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| Friday 7\(^{th}\) November | Swimming  
                     Prep Transition |
| Monday 10\(^{th}\) November   | Recycle Week - Grades 3/4 excursion to Rethink Centre  |
| Tuesday 11\(^{th}\) November  | Two for One Book Fair  
                           Yoga  
                           Southern Cross Recycling |
| Wednesday 12\(^{th}\) November | Two for One Book Fair  
                           Working Bee 3 - 6 PM |
| Thursday 13\(^{th}\) November | Volunteer's morning tea |
| Friday 14\(^{th}\) November    | Prep Transition  
                           Swimming |
| Tuesday 18\(^{th}\) November   | Yoga - Grade 3 - 4 Bounce Back |
| Friday 21\(^{st}\) November    | Prep Transition  
                           Swimming |
| Monday 24\(^{th}\) November    | Responsible Pet Ownership incursion  
                           School Council Sub Committee meeting week |
| Tuesday 25\(^{th}\) November   | Yoga |
| Wednesday 26\(^{th}\) November | Prep Parents Information session 7PM |
| Thursday 27\(^{th}\) November  | Mini Fete 3:30PM |
| Friday 28\(^{th}\) November    | Prep Transition  
                           Swimming |
| Tuesday 2\(^{nd}\) December    | Jon Madin incursion  
                           Yoga |
| Friday 5\(^{th}\) December     | Swimming |
| Monday 8\(^{th}\) December     | Junior School Council Christmas Breakup  
                           School Council Meeting 7PM |
| Tuesday 9\(^{th}\) December    | Year 7 Orientation  
                           Yoga / Subway Sounds Senior Concert Panton Hill Hotel 6 PM |
| Wednesday 10\(^{th}\) December | Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony |
| Friday 12\(^{th}\) December    | Reports sent home  
                           Swimming  
                           Subway Sounds Junior Music Concert 2:30PM |
| Monday 15\(^{th}\) December    | End of Year Picnic |
| Tuesday 16\(^{th}\) December   | Yoga  
                           Students meet grades and teachers for 2014 |
| Thursday 18\(^{th}\) December  | Grade 6 Big Day Out |
| Friday 19\(^{th}\) December    | Last Day of Term 4 1:30pm Finish |
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Whilst many families enjoyed a longer break over the Cup weekend, teachers were very busy on Monday analysing student achievement data and moderating results for report writing. Over the coming weeks students will be involved in further assessment tasks and teachers will use these results to set their learning and teaching goals for the remainder of term four.

Recently Erin Donaldson participated in professional learning to become our Data Manager and expert in the use of software (Student Performance Analyser - SPA) that allows us to analyse, display, store and communicate our school assessment data. SPA enables us to interpret and monitor the progress of individual students, groups of students and whole school cohorts quickly and easily. We are very excited about this program as it enables us to quickly identify school trends and use our data to focus on differentiating the curriculum to best meet the needs of our students. We look forward to Erin sharing her new skills with all staff.

2015 Grade Structure

Below is the proposed grade structure for 2015 based on our current information on enrolments and staffing. The staffing schedule is based on the following changes:

- Heather McLaughlin is retiring however we are very pleased that Heather is keen to come back and run activities in a Music Week each term.
- Step Into Life will recommence for all grades and class teachers will take Physical Education lessons.
- Emma Bevan has requested her time fraction is reduced to one day per week
- As per Department of Education guidelines, beginning 2015, Prep students will have a weekly session of a second language, which will be French.
- Grades 1-6 will participate in a Cultural Awareness program which will focus on key aspects of different countries.
- We will continue to offer Magic Maths, Corrective Reading, Spelling Mastery, Art Extension and are looking to implement a Reading Extension program for Grade 5/6 students.

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We are very excited that our 2015 programs will deliver an engaging curriculum to students and we are also looking at incorporating additional programs as we have done in the past, e.g. yoga and circus skills.
In the next fortnight students will be asked to name three friends they would like to have in their grade next year. This greatly assists us when we come to forming classes, as there are many factors that are considered when placing students in grades and ensuring students have at least one nominated friend is important to us. Thank you to parents who have come to see me with requests for next year, if there are any additional requests please drop in and see myself or Margaret or leave a note at the office.

**Remembrance Day and RSL Scholarships**

On Tuesday 11th November, Grades Prep-Six will gather on the netball court at 11am to observe one minute's silence to remember the men and women who have served Australia in all wars and armed conflicts. Our School Vice-Captains, Jordan and Daniil, will read the Ode of Remembrance and place a wreath at the base of our flag pole. Family members are very welcome to attend. After this ceremony, the Junior School Councillors will accompany Mrs Hirth to War Memorial Park to lay the wreath.

Also on this day our School Captains, Nina and Jasper, will represent our school at a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Watsonia RSL. This very moving service will consist of speeches by veterans followed by our students laying a wreath with other community groups.

We congratulate Nina and Jasper who are the worthy recipients of scholarships for Year 7, provided by the Watsonia RSL. These scholarships are in recognition of the excellent leadership qualities our school captains display. We are very proud of Nina and Jasper and know they will be excellent ambassadors for our school.

**Yoga To Go**

We are looking forward to next Tuesday 11th November when all students will begin “Yoga To Go Kids”. This program will run for six weeks until the end of term and enables our students to learn and apply positive, healthy physical fitness skills through a range of visual and auditory stimuli and physical movement exercises.

This interdisciplinary program combines fundamental movement and physical activities to produce favorable outcomes including:

- Increased concentration, coordination and energy levels
- Improved balance, posture and natural flexibility
- Recognition of the rights, values and feelings of others; accepting differences and managing conflict
- Relaxation and mindfulness techniques
- Team work, tactics and strategies displayed in team games and group work
- Increased knowledge of how physical activity contributes to a healthy and active lifestyle
- Decreased stress & anxiety, enhanced health & wellbeing

‘Yoga To Go’ supplements the wellbeing programs already in place at GPS that focus on developing physical, social, emotional skills and self-regulating strategies to cultivate wellbeing, resilience and lifelong learning

**Southern Cross Recycling - November 11th**

A reminder that our last Southern Cross Recycling Day for 2014 is Tuesday 11th November, to fit in with National Recycling Week. So if you have a free moment this weekend you might like to ‘spring clean’ your cupboards and send along toys, manchester items, books, etc to raise funds for Grade 6 Graduation. Prior to collection, if any families spy a ‘treasure’ in the recycled goods they would like to take home, just contact the office to make a donation. As we are paid by weight, a gold or silver coin donation would be sufficient.

**Walk To School Breakfast**

Our recent “Walk To School Breakfast” was so successful and highly enjoyed by students and families, we have decided to continue this as a weekly event each Friday for the remainder of Term four. If you are unable to walk to school then perhaps a few laps of the school grounds could be completed before having breakfast on the netball court.

**Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015**
Parents are advised that from 1 January 2015, the government will no longer provide the Education Maintenance Allowance to parents. The government will provide Victoria’s neediest schools with extra financial support, however Greensborough Primary does not fall into this category. Any parents who have questions about this change may contact myself or Margaret, and as always, we are happy to set up payment plans to assist parents to cover school costs.

**Walkathon**
Thank you to all the families who supported our Walkathon today, through sponsorship, walking with students or assisting with counting laps. All monies raised will be used to buy classroom sports equipment for students to use at recess and lunch breaks. We ask families to return sponsorship funds by Friday November 21st so we can order equipment as soon as possible.

**Parents and Friends**
Thank you to Kim Hill for volunteering to be the coordinator of our Parents and Friends sub-committee. This role has been shared this year by Lara Cowan, Ros Murfet, Tina Bell, Marita Beard and Kim and we are very appreciative of their fantastic efforts. We know everyone will continue to support Kim in her new role and we look forward to successful events run by P&F.

Angela Morritt
Principal

**Assistant Principal’s Report**

**Buildings and Grounds**

Last Sunday the Corrections Crew spent the day at the school and, in addition to the regular tasks of clearing paths and raking and replenishing the sandpits, they made a start on moving soil to the embankment area between the oval and path which has recently had sleeper edges installed to limit erosion and create an area where we can plant hardy plants such as grasses and ultimately install some additional seating.

At the **Working Bee** on **Wednesday 12**th **November from 3.00 to 6.00pm** we are hoping to move another load of soil and then mulch this area so this project can be ready to move on to the next stage. If you are able to volunteer some time next Wednesday, even if it is for only an hour, it would be most appreciated. If you could please fill out the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter we will have an idea of how many people will be in attendance so we will know how much soil and mulch to order. A sausage sizzle bar-b-que and drinks will be provided to replenish energy levels for all the volunteer workers.

**Student Accounts**

This week final accounts have been sent out to all Grade Six student’s families as these accounts need to be finalised prior to students exiting the school at the end of the year.

This week accounts have also been sent out to families with outstanding swimming accounts as the school has received the invoice for payment from Water Marc and payment for swimming is now required in order for ongoing participation in the program.

Next week accounts will be sent out to all families which will include the 2015 Subject Contributions and Voluntary payment schedules. Next year the Subject Contributions Charge which covers all books, texts, resources and activities purchased for or provided for the specific use of the individual student will be $180 per student. These expenses, as set out in the Education Department Parent Payment Policy, are the parents’ responsibility for payment. The **Educational Maintenance Allowance** which has previously provided some financial support for educational costs ceases at the end of 2014. We are happy for families to pay the Subject Contribution charge in whatever instalments work within family budgets and would encourage families to contact the office and let us know how you would like to pay the 2015 accounts.

In addition to the Subject Contribution charge there are four Voluntary Payments which are absolutely at the discretion of families if they would like to contribute to and support these
programs. Families may choose to support one, all or none of the Voluntary Contribution programs. Families may elect to contribute the $20, they may donate less or more, it is entirely a voluntary process at the discretion of each family.

Voluntary Contributions
Buildings and Grounds - $20 - This payment assist the ongoing safe maintenance of school grounds, paying to have paths kept clear and branches and leaf litter cleared and removed.
ICT (Information, Communication, Technology) - $20 - This payment will go towards ongoing maintenance of existing computers, laptops and other ICT hardware.
Library - $20 – This payment will go towards the purchase and processing of resources for the library.
Student Welfare Worker - $20 – With the removal of Federal Government funding for the Student Welfare Worker program we are looking at a range of options to fund and maintain this highly valued program at the school. One of the first ways we are hoping to generate funds is through the voluntary contributions program.

Margaret Hirth
Assistant Principal

Student Welfare News
Boost Your Kids Happiness
Over recent years researchers have identified a number of different practices that can increase levels of happiness and decrease feelings of depression and anxiety. One of these exercises is called ‘3 Good Things’. Positive psychologists Martin Seligman and Tracy Steen found that when people thought about 3 Good Things that had happened in their day, and why they had happened, their levels of happiness improved over time. When it finally gets to the end of the day it can be easy to think about all the things that have been frustrating or we have failed to achieve. However, making the conscious shift to consider 3 Good Things that happened in your day and why they happened can be a proactive way to reflect positively on the day. You can try it with your children too. Here are a couple of ideas to help you incorporate this practice into family life:

1. Mealtimes
When you are eating dinner, turn the TV off, and ask each family member in turn to list 3 Good Things about their day and why they happened. Offer praise and encouragement such as “Well isn’t that fantastic, you had a great time with your friends because you were all taking it in turns”, or “So you finished your house in Minecraft because you were patient and persisted”.

2. Make up a Night-time Card
This works best with younger children. Ask your child to help you make a poster titled ‘My Night time Card’. On the poster write ‘What were 3 Good Things about my day?’ If your child finds it too difficult to work out why these things happened, try adding to the card two more questions such as “When did I feel loved today? And when did I feel happy today?” Put the Night time Card on the wall next to where they sleep and then go through the questions at night as part of your night time routine.
3. Try texting
Younger children will often be quite easy to engage in the above activities, however as children get older they are less likely to want to communicate face to face and tend to find the above exercises ‘embarrassing’. Christine Carter, the author of Raising Happiness, says that she and her teenage children now text their 3 Good Things to each other, as they refuse to do it face to face. So rather than not do it at all, she texts them at the end of the day as a way of staying in touch and continuing to teach them to be positive.
See how you go with these exercises because even just a little bit more happiness is a good thing!

Emma Bevan

Mini Fete
Thursday 27th November 3:30pm – 5:30pm
Just a reminder that the Mini Fete is only 3 weeks away.
The Junior School Council representatives will be asking their classmates for any donations or for parent helpers within the next few weeks. Keep a look out in the newsletters for any updates.
Mini Fete – Face Painting and Hair Spray
Grade 5/6A will be holding a face painting and coloured hairspray stall for the Mini Fete. Any donations of the following would be appreciated and can be dropped off to Room 6 5/6A:
- Coloured Hairspray
- Face paint
- Small/thin paintbrushes
- Make-up sponges
Thank you in advance,

Maria Plesa
Greensborough staff and 5/6A

Skoolbag App
We are currently conducting a trial of the Skoolbag App to help us communicate more effectively with our school community.
For example the following can be sent through the App:
- reminders for school events the night before they occur
- permission forms and information notes for events and food days homework
- class and school newsletters
We are trialing the iPhone/iPad version for 30 days, if we continue with the App after the trial we will then get the Android version also.
The Publicity and Marketing Sub-Committee is asking our school community to install and trial the Skoolbag App. To install it, just look for "Skoolbag Greensborough" in the Apple App Store, and install it on your iPhone or iPad. If you need help with adding the app please refer here: http://www.skoolbag.com.au/forparents.php
For those who do not have smart phones, you can subscribe to the updates via email through our school website: http://www.greensborough.vic.edu.au/
We welcome your feedback on the Skoolbag App, either in writing to the school office or you can message our Facebook page.
Marita Beard
Publicity and Marketing Sub-Committee
Library News

Two for One Sale

Next week we are holding a **Buy One Get One Free Book Fair**. Ashton Scholastic have offered us this opportunity and for every book that you purchase you receive a second book of equal or lesser value **FREE**. We will be opening on the afternoon of **Tuesday 11th** and running until the afternoon of **Thursday 13th**. This could be a good opportunity to purchase books for 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. Payment can be made by cash or eftpos machine. I look forward to seeing you there.

**If anyone has a half hour to spare and would like to assist with the selling can they please send a message via the office or speak to me personally.**

**Opening hours**
Tuesday 3.00-4.15pm
Wednesday 8.15-9.00am
Wednesday 3.30-4.15pm
Thursday 8.15-9.00am
Thursday 3.00-4.15pm

Thanks again
Happy Reading

*Jen Farley*

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Parents Club

**Parents & Friends welcomes Kim Hill** to the role of coordinator. Kim is Mum to Emily in Prep and is already actively involved in many of our activities.

**Food Days** - We hope all students enjoyed the sausage sizzle last Friday. Our next Food Day is a Baker's Delight day on Friday 14th November. Order forms have already gone home and spare ones are available at the office. Please return all orders by Monday 10th.

**Christmas Picnic** - Keep an eye out for the BBQ roster in the school office. We are seeking BBQ helpers for half hour shifts on the night.

**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.

**Canteen** Thanks to some more volunteers coming forward to help we will have the canteen operating on Friday 7th November, 21st November then every Friday up to and including 12th December.

Parents & Friends
SUBWAY SOUNDS CONCERT EVENTS

It is time once again for the Subway Sounds Concert. This year we are dividing the concert into two halves, the junior and senior concerts. The junior concert will involve all children enrolled in the Subway Sounds program from grades prep to four. This will be on Friday December the 12th at 2.30pm in the school hall. All parents are invited and the whole school will be our audience.

I am very excited about our senior concert this year as I have been able to organize a special venue. The senior concert (Gr. 5, 6s and many after-school private students) is to be moved off-site to the Panton Hill Hotel and will take place on Tuesday December 9th. This will be an evening event and we wish to start the music at around 7pm but as the Panton Hill hotel management have agreed to close the hotel to the general public and make the entire establishment available only for Greensborough Primary School families, I want to encourage all parents to make a good night out of this evening and make use of the fully licensed restaurant the hotel has.

The Panton Hill Hotel is a family friendly establishment with a full restaurant and bar and has been entirely booked for the Greensborough Primary School community for this evening; it will not be open to the general public. I feel this event will be a great experience for all the children involved as I know it has been in past years when I have organized such activities for other schools.

The drive to Panton Hill from Greensborough is about 20 minutes and the hotel's website is http://www.pantonhillhotel.com.au. The contact phone number is 9719 7270. Please let me know if you are having trouble getting to the venue: my mobile is always with me (0407 160 191)

I think this will be a fantastic event and I look forward to meeting everyone and chatting at the conclusion of our performance.

Sincerely

Christian Duboudin
(Subway Sounds)

Banyule Community Transport Workshop

Banyule Council are developing a new 10 year Integrated Transport Plan for the municipality and would like to hear the community’s ideas regarding this matter. If you would like to participate in the planning you can email your ideas to traffic@banyule.vic.gov.au or write to Integrated Transport Plan PO Box 51 Ivanhoe 3079 by the end of November 2014. For more information go to www.banyule.vic.gov.au.
Term Four ~ Week3 Week Ending October 24th 2014

Prep ~ Leah ~ For amazing counting, adding numbers and writing them too! Fabulous!
Grade 1/2 A ~ Kate ~ For her outstanding behaviour every day during learning time. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Oscar ~ For always being a polite and helpful student.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Max H ~ For such tremendous results with his reading this week. Great work Max!
Grade 3/4 B ~ Aaron ~ For being such a hard worker. You always give your best. Great job!
Grade 5/6 A ~ Daniel C ~ For being an all round good student and always trying his hardest.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Jakob ~ For the HUGE improvement in his latest reading test. Well done!
Art ~ Harry B ~ For showing empathy to other children in the playground. Well done Harry.
Student Wellbeing ~ Ania ~ For always behaving with respect and kindness.

Term Four ~ Week 4 Week Ending October 31st 2014

Prep ~ Shanon ~ For his outstanding effort in learning to read and write. He is so proud and we are proud of him.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Holly ~ For displaying a HUGE improvement in her hand writing.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Ana ~ For her exceptional work during Maths sessions this week.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Stuart ~ For his consistent hard work and the effort he puts in to all of his school work.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Ella ~ For trying her hardest in everything she does. You are improving so much!
Grade 5/6 B ~ James F ~ For his persistence and effort when working towards his goals.
Art ~ Colin S ~ For persisting with his weaving and achieving great results.

Working Bee – Wednesday 12th November 3.00- 6.00pm
Family Name……………………………………………………………………………………………………
I will be able to support the Woking Bee in the following time-slot
3.00-4.00
4.00-5.00
5.00-6.00