Borough Bulletin February 19th 2015

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Our terrific start to the year has continued and students and staff are to be congratulated for establishing excellent routines in the classroom and yard. Several visitors to the school this week have commented on the calm atmosphere in the school and on how focussed teachers and students were on their learning programs. Last week saw the commencement of our regular classroom and intervention/extension programs, including Spelling Mastery (Grades 3-6), Corrective Reading (Grades 2-6) and Magic Maths (Grades 1-6).

Mrs Farley is running an extension literacy program with the grade 5/6 students and I think it’s her favourite time of the week! Mrs Troy’s art extension group is busily creating new signage for our vegetable garden and orchard and Mrs. Loney is working closely with grades in the Prep-2 area. It is exciting to see the high quality of teaching programs across the entire school and the enthusiasm students are showing for their learning.
We thank parents for ensuring students are at school and ready to begin classes promptly at 9am. Special congratulations to our Prep students who now look like they 'know the ropes' and have very quickly become comfortable with school routines!

**Drop Off and Pick Up Times**
Student safety is always a priority at Greensborough Primary and I was very concerned this week when a staff member reported that some cars were double parked and students were exiting cars in the middle of the road rather than at the kerbside. I urge families to ensure road safety protocols are followed and children are dropped off in a safe manner. We have always had great relations with our neighbours who keep a careful watch on the school during weekend and holiday periods. I ask families to respect our neighbours and ensure that school cars are not parked over driveways, restricting homeowners’ access.

**School Captains**
It is with great pride that we congratulate Molly and James who were elected School Captains and Callista and Nic who were elected School Vice Captains. We know they will be great role models for our students and represent our school proudly.

**Anaphylaxis Update including drill**
Student safety is paramount at Greensborough Primary and for this reason we conducted an 'Anaphylaxis Drill' last week. During recess one of our students feigned an anaphylactic reaction and students and staff responded according to our Anaphylaxis Management Plan. We are very pleased that our response was timely and the students and staff acted quickly as they had practised in class. The student’s Epipen was ‘administered’ one minute from the onset of her reaction and her ‘recovery’ was prompt. Thank you to all families who remain vigilant and refrain from sending nuts or nut products to school for snacks and lunches.

**Family Information Details**
Thank you to all the families who returned the forms updating student information details. It is important that these forms are returned even if there are no changes to contact details or medical information.

**Parent Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions, Wednesday 25th February**
A note confirming times for our first Parent/Teacher meeting will be sent home today. This meeting is a great opportunity for parents to meet with their child’s new class teacher to share information about their child and discuss any relevant issues. Information about class programs, organisation and learning goals will also be provided to parents at this meeting.
Uniform: Winter Skirt Orders
Orders for Winter skirts are now being taken. As we only place one order for the year, it is important that families place orders by Monday 2nd March with a $10 deposit. Skirt order forms are available at the office and skirt samples will be on display in the foyer.

School Council Elections
Thank you to the parents who nominated for School Council. We are pleased to welcome our new school councillor, Tim Fraser, and also Ros Murfett and Liz Doble who renominated for a second term. The number of nominations is one short of the number required for Parent vacancies, hence we call for a further nomination of a parent or guardian to fulfil the DEECD vacancies. We thank Chris Blake for nominating to be the DEECD representative and look forward to the 2015 School Council generously giving of their time and energies for our students.
The first meeting of the new School Council to elect Office Bearers will be on Monday March 23rd at 7pm.

Twilight Sports
Don’t forget to keep the evening of Tuesday 3rd March free. This is our annual Twilight Sports Night and will be held on the oval at 6pm. Families are welcome to bring a picnic or purchase dinner from the Parents and Friends barbeque beginning at 5pm. For our new families, this is a terrific night where students compete in their grade levels in House Teams, cheered on by their parents and family members who line the sides in foldup chairs or picnic rugs. Students dress up in their team colors and there is a prize for the best dressed member of each House.
Our Grade 5 and 6 students run various stalls to raise money for Graduation, including Face Painting, Hair Spraying, Nail Polishing in House Colors and much more! A schedule of the evening’s events will be sent home closer to the date.

Swimming
Congratulations to the students who successfully completed the swimming trials and will represent us at the District Swimming Carnival next Monday at Watermarc. We wish them good luck and know they will be great ambassadors for our school. Family members are welcome to attend and cheer students as they compete. Go Greensborough!

Angela Morritt
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Magic Maths
We have been very pleased with the smooth start to the Magic Maths program and the changes this year to homework for grades one to six across the school. Last Friday six students (quite happily) completed their homework in the library at lunchtime. (Two of them weren’t quite so happy on Friday afternoon when they found their completed homework had been in their bag all along!)
We recognise that, for some of the groups, the complexity of homework tasks and accompanying explanations needs to be adjusted and this will happen. Homework tasks should be able to be completed independently by students as they should be the practise of the learning focus from the previous week’s Magic Maths sessions. If you have any queries about homework tasks or the content of any of the Mathematics sessions please do not hesitate to ask either your child’s class or Magic Maths teacher, Angela Morritt or myself.
Science
Last Monday I met with the Science Coordinator from RMIT to finalise details of the Science program to be implemented at Greensborough next term.
For the first five weeks of the term class teachers will be delivering a program with a focus on Chemical Science, following the standards and outcomes as set out in the National Curriculum. For weeks six, seven and eight RMIT pre-service teachers will be working in all grades across the school (apart from Prep) for two hours per week delivering a Science Program with a focus on Physical Science. The Grade 1/2s will be working on the areas of Light and Sound, Grade 3/4 on Heat and Grades 5/6 on Electricity. This is a very exciting program and we hope that it will be the catalyst for future specialisation in the area of Science in the school.

Playgroup
Last Tuesday a lovely group of school families participated in the first school playgroup session. The hall proved to be a wonderful venue to host a variety of activities. It is proposed that there will be a nice balance between unstructured and structured activities with a group story and morning tea to conclude the morning’s activities. Many thanks to Tina and Simone who were on the steering committee to get this project up and running, to Janet for coordinating the design of the playgroup flier, to Lara for volunteering to assist with playgroup sessions and Fletchers Real Estate for providing a $500 donation to purchase new items required (including two lovely floor mats sourced by Simone) and Bakers Delight who will be providing morning tea for the adults each Tuesday. Seasonal fruit for the little ones will also be provided. Everyone with babies to pre-schoolers are welcome to join us so please spread the word!

Buildings and Grounds Update
We are hopeful that the vinyl tiles in the old computer hub will be lifted this weekend and then the new carpet tiles can be laid and the furnishings installed. This area will be fantastic for group work, reading, research and collaborative learning (and it looks terrific as well) Behind the scenes Wayne has done an enormous amount of work to rejuvenate this learning area and, as always we are appreciative of his efforts, ideas and ongoing support. Wayne has also been pushing ahead with the undercover area outside of the library which we are planning as an ‘all weather’ area. With the support of Parents’ Club it will be furnished with outdoor furniture which the students can access and use during recess and lunchtime especially in the extremes of hot or cold weather. We are looking forward to seeing this area refresh the library side of the school building, especially if we are able to plant out and refresh the garden beds either side.

Activity Permission Notes
Across the school I am just waiting for six notes to be returned so that all permission forms can be scanned and kept on the school server. What this will mean is that when excursions or activities are scheduled, parents will be informed of the date, details and cost and will be given the option to withdraw their child from the activity should they desire. If you are happy for your child to participate, the costs associated will be added to your school accounts and teachers can download and print off permission forms which will negate the need for ongoing forms for both parents and school staff. The only variation to this will be additional forms for major activities such as school camp which require more complex and detailed information. We hope this will run as smoothly as we anticipate and will provide updates as the year goes on.

Margaret Hirth
Assistant Principal
**Student Wellbeing**

**Bounce Back**
Bounce Back is well and truly underway again. Last week the Grade 1/2s completed a session on Good Manners and Bad Manners. Mrs Hirth made a cameo appearance in both classes to assist with some very entertaining role playing. The children were able to demonstrate an understanding of good manners and brainstormed some excellent ideas of what to do when someone else doesn’t have good manners. I was very impressed with the empathy that the students displayed and the respect which they all treated each other throughout the sessions.

This week our Grade 3/4s looked at stepping out of their comfort zone. Together we considered how even though it might make us feel uncomfortable or even nervous, stepping out of our comfort zone is how we achieve success, feel confident and seize opportunities. We talked about the difference between taking a big step out of our comfort zone, such as starting a new school, or taking a small step, such as learning something new in Magic Maths. The students were able to think of times when they had already stepped out of their comfort zone, realizing that they had shown courage, and then thought about what coping skills are best to use the next time they feel pushed out of their comfort zone, such as breathing and using Dolphin thoughts (positive thoughts).

**Counselling**
Just a reminder again to parents that children can obtain counselling here at the school with a registered psychologist, Vikki Tsoulakas, who comes to us via the OzChild organization. Students are entitled to as many as ten sessions of counselling per calendar year and the sessions are bulk billed. Please contact myself or Angela Morritt if you would like to pursue this further for your child.

**Wellbeing Leaders**
Last week I spoke to the Grade 6s regarding the Wellbeing Leader positions for 2015 and handed out application forms. I encourage any of the children who are interested in a Wellbeing Leader position to please return the application form to me as soon as possible. It is not too late to apply and it has been delightful to see so many students keen to take on the roles.

Have a great week everyone.

Emma

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**Parents and Friends**

**Trivia Night & Silent Auction:** Saturday 23rd of May – P&F’s social event of the year
Last year’s was a resounding success, raising over $5000 for the school. It was a fantastic social evening for all who attended, and the feedback was very positive. This year we are holding another Trivia and Silent Auction evening. All the money raised will be going towards the library redevelopment. If you know a business who may like to donate items for the auction, please let either myself, Tina Bell or Simone Wilson know.

Further information will come in Term 2, but put the date in your diaries for a great social evening!

We are looking at perhaps having a family photography fundraising activity this year. If families have recommendations on a photography business which runs fundraisers, please provide information to the office.

Twilight Sports: We will be needing volunteers to help with the BBQ for this year’s Twilight Sports, held on Tuesday 3rd of March. A list will be in the main office and also near Mrs Crawford’s room for people to put their names down to help. We will be needing helpers with setting up, cooking and serving food, drinks and icypoles. Attached to this week’s newsletter is a slip that can be returned to the office.

A thank you also to Bakers Delight for helping support us with this week’s Food Day.

Kim Hill
on behalf of P&F
Library News

Welcome back to another exciting year at Greensborough Primary School. We have been back at school three weeks now and all the children have visited the library for lessons and borrowing including our new Preps. Please pop in and have a look at our new furniture arrangement in the library. I have developed an area for sitting and reading using some couches and tables that were donated to the school. We are also in the process of getting a new rug for the children’s seating area.

Opening Hours
This year I am at school teaching on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The library will be open Wednesday before school 8.45am – 9.00am and after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays 3.30-3.45pm. Please feel free to drop in if you have the time. Children are always welcome.

Parent Helpers
Last year I had some wonderful parents who either helped with covering books at home or at school. If you would like to help cover books or assist in other ways in 2015, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me if you would like to assist in any way.

Class Borrowing
If there is a parent who would like to assist with the Prep class borrowing I would be very happy to train you. This allows me more opportunities to help children with selections. You do not need to stay for the entire hour. Please contact me through the office if you would like to help with library tasks.

Once again I would like to extend an enormous thank you to Joan Robinson, my Monday helper, who has returned to shelve and tidy the library on a weekly basis.

Library Bags
It would be appreciated if all children in Grades Prep – Grade 4 have a named library bag to protect their library books. It is also a handy way of keeping track of the books when they bring them home. The bag can be fabric or strong plastic. I have spare bags at school if someone forgets their bag or requires one. If you have any clean plastic bags or old library bags that you would like to donate to the library they would be greatly appreciated.

Lost Books
We still have not had some books returned from 2014. The school policy is that we request a 50% contribution towards the replacement of the book. If that is not received then the cost of the book is to be added to school accounts. I have sent notes home to alert those parents whose children’s books were not returned in 2014.

Pop-Up Books
A very big thank you to Chloe who donated, from her very own collection, a large number of pop-up books to the library. There are some wonderful examples for the children to browse. They are not to be borrowed but shared whilst the children are in library classes.

Lessons Days
Wednesday
Both Grade 1/2s, Both Grade 3/4s

Thursday
Extension 5/6 literacy group, both Grade 5/6s and Preps.

Jen Farley
Librarian
Happy Reading
Thank you to all the parents who helped with canteen. It not only got off the ground last year, but has been able to stay open this year CANTEEN IS OPEN EVERY FRIDAY. We hope to keep it that way. Canteen is only as strong as the parents that volunteer to be part of it. Therefore, I am in need of some new helpers you may only be able to do one Friday for this term or next term, that’s plenty. Maybe you want to help but don’t want to be on a roster, pick a Friday and let me know. Maybe you have a family member who would like to help too. We try to keep it to no more than two per term. You will never be on your own, always two parents on each Friday.

What do I need to do?
Easy! Be at school by about 1.15pm, pop into office and collect cashbox and canteen book. Open window at 1.30 and close approx. 2pm, count money, take back to office, out by 2.15pm. That’s right only an hour!

A REMINDER - Where possible, if parents can provide small/correct change, that would be really helpful, for our volunteers. We are more than happy to help students count their money to build on their maths skills.

If you would like to help, please feel free to contact Simone Baldwin on 0427746663.

If you are able to assist in any way we would love to hear from you. Please fill in the form at the end of the newsletter and return to school by Thursday 26th Feb. Or contact me directly (Simone Baldwin 0427 746 663)

GPS CANTEEN PRICE LIST

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We are looking to have different items on the menu. Especially as it starts to get cooler. We will continue to have Quelch fruit tubes all year as kids love them. If you have a low cost menu idea, we would love to hear from you.

Again contact Simone Baldwin or send me a text with your idea. 0427746663.

Skoolbag Parent Information Session

This will be held at Cuppa Club March 2nd
Skoolbag provides us with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, and it provides you with the most convenient way to receive school notifications.
No more lost paper in student school bags! School newsletters, school notices and alerts are communicated directly to your smartphone through the Skoolbag School Mobile App. This App communicates directly with iPhone and Android devices.
You can also view Skoolbag updates on our website: http://www.greensborough.vic.edu.au/

Book Club

Helper needed 2 mornings per term. Ideal opportunity for a parent who wants to help at school but can’t commit a lot of time.
Contact Marita on 0421 048 316
From the Art room

FOCUS FOR VISUAL ART IN TERM 1
This term’s focus for Visual Art is ‘Our Natural Environment’. Through the art mediums of painting, drawing, collage and construction, we are exploring topics such as fruit, vegetables, animals, insects and botanical drawing.

ART EXTENSION PROGRAM
Our Art Extension Program is continuing this year and this term a group of Grade 5/6 students are looking at ways to improve the aesthetics of the school vegetable garden and orchard area. They are creating some impressive signs, which will be visible from within the school grounds and from Lorimer St. We are also giving the scarecrows a makeover, as well as installing identification signs for plants.

Congratulations to Brianna, Scarlett, Josh, Khushi, Jaxon, Rory, Sarah, Callista, Jayde and Bailey from Grade 5/6 who were selected to participate in this term’s Art Extension Program. As time goes by, we are endeavoring to give as many students as possible the opportunity to participate. Grade 3/4 students will participate in Term 2 and Grade 1/2’s in Term 3.

PARENT HELPERS FOR PREP ART SESSIONS
Later this term, our Prep students will be learning to sew, so if you have a spare hour on Thursdays from 10.00 to 11.00am and would like to help out, you’d be most welcome. It’s a lovely way of being involved with your child’s school life and your assistance would be highly valued. If you are available to assist, please enter your name in the roster on the Prep room window. On the day of your session, please sign in at the school office and arrive at the Art room 5 minutes before the commencement of the session. The dates for this term are Thursday 12, 19 & 26 March from 10am to 11am.

GPS ART SHOW
Our GPS Art Show is back and will take place in Term 4. Watch this space for the date!

Janet Troy,
Art Teacher.

Pupil of the Week

Term One ~ Week 2  Week Ending February 6th 2015

Prep ~ Brad ~ For teaching us all how to look after and respect our playground. Good job Brad!
Grade 1/2 A ~ Tasman ~ For showing great cooperation during class time. Keep it up Tas!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Merron ~ For a fantastic effort in Step Into Life!
Grade 3/4 A ~ Phoebe ~ For her fantastic effort during her first Big Write of the year.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Olivia ~ For such a positive start to grade 3. Your comments in class are so insightful.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Lillian ~ For all of the hard work and effort she puts in to all of her work.
O.S.H.C ~ Lawson ~ For making such a positive start at GPS. What a star!
Art ~ Ana ~ For her creative art work in response to the story of “The Dot”. Beautiful work!
Term One ~ Week 3  Week Ending February 13th 2015

Prep ~ Milly ~ For being our very cooperative classmate. Great work Milly!
Grade 1/2 A ~ Will ~ For an outstanding Big Write about minions. Keep up the great work!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Ana ~ For your fantastic efforts in writing all week. Well done!
Grade 3/4 A ~ Harley ~ For always displaying our school values. You’re a superstar Harley!
Grade 3/4 B ~ Jamal ~ For being so cooperative and fair when discussing persuasive advertising.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Brayden ~ For always being a kind and generous student. Well done on a wonderful start to Grade 5.
Art ~ Bailey ~ For a great achievement in Art this week. Bailey concentrated on his work and completed the tasks to a great standard.

TWILIGHT SPORTS – BBQ helpers

Name: ........................................................................................................

Contact Number: .................................................................

I am able to assist with setting up (3pm-4pm) □

I am able to assist with:  cooking BBQ □ serving BBQ □
                      serving drinks & ice-cream □

From:    □ 2:30 – 3:30 (Setting up)
                  □ 4pm – 5pm
                  □ 5pm – 6pm
                  □ 6pm – 7pm
                  □ 7pm – 8pm (Clean up)

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CANTEEN ROSTER for Term 1/2
Yes I can help with opening our kids canteen on a Friday in Term 4

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**Panton Hill Youth Choir**

We are encouraging new members.

The Panton Hill Youth Choir had a very successful first year in 2014 with some great learning and performing experiences. The Choir will continue this year and will work to give new experiences and challenges. We aim to involve children and young people who love singing, enjoy creating harmonies and singing two or three part songs.

We give the children guidance on voice production, and performance skills by creating an encouraging environment without undue pressure. Making new friends with other boys and girls and having fun with music and singing is a part of belonging to a Choir. The children will learn to sing a variety of old and new music and are encouraged to nominate songs which they would like the Choir to sing.

Choir support is given by the Panton Hill Living & Learning Centre, Pam Hayes, David Sullivan and other supporting community members. Parents will need to actively support their child’s involvement in Choir rehearsals and performances.

Three of our young choristers designed the “Chorallas” logo - Tahlia Sadler, Molly Compton-Guard and Rose Kenney.

The design is used for our performance T-shirts.

Girls and boys from Grades 5 - 6 Primary to Secondary School levels are encouraged to join the Choir.

The Choir meets at the Panton Hill Living & Learning Centre, 18 Bishops Rd Panton Hill. Times are still to be confirmed.

Please phone Pam Hayes 0415 543 277

For more and updated information.

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**WATSONIA SCOUT GROUP**

Did you know Scouts is for boys AND girls?

Why not join Scouts if you are between 11—15?

*Thursday night at 7pm*

If you join now you will be eligible to attend the 2016 Jamboree in Sydney!

*Come and try for three nights for free*


Call Mark on (03) 9435 2374