<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Friday 17th April</strong></td>
<td>Special Visitors' Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Monday 20th April</strong></td>
<td>Bounce Back Grades 5/6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Gateways Templestowe and Mill Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tuesday 21st April</strong></td>
<td>3/4 Science Works Excursion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Friday 24th April</strong></td>
<td>Sausage Sizzle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ISS Home – Norris Bank 11.30 – 1.30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Monday 27th April</strong></td>
<td>Gateways Templestowe and Mill Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Art for Tiny Tots</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Wednesday 29th April</strong></td>
<td>5/6 Science Works Excursion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Friday 1st May</strong></td>
<td>ISS Away – Watsonia North</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Monday 4th May</strong></td>
<td>Gateways Templestowe and Mill Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3/6 Cross Country TRIALS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Art for Tiny Tots</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tuesday 5th May</strong></td>
<td>Gateways Research</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Friday 8th May</strong></td>
<td>Gateways Research</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Prep Hi-Tea</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Bakers Delight</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ISS Home – Watsonia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Monday 11th May</strong></td>
<td>Gateways Templestowe and Mill Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Stories @ School</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>School Council Meeting 7pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tue 12th May</strong></td>
<td>NAPLAN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Wednesday 13th May</strong></td>
<td>NAPLAN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Thursday 14th May</strong></td>
<td>NAPLAN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Friday 15th May</strong></td>
<td>Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Monday 18th May</strong></td>
<td>Education Week – Science Morning 9.30 – 10.30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Stories @ School</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tuesday 19th May</strong></td>
<td>ISS – Make-up Game HOME – Streeton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Thursday 21st May</strong></td>
<td>RMIT Science Program</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Friday 22nd May</strong></td>
<td>ISS Home – Watsonia Heights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Saturday 23rd May</strong></td>
<td>TRIVA NIGHT – TRIVIA NIGHT – TRIVIA NIGHT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Monday 25th May</strong></td>
<td>Science @ School</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Thursday 28th May</strong></td>
<td>RMIT Science Program</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Friday 29th May</strong></td>
<td>ISS Away – St Mary’s</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Monday 1st June</strong></td>
<td>Science @ School</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Thursday 4th June</strong></td>
<td>RMIT Science Program</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Friday 5th June</strong></td>
<td>ISS Away – Bundoona</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Monday 9th June</strong></td>
<td>Queen’s Birthday – Public Holiday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Monday 15th June</strong></td>
<td>School Photo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>School Council Meeting 7pm</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Welcome back everyone. I hope all families enjoyed the wonderful weather and had a terrific break. We have had a smooth start to the term and students have settled well into their regular routines. You may have noticed the fabulous work Wayne has completed over the holidays on the outdoor learning area extending from the Library. This will be a terrific area for students to use at recess breaks and provide outdoor learning opportunities during class times. We thank everyone for supporting Parents and Friends who are raising funds for this project and we’re looking forward to choosing colours for the outdoor carpet which will be laid in this area.

Whilst we have only been back a few days, we have noticed there are a number of students arriving late to school, which has a detrimental effect not only on their own learning but also their classmates, as teachers have to mark the roll again and repeat instructions for latecomers. Whilst sometimes we can’t avoid running late, there are many instances when children have just made a slow start to the day. A good time to arrive at school is 8.45am when a teacher is on duty and classroom doors are open for students to unpack and then they are free to go back outside to play until the bell rings at 9am.

Curriculum Day
As explained in last term’s newsletter we have a number of exciting programs happening this term in addition to our regular curriculum areas. One of these is ‘Music For Learning’ and this program includes a day of Professional Learning for staff. **Friday 15th May** is a student free day when children do not attend school and teachers will learn new skills. We understand some families may wish to use Out of Hours School Care on this day and for this to occur we need a minimum of sixteen students to make running the program viable. For this reason we need parents to notify Jacqui or the office with their booking by next Monday 20th April so we can confirm if OHSC will run or if parents need to make alternative arrangements.

School Council
On the last Monday of Term One we had the first meeting of the 2015-2016 School Council. School Council forms a vital and fundamental role in the management of the school and I would like to thank the School Council members for their willingness to commit time and energy to support school operations for the benefit of the students at the school. All School Council members are involved in sub committees which meet a fortnight before the School Council meeting and make recommendations as to what is required to support the focus of the specific subcommittee. If anyone in the school community would like to be involved and have input into any of the Sub Committees please leave a message at the office.

Our sub-committees are: Buildings and Grounds; Education; Publicity and Marketing; Out of Hours School Care, Parents Club, Finance and a new ICT sub-committee

Our Office Bearers are: Executive Officer: Angela Morritt, President: Wayne Robinson, Vice President: Michael Smith, Treasurer: Margaret Hirth, Minute Taker: Les Ismail. The schedule of meetings will be published in the calendar section of the Newsletter and any parents who wish to raise matters can send an email or letter to Wayne or myself, or just drop in and speak to us in the office.

New Tobacco Bans At All Victorian Early Childhood Services and Schools
The Department of Health and Human Services has announced the introduction of new smokefree legislation in Victoria. The new laws ban smoking within the grounds of, and within four metres of entrances to childcare centres, kindergartens, preschools and schools from **13 April 2015**.

The purpose of this smokefree legislation is to protect children and young people from the harms of secondhand smoke and to reduce role modelling of smoking behaviours to children and young people. Second-hand tobacco smoke is particularly dangerous to children and young people because they have smaller airways and less developed immune systems compared to adults.

For more information about this legislation visit the Department of Health and Human Services tobacco page. The fine for smoking within these boundaries ranges from $140 - $700. Thank you to our community members who already observe the previous ban and refrain from smoking within 10m of our playground, which is essentially the school boundary line.

Anzac Day
Next Saturday, our School Captains and Vice Captains are invited to represent our school community and attend the Anzac Day service at War Memorial Park and honour our service men and women by joining the march up Main St. and laying our wreath. This is a very moving ceremony that many of our school families attend each year and I am confident our students will be proud ambassadors for Greensborough Primary.
Inter School Sport
Our winter fixture of Soccer, Football, Netball and Softball commences next Friday 24th April. Please note there is a change in time for this game only and ISS will be held from 11.30 to 1.30. The change is necessary for this first game to avoid a clash with St. Marys who use the same grounds as us for their home games.

Excess Furniture
We have a number of furniture items that are no longer needed at school and may be useful for school families for storage. We have trolleys similar to the ones in classrooms storing students’ belongings in tubs, Jen has a number of shelving units and there are several small plastic chairs. The long ‘scrim’ curtains that were on the Library windows have been taken down and are also available. Please contact the office if you would like to view or take possession of these items.

2016 Prep Enrolments
A reminder to families that if you know anyone who is coming to Greensborough PS next year, please encourage them to register their details as soon as possible, (this includes siblings of current students). We have already had a number of enquiries and school tours for places in 2016 and the sooner we get a sense of our intake for next year, the sooner we can start planning for grade structures.

Student Wellbeing Leaders
Congratulations to our 2015 Student Wellbeing Leaders: Nicolas, Emily, Molly, Abhi, Sarah, Lillian, James, Callista, Grace, Khushi, Jayde and Brianna. As parents are aware, this program follows in the footsteps of Positive Psychology and our leaders are selected based on their particular strengths, namely empathy, kindness and a caring attitude towards others. In the next fortnight they will be trained by our Student Wellbeing Coordinator and Child Psychologist, Emma Bevan, and then they'll begin activities at our Friendship Tree to assist other students with social skills and encourage friendly behaviour amongst their peers and younger students in the school.

Camp
I’d like to congratulate our Grades 3-6 students who attended Camp on their excellent behaviour and the enthusiasm they showed for all activities. I attended Camp on the second day and whilst joining groups in different activities, I had the privilege of observing the way our students showed terrific leadership skills and gave positive feedback and respect to their peers in activities when they faced their ‘Challenge by Choice’. This was a great way to describe the personal challenges each student experienced, e.g. on ‘The Giant Swing’ where some students opted to be raised to different heights. In each activity students had great fun and were extremely proud of their efforts.
I’d also like to congratulate our teachers Claire, Chris, Maria and Gemma, aide Suzy, volunteer Shannon and parents Marija, Steve and Kat, who attended and ensured our students had a terrific time and experienced fantastic memories to cherish. I’d especially like to thank Gemma, our Camp coordinator for her organisation - a successful camp requires many hours of preparation behind the scenes and Gemma is to be congratulated for her diligence in ensuring students’ medical and dietary needs were met, and that most importantly, they had a fantastic time.

Special Religious Instruction
A reminder that parent consent forms were sent home last term for parents to complete if they wished their children to attend Special Religious Instruction at school. The back of the form contains relevant information for parents, including the website address if parents wish to view samples of curriculum content.
Due to Grade 3-6 students attending camp in the last week of term and several families indicating they missed the return date of March 27th, the return date has been extended to Wednesday April 16th. Therefore, if you wish your child/children to attend SRI, forms must be returned by this date. Once the forms are returned, I will follow the guidelines of MD141 and determine if we are able to provide adequate supervision of both students who are participating in SRI and those who aren’t. It is important that all forms are returned by this date so that a decision can be made to determine if SRI can be scheduled at GPS.

Apologies for the long newsletter this week, however there is always a lot of information to go home at the beginning of term. Have a great term everyone!

Angela Morrirtt
Principal
Student Wellbeing

STUDENT WELLBEING WITH EMMA BEVAN

Student Wellbeing Leaders 2015
This week we announced our Student Wellbeing Leaders for 2015. We had our first training session today and it won’t be too long before they are out on duty at the Friendship Tree creating a fun and friendly environment.

Bounce Back
During the last week of last term I had another session with the Preps. I was so impressed with how much they remembered from our last session on ‘Listening’. In this session we looked at ‘Safety’. We talked about places that the students felt safe such as home, holding Mum or Dad’s hand, and the Friendship Tree. We chatted about the Tree, the role of the Grade 6 Wellbeing Leaders and how the Preps can always go there if they ever feel unsafe, lonely or just want to join into a game.

We then talked about keeping our bodies safe by recognizing our own ‘personal space’, and what to say if someone comes into our personal space. Then the students, Mrs Crawford and I did some entertaining role plays demonstrating an awareness and protection of our personal space. The students did a great job!

Counselling
Just a reminder, that we do have counselling available at the school through the OzChild organization. If you are interested please just contact myself or Mrs Morritt to find out more.

Have a great week everyone.

Emma.

Library News

CBCA Book of the Year
The much anticipated and prestigious CBCA Book of the Year short list was announced on Tuesday 14th April. These are the books that we will be looking at and using during our Book Week celebrations in Term 3. I will list the titles in our next newsletter. If you are interested in finding out beforehand you can check out the titles at the CBCA’s website cbca.org.au.

The Book Week theme for 2015 will be Books light up our world.

ANZAC Day

With the centenary of ANZAC day approaching I have created a display in the glass cabinet outside the library of the many picture books that we have that are written about the difficult topic of war, particularly from an Australian perspective. Please feel free to have a look at them. The majority of these picture books I have classified as senior picture story books as they deal with quite mature topics. Many of the picture books are based on true events. Each has been written for children and provides them with the opportunity to explore and discuss events, periods of time, historical figures and other aspects of our history.

Some of the books have previously been short listed for the CBCA Book of the Year Awards and have also received other commendations. Below are some of the books that we have available to borrow.

Jen Farley Librarian
Happy Reading
Parents and Friends

Parents & Friends

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs for the raffle. In particular, to our friends at Hahndorf’s who donated the first prize of a $100 chocolate hamper which was won by Lucia S 1/2B! The other lucky people who chose one of the 9 other hampers were: Talina (OSHC), Sienna W (prep), Will & Angus D, Jayde S (5/6), Violet (1/2), Lesley, Sean (dad of Aiden in prep), and Debbie (prep). Congratulations!

For Term 1, Parents & Friends have raised $2,000! This is mainly through Twilight Sports ($900), Hot Cross Bun drive ($210), the Easter Raffle and also our Food Days. All the money raised is going towards the fantastic Library refurbishment

Bulb Fundraiser – Late last term, order forms went out for this fundraiser. Forms are due back by Monday 20th April.

Food Days – we are doing several food days this term. The first one is on Friday 24th of April – Sausage Sizzle. Forms came out this week, and are due back Monday 20th April. All the sausages will be supplied by Karve It Up Butchers, located on the Ground level of Greensborough Plaza.

Trivia Night – Saturday 23rd of May. Please talk to your friends and family about putting a table together. It is a fantastic evening, a great social event for the school families. Also, we are still after donations for the silent auction. If you would like to donate, or know a business that may be able to help, please let the front desk know.

Mother’s Day Stall – this year we will be holding the Mother’s Day stall on Thursday 7th of May. It is always good to have extra hands to help the students with purchasing, especially with the younger students. If you are able to assist with the stall, please let the staff at the front desk know.

Next Meeting: Monday 20th April @ 2.30pm in the staff room. Siblings are more than welcome.

Kim Hill on behalf of P&F

Canteen News

Canteen Reminder
Meeting @ 9.15am
Friday 17th in the staff room.
Discussion of menu ideas for Term 2&3, and the possibility of being open on Mondays.

Simone Baldwin
Pupil of the Week

Term One ~ Week 8  Week Ending March 20th 2015

Prep ~ Nathan ~ For being our very own Mr Brave and working so hard to learn to write.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Evie ~ For always giving 100% in the classroom and being a great role model to others.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Naomi ~ For always being a kind and considerate class mate. Well done.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Esther ~ For her outstanding effort during Big Write this week.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Lachie P ~ For being a great camper at Mt Evelyn.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Armi ~ For her insightful responses during class discussions.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Ala ~ For being such an outstanding school leader already in Grade 5

Term One ~ Week 9  Week Ending March 27th 2015

Grade 1/2 A ~ Abdi ~ For being kind and considerate during reading.
Grade 1/2 B ~ James ~ For a fantastic Term 1, keep up the great work!
Grade 3/4 A ~ Sophie ~ For your amazing effort on the Giant Swing at camp. Awesome!
Grade 3/4 B ~ Finlay ~ For consistently working well throughout Term 1. Well done.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Ashley ~ For being a wonderful team member at camp this year. Well done.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Molly ~ For being a tremendous camper at Mt Evelyn. Such a great leader.
Art ~ Violet ~ For always putting in her best effort in Art and being willing to help others.
Library ~ Kingston ~ For completing his class activity to an excellent standard. Well done Kingston!
Thanks to Karve It Up for their donation for our Twilight Sports Night BBQ

Netball  FUN FITNESS HEALTH
Netta - Teaching Program
11 years & under. Monday

Beginners – Modified Rules
11 years & under. Mon or Thurs

Juniors - Mixed Under 11, 13, 17, 21
Girls Under 16 & 19 Monday & Thursday

All games played indoors at
Diamond Valley Sports & Fitness Centre, Greensborough

Further details for teams or individuals contact
Susan Rose 9435 1129 or 0409 761 316
Diamond Valley Netball Competition

WATSONIA SCOUT GROUP

We are re-starting a Joey Mob at Watsonia Scout
Group in third term!  ~  Joeys are for children 6—8 years old

If you are interested in this please contact the
Group Leader on joeys@watsoniascouts.org.au
Phone: (03) 9434 5028