Teacher.
STUDENT WELFARE WITH EMMA BEVAN

I hope you all had a lovely break everyone and are rested and ready for Term 4!

Bounce Back
This term the Grade 1/2s will commence with a unit on Friendship. Over the next few sessions we will be exploring the various ways we can be friendly. To start with we will explore being helpful to others and considering what it feels like when someone is being helpful to us. We will look at how being helpful is definitely a way of filling up someone’s bucket!
The Grade 3/4s are continuing their work on ‘Kindness’. We are going to read the wonderful story ‘Have You Filled a Bucket Today?’ by Carol McCloud, which explains beautifully the impact of kindness on each other. Together we are all going to make ‘Kindness Buckets’ to keep in the classroom, and I hope to see these buckets full to brimming over Term 4!
Our 5/6s are commencing the Bounce Back unit ‘Emotions’. Over this next fortnight we are going to talk about different types of emotions, that it is normal to feel emotions and what we can do when they feel overwhelming. We will look at why emotions are important and a normal part of being human.

Hope you are all well.

Take care.
Emma Bevan.

Parent’s Club

TRIVIA NIGHT 2015 - We would like to acknowledge and thank Banyule City Council as we have been successful in our application for a Facility Access Grant to hire the Bundoora Community Hall next year for a Trivia Night (or similar). The grant value is for the full hire fee of $655, and this means the cost of running a Trivia Night event is greatly reduced. We have booked the date of Saturday May 23rd, so please save this date in your 2015 calendar! If you have any ideas for this fundraising/social night, or would like to assist in planning, please let Tina Bell know.

TOY CATALOGUES - We've raised enough money through toy catalogues to buy some heavy duty long handled spades and rakes for sandpit. Thank you to parents who supported it.

FOOD DAYS - Thank you to Lisa and Sylvia for running the Footy Pie Day last term. This term Parents & Friends are running 2 Baker's Delight and 2 Sausage Sizzle food days. They will all be on Fridays (Oct 17, Oct 31, Nov 14 & Nov 28).

MEETING - A Parents & Friends Meeting will be held on Monday 14th October in the Art Room after assembly. All welcome.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - catalogues will be coming home soon. Books make great Christmas presents. If you wish your order to be a surprise please make a note on the order form or envelope. We can notify you directly when the order has arrived and is ready to be picked up from the school office.

SKATERZ – FAMILY FUN
Greensborough Primary School is excited to announce that in conjunction with SKATERZ Eltham, our students will be entitled to FREE ENTRY from 4:30 to 5:00 PM to skate on Tuesday 21st October. This falls in line with our Walking To School for October. I wonder how many times you can go around the skating rink!

$6 skate hire fee is still applicable per child. Don’t forget to mention the name of our school to get your free entry on the day.

So go on, get your skates on!!!
Yallambie Park Preschool Grant

Yallambie Park Preschool is offering grants for short term projects to the kindergarten community members, including ex students, to achieve personal goals that will inspire other members of the community.
For further information contact Yallambie Park Preschool on 9435 9469 or email grantsyallambie@gmail.com

The Northern Suburbs Fly Fishing Club

The club is offering an afternoon of free instructions on fly fishing for children under 15. They supply the equipment and instructions. A BBQ lunch and soft drinks will be available at a small cost. This will be held Sunday 19th October from 9:30 till 2 PM at Yarrambat Park Lake Yan Yean Road Yarrambat.
For further information contact Alan Stanton on 0418 885 553 or Anne Hern on 0418 865 419

Term Three~ Week 9 Ending September 12th 2014

Foundation ~ Ashley ~ For using some amazing words in her acrostic poem about her Blossom Tree.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Amelia ~ For always giving 100% in everything you do.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Will ~ For your outstanding behaviour all week and the effort you put into your Big Write.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Brayden ~ For the fantastic effort he put into his recount about 3/4A and B’s excursion to the Immigration Museum.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Harry ~ For the connections you made with our excursion to the Immigration Museum and our Integrated Unit.
5/6 A ~ Jaxon ~ For a fantastic effort on your project on Parliament House. We all learnt a lot from you.
5/6B ~ Callista ~ For outstanding effort all term with her homework and classwork in general.
Student Wellbeing ~ Jaxon ~ For his excellent understanding of Michael Jordan’s key to success.
Art ~ Oscar ~ For always being a responsible and helpful student in the Art room.
Library ~ Violet ~ For completing her work on the characters in “The Twits” to an excellent standard.

Term Three~ Week 10 Ending September 19th 2014

Foundation ~ Jayden ~ For showing improvement in his concentration and making some good learning choices.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Liam ~ For consistently showing a great attitude in all areas of learning.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Ben ~ For his positive attitude to all physical challenges at the end of term 3.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Lachlan ~ For his fantastic attitude to all class activities this term.
5/6 A ~ Tua ~ For being extremely helpful with the class room pack up on the last day.
5/6 B ~ Sarah ~ For a fantastic attitude to everything and being so positive in class.
Art ~ Grace ~ For consistently achieving excellent results in Art. Keep it up Grace!
Library ~ Willoughby ~ For working with excellent focus during our Library lesson. Well done Willoughby!
SCHOOL CANTEEN – OPEN ON FRIDAYS?

Dear Parents and Guardians

School Council has been in discussions regarding opening the canteen for part of Term 4, one day a week on a Friday.

We are proposing to only have a small amount of ‘summer items’ available:

- Fresh Watermelon, Oranges
- Quelch frozen fruit tubes
- Some drinks

and only have the window open for the first half of lunchtime.

To make this great idea possible we require some assistance from parents and guardians. We would like to establish a roster (similar to the fruit duty roster) whereby you may only have to donate an hour of your time to ensure this great idea can become reality. It would be such a shame to see our canteen go unused for yet another term.

The response we get will determine if this can go ahead. If it does then a roster will be drawn up and sent out. You would be rostered on with one to two other people.

If you are able to assist in any way we would love to hear from you. Please fill in the below form and return to school by no later than Monday 13th October.

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CANTEEN ROSTER for Term 4

Yes I can help with opening our kids canteen on a Friday in Term 4

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

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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)**
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For information or bookings:
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