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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

It’s lovely to see so many families playing in the yard before and after school, enjoying the sunny weather and socialising together. I would however, like to remind families that teachers are on duty for fifteen minutes before and after school and that parents are in charge of supervising their children once they have collected them from classrooms. Student safety is important to us and any students who have not been collected are brought into the office area whilst we contact families. Any children remaining in the yard after 3.45PM should be supervised by parents.

A reminder also that classroom doors open at 8.45AM so children may come inside, unpack their bags, hand in notes and generally get ready so class learning can begin at 9am. If they wish to continue playing they can return to the yard until the bell rings. This is also a convenient time for parents to see teachers if they wish to pass on a quick message.

This week we welcomed new students Kushi and Abhay into Grades 5 and 6. We know they will soon feel at home and make many new friends at Greensborough Primary.

The calendar for Term Four printed above looks quite daunting but we hope that by listing all the scheduled events, it makes it easier for families to plan ahead and keep up to date with school activities.

**2015 Grade Structure**

Work is continuing on the Grade Structure and staffing for 2015. At the next School Council meeting on October 27th School Council will be presented with a model for next year and this will be communicated to the school community in the next newsletter. We will then begin the process of allocating students to their grades for next year. This process includes students nominating friendship groups, teachers considering school data on academic abilities and needs, staff input on balanced work and social groups and parent input on specific requests for their children. If you do have any specific requests for next year please let me know and this can be factored into decision making. Notification of 2015 grades will be sent home with reports on Friday December 12th and students will meet their 2015 teachers and spend the morning with them on Tuesday **16th December**

Letters have been sent home to all families who have prep students commencing next year with details of the November transition program and Parent Information session on November 26th.

**Curriculum Day - Monday 3rd November**

A reminder to parents that Monday 3rd November is a student free day. Teachers will attend school on this day and work together to analyse student achievement data and moderate student results to ensure consistency in end of year reports.

Out of hours School Care will not operate on this day as many families have a long weekend before Cup Day and there are not enough students to warrant running it.

**Buildings and Grounds**

Thank you to all the families and students who have been helping to maintain and improve our school grounds. Last week Josie, mother of Zayne and Jamal laid newspapers and mulch in the Grade 3/4 garden beds and gave this area a much needed ‘facelift’. Ben’s family sourced fifteen free pittosporum screening plants on the internet, talked Bunnings into waiving the fee for trailer hire and planted them in our garden beds. They have made a great addition to our gardens at the front of the school. Leah, mother of Amy and Sarah is in the process of rejuvenating garden beds around the school and clearing them of weeds. A band of children in Prep and Grade 5/6 have enthusiastically helped out and were recognised at Monday’s assembly with certificates and ribbons. We are very fortunate to have a community who generously donate their time and talents in so many different ways at GPS.
Working Bee
To continue our grounds improvement work we are having a Working Bee on Wednesday 12th November from 3pm – 6pm, followed by a sausage sizzle. One of the main tasks at this working bee will be wheelbarrowing soil to back fill the terracing that Wayne has built near the oval with, in preparation for planting. We hope many families will be able to assist us.

Athletics
Last week we congratulated Danniil and Ania for their success at the Divisional Athletics Carnival and making it through to the Regional Carnival. This was an outstanding achievement for both students and we are very proud of their efforts. We are now very excited for Daniil who came first in the 80m hurdle and will compete at the State Championships! We wish you good luck Daniil and look forward to hearing of your progress.

Canteen
Thank you to Simone Baldwin and the parents who have volunteered to reopen the canteen on Fridays (beginning tomorrow) on a fortnightly basis, selling frozen tubes and cold drinks. A note was sent home on Monday informing families of prices and dates. Our students appreciate your efforts, especially as the hot weather sets in.

Lost Property
We have a large number of jumpers and jackets in Lost Property, as well as some lunch boxes and containers. Items that are named are promptly returned to students and we urge families to check clothing and rewrite names in case they have washed off. Please also check Lost Property as any unclaimed clothing that remains by October 31st will be washed and placed in our second hand uniform supply to be sold for a gold coin donation.

Annual Report to the Community
Every year Victorian Government schools complete an Annual Report which is a summary of the Financial and Academic performance of the school over that year. These reports are public documents for all to read and whilst there are copies available at the school office, there will also be the opportunity for interested community members to attend the next School Council meeting where the annual report will be tabled prior to the commencement of general business.

Walk to School Breakfast
As part of our Health Integrated Studies unit this term we are celebrating ‘Walk To School October’ and having a breakfast on the netball court before school on Friday October 31st. We hope many students and their families will be able to join us.

Egg Cartons Reminder
Thank you to the families who have placed empty egg cartons in the tub in the foyer. Diamond Valley Foodshare has asked for donations of egg cartons to save the expense of purchasing them to safely pack eggs donated by local supermarkets. If any more families would like to send their empty egg cartons to school to support local families in need, please send them along and we will forward them to Foodshare.

Walkathon – Crazy Hat Theme!
Don’t forget Thursday November 6th is the date for our Term Four Walkathon. This is our final fundraiser to purchase sports equipment for our students to use during recess and lunch breaks. Samantha Molyneaux is organising this year’s event and we hope students are recording sponsors on the form sent home last week. This year students and family members are encouraged to wear a ‘Crazy Hat’ and join in the fun.
Cyber Safety
Gemma Pearce returned from her professional development day on Cyber Safety last week with very sobering information. Gemma is working with staff on classroom strategies to keep our students safe when using social media and the Internet. To help families Gemma Pearce has included an article in this newsletter and a ‘Tips for Parents’ page as a tear off at the back of the newsletter. (The information brochures for parents are in such a high demand that they are out of stock and not available this year – they can be accessed on the ACMA website.)

Angela Morritt
Principal

Assistant Principal’s Report
Playgroup at GPS
It is exciting for us to be talking about having a playgroup that would be held in the hall at GPS. Not only is it nice to know that there might be lovely little babies and their parents floating around our school, but it is a way for our school to engage the interest of potential school families. We need to ensure that we have a plan for the future as our Art for Tiny Tots program, now has a lot more competition from other local schools, offering the same type of program.

It is envisaged that the playgroup would commence in Term One of 2015, on a Tuesday morning 9.30-10.45am. We would provide tea, coffee and a lovely fruit platter per session, and to offset these costs we will request a gold coin donation from families participating. We have some exciting ideas about guest speakers, particularly using the experience and expertise of school staff.

Our Aim is to be part of the mix as the newest members of our community are starting to grow, learn and develop through play, experience new things and developing confidence to socialise with other babies. We also want parents to have an opportunity to meet and make new friends in a comfortable and relaxed environment.

What do we need?
At this stage we are hoping for some clean, quality second hand toys. We are hoping to buy storage tubs and a rug or two. What are we looking for/wanting? In really good condition we are after:
Any Lamaze or Fisher Price baby toys
Baby playmats (washable ones preferred), or A Frames for on blanket play, ABC Foam Mats
Trucks or Cars
Mega Blocks and Fabric blocks
Balls (soft, fabric or sensory balls)
Tools Benches
Pots/Pans – toys or old clean kitchen ones
Dress ups or material, bags, hats to be used
Toddler walkers
Dolls prams – sturdy and hard wearing
A CD player (that still works)
Baby/toddler Music

If you are able to help out please bring to school office or contact Margaret Hirth

Margaret Hirth
Assistant Principal

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Cyber Smart

Last Thursday I was fortunate enough to attend the Australian Communications and Media Authority Cybersmart Outreach Program. During the program there was a focus on Cybersafety Education and the impact of online behaviour on social and emotional development.

- 75% of primary-aged students have an internet accessible device
- 50% of students aged Grade 3 and up have multiple devices

It is vital that we protect students from inappropriate material online, while also teaching them to self-manage their online activity. This term our school focus is on being HEALTHY and SAFE. Online behaviour is an increasingly important aspect of health and safety and will be integrated in classroom programs not only throughout this term, but all the way through a student’s school life.

It is important that parents and carers are also involved in their children’s online behaviour. To assist in this area, we are providing a fortnightly information sheet about apps that are frequently used by students. This week the information is about Kik, an online messaging service that is popular with young people. You can also visit the Cybersmart website, a great resource for any parents who would like further information about Cyber Safety – www.cybersmart.gov.au

Gemma Pearce

Integrated Studies for term 4 at G.P.S.

This term our whole school is working toward being fit and healthy in our Integrated Studies units that focus us all on Personal Development and Health.

Each grade level has developed intriguing ways to encourage our students to think learn and participate in a range of Healthy activities.

The Preps are working through a unit called ‘Superkids. Fit and Healthy’. They began by focussing on ‘Healthy’ and ‘Sometimes’ food choices. They will participate in a series of lessons to learn to take care of themselves through the ‘Sneezesafe’ and ‘Dr Brushwell’ programs. They are participating in the ‘Walk to School October’ challenge and will have their own class walking challenge in November, join in the School Walkathon, School Swimming, Yoga classes and the Responsible Pet Ownership programs too, all supported by our Mini chefs cooking classes!

The Grade One and Two students have begun investigating Health and Safety this term through their unit ‘Staying safe in Tip Top Shape’. Students began by learning to be safe around water to coincide with our school swimming program. Next they will develop skills and knowledge to promote Cyber Safety whilst accessing the Internet. Later in the term, students will be exploring the internal organs of the human body and how to keep their organs healthy. The Grade 1 and 2 children will join the Preps for the Responsible Pet Ownership program, Swimming, Yoga, ‘Walk to School October’ program and join in the School Walkathon too!

In Grade 3 and 4, the students will be focussing on developing understandings of Physical and Mental Health. They will be researching the Human Body and learning about a range of ways that ensure we remain healthy. A major part of their study will focus on understanding concepts of acceptance of ourselves and others. Everyone will be setting personal goals for their learning and fitness in an effort to see how goal setting can provide structure, focus and direction for our lives. Strategies of Resilience will be covered in their fortnightly ‘Bounce Back’ programs. There will be an important focus on ways to be Cyber safe as they conduct their research on the Internet. Students will participate in the whole school activities of Swimming, Yoga, ‘Walk to School October’ program and join in the School Walkathon.
“How can I be empowered by my actions to make sure my environment is a positive one?” is a huge question posed by the Grade 5 and 6 teachers for their students to ponder, investigate and utilise in their bid to improve their personal Health and Fitness. There are physical, emotional and social changes that happen through every part of our life stages. During this term the Grade 5/6s are focusing on several areas within this topic. One such question for discussion and problem solving skill development, will be “We are all individuals with our own needs and wants, how do we get along with others we meet, learn with, play with and make friends with?.” Importantly students will share ideas and opinions about belonging to a group of friends or a team and the rights and responsibilities that that requires. Students will discuss good and bad choices and the consequences surrounding both. Our senior students will have opportunities to participate in the whole school activities of Swimming, Yoga,’ Walk to School October’ program and join in the School walkathon too!

So then across the school we are learning about our Personal Development and Health in a wide range of very interesting challenges. After all that walking we should be fit…just in time for Christmas!

Michelle Crawford

Student Welfare News

Bounce Back  This fortnight, the Grade 1/2s continued their unit on ‘Friendship’. Last time we talked about how being helpful is one way of being friendly, and this week we looked at why it is important to take turns. We also explored the type of voice you use, or tone, when you ask someone to take turns. The children realized that an angry voice or a shy voice probably won’t work, but that a calm, confident voice will!
The Grade 3/4s just started their unit on Emotions. Over the next two weeks we will look at the difference between thoughts and feelings. We will also consider the difference between pleasant and unpleasant emotions, and that emotions are an important and normal part of being human.

Our 5/6s are continuing their unit on ‘Emotions’. This time we will be examining Fear and Anxiety. We will look at why we feel anxious sometimes, what happens in our body when we feel anxious and how to calm ourselves down again. The students are going to be taught a couple of mindfulness based exercises as one possible strategy for dealing with stress.

Hope you are all well and take care.

Emma Bevan

Mini Fete

November 27th 2014 3:30pm-5:30pm

The teachers of Greensborough Primary School have been busy getting ready for the Mini Fete next month! Here is a list of the stalls/activities that each class will be organising.

Prep and Mrs Crawford – Selling Silly Putty
1/2A Mrs Donaldson – Toy Sale
1/2B Miss Molyneaux – Lucky Dip & Guessing Games
3/4A Miss Thomson and Mrs Storey – Colouring Competition
3/4B and Mr Blake – Selling Seedlings
5/6A and Miss Plesa – Face Painting and Hair Spray
5/6B and Miss Pearce – Ring Toss and Guess the Jellybeans
Art and Ms Troy – Selling Art Supplies
And much, much more!

If you have anything to donate (face paint, lucky dip prizes, toys, etc.) we would really appreciate it.

Thank you in advance for all of your support.

All proceeds go towards the Grade 6 graduation celebrations.

Maria Plesa

Greensborough staff and JSC.

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**Library News**

**Two for One Sale**
On the Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th November, the library will be running a Buy One Get One Free Book Fair. Ashton Scholastic offered us this opportunity and for every book that you purchase you receive a second book of equal or lesser value FREE.

This could be a good opportunity to purchase books for your gifts, your children, Christmas presents or you might like to donate a book to the library. We have book plates that will be placed in the front of the book if you would like to make a donation to the school.

We will only be selling books. The school is not receiving any free books for running this book fair. We just thought it was an opportunity too good to miss.

**Overdue Books**
If books have been lost a note will be sent home as per school policy that requests 50% of the cost of the book. School Council made the decision that if a cost towards the replacement of lost books was not made within an appropriate time [3 months] then that amount would be added to your school account. I am very sorry that this is necessary but lost books are very expensive to replace – a hard cover Picture Story Book is between $25 and $30, whilst Fiction books can range from $10-$20.

Thank you to those people who have contacted me regarding lost books. I understand that books are misplaced or left at other relative’s homes. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns regarding your child’s lost books.

**Donations**
Thanks again for all those families who have donated books to the library. If they are suitable I will add them to the collection, or if appropriate to the Reading scheme. Otherwise I add them to Southern Cross recycling.

Thanks again
Happy Reading

*Jen Farley*

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**Woodwork Incursion – Grades 3-6**

On Thursday 11th September, our Grade 3-6 students enjoyed a Woodwork incursion conducted by the education centre Learning By Doing. Each Grade spent an hour and half working intensively in a workshop that covered tracing, sanding, sawing, smoothing, using hammer and nails and more. It was fantastic to see all students so focussed, engaged and happy with the outcomes they achieved!

*Grade 3/4 students made a windmill.*

*Grade 5/6 students made a crane.*
Learning By Doing also run School Holiday Programs and Woodwork Birthday Parties. For further information, visit www.learningbydoing.com.au

**Art News**

**Art Extension Group**

This term Grade 3/4 and Grade 1/2 students will be working on projects in the Art Extension Group. The 3/4s will start the term with a makeover project on the stools in the Art room. We will be creating a permanent and relevant display of the works of prominent artists using the method of decoupage.

Congratulations to the following Grade 3/4 students who have been selected for the Art Extension Program: Ami, Ashley, Stuart, Jamal, Grace, Lachie, Ala, Sarah, Angus, Cooper, Jack and Erin.

Watch out during the next couple of weeks for the installation of our new bollards in the garden leading to the office. The Grade 5/6 Art Extension group has done a sensational job creating them and we look forward to seeing them brighten up the garden whilst reinforcing our school values.

**Term 4 Visual Arts Program**
Our focus this term is on Printmaking. All grades are developing new skills in a variety of different printmaking methods, such as vegetable prints, stencil splatter prints, rubbings, foam block prints, cardboard prints, incised foam prints and linocuts.

*Janet Troy,  
Art Teacher.*

**MUSIC/JAPANESE NEWS**

**THE ‘BIG SONG’**:  
Currently in music sessions everyone in the school is getting to know this year’s ‘Big Song’, which is called “Paint You a Song”. This is a song learnt by children all around Australia, and sung simultaneously at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday 30th October. It is expected that 500,000 students will sing the song at that time! The aim of this activity every year is to highlight the benefits to children of being involved in music and of school music programs. Here is a link where families can read about this event and see and hear the song. There is also a video clip about the composing and performances of the song from 2012, “Diff'rent People” : [http://www.musiccountusin.org.au/](http://www.musiccountusin.org.au/)

**WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT, 12.00 - 1.15, Thursday 30th October**  
We are having a Greensborough Primary School concert where everyone gets to show parents and each other what we have been doing in music classes. As well as singing “Paint You a Song”, all the children will play instruments – marimbas, xylophones, glockenspiels and percussion such as drums.  
PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO COME ALONG to the Hall at 12.00 on Thursday 30th October. We look forward to seeing you then.

**JON MADIN IS COMING BACK** – Tuesday 2nd December  
Families who were at Greensborough Primary School two years ago will remember the wonderful music incursion we had ith Jon Madin, who brings a van full of musical delights including Echocellos, Music Bikes, and marimbas. On Tuesday 2nd December he will return and all grades 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](http://www.marimbamusic.com.au)

As in previous visits, Jon will lead all children in a concert in the school hall at 2.30 p.m., and interested family members can come along and enjoy the children’s musical performances.  
*Please note that the cost for this incursion of $8 per child has already been included in your family account. Thank you to those who are up to date with payments.*

*(Ms) Heather McLaughlin  
Music/Japanese Teacher.*

**Parents Club**

**Food Days** - Thank you to Baker's Delight for another terrific lunch day last Friday. A note went home this week for the next food day - Friday Oct 31st. This time it is a sausage sizzle, so please return your forms ASAP. More forms are available at the office. Amount raised last term from Baker's Delight days was $629.65.

**Father's Day stall** - Thank you to all the helpers!! We raised $462.42.

**Scouts Raffle** - Thank you to Sylvia for organising the Scouts Raffle again this year, and for all families who bought tickets. We raised $526.30. The raffle was drawn on September 19, but unfortunately there were no prize winners from our school this time. For a full list of prize winners visit the Scouts Raffle website ([www.ourschoolraffle.com.au](http://www.ourschoolraffle.com.au)).

**Christmas Raffle** - We are putting together some great prizes for this year’s raffle, but welcome any donations from school families. Suggestions are bottles of wine, children's...
toys (new & unopened), or anything else in brand new condition. Thank you to those that have donated items already.

**Trivia Night 2015** - SAVE THE DATE! Saturday May 23rd is the night for our trivia night. All donations for the silent auction are appreciated, so please keep this in mind over the holidays for any unwanted Christmas gifts!

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Reminder Book Club orders are due back on Friday 24th of October. Books make great birthday and Christmas gifts. Please make a note on the order if you wish to pick up your purchase directly from the school office.
Term Four ~ Week 1 Week Ending October 10th 2014

Prep ~ Grace ~ What a delightful new friend we have. Congratulations on a fabulous first week at GPS!
Grade 1/2 A ~ Akeem ~ For a wonderful first week at Greensborough Primary School.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Alex ~ For all your help and your fabulous behaviour at the Grade 2 Sleepover.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Isabelle ~ For her fantastic writing this week.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Maslah ~ For working so well on your Information Report on the Australian kangaroo. Keep pushing yourself.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Ania ~ For placing first in the Division Athletics.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Daniil ~ For his wonderful achievements at the Division Athletics.
Art ~ Lucy ~ For always approaching her Art projects with a positive attitude and great talent.
Library ~ Lachie D. ~ For working with excellent concentration during his Library session.
Student Wellbeing ~ Max H ~ For the compassion he showed a homeless person on the excursion to the city.

Term Four ~ Week 2 Week Ending October 17th 2014

Prep ~ Kleio ~ For excellent concentration and contributing to her Guided Reading sessions. Awesome work Kleio!
Grade 1/2 A ~ Lucas and Harvey ~ For volunteering their help at the Prep/ Grade 1 Breakfast.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Olivia ~ For a fantastic Big Write this week.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Teague ~ For showing such a positive attitude in all areas of his class work this week.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Chloe ~ For your great effort during Literacy in creating an Information Report. Keep it up!
Grade 5/6 A ~ Sean Patrick ~ For his amazing effort during Magic Maths this week.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Abhi ~ For his persistence and effort when reading. He has gone up another level.
OHSC ~ Emily ~ For always having lovely manners. Well done!
Art ~ James S ~ For achieving great results in Printmaking in Art this week.
Music Japanese ~ Britney ~ For the enthusiasm she shows for playing the Marimba.
Student Wellbeing ~ James F ~ For his enthusiasm during Bounce Back last Tuesday.