Borough Bulletin April 30th 2015

Friday 15th May  Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)
Monday 18th May  Education Week – Science Morning 9.30 – 10.30
                 Stories @ School
Tuesday 19th May  ISS – Make-up Game HOME – Streeton
Thursday 21st May RMIT Science Program
Friday 22nd May  ISS Home – Watsonia Heights
                 Sushi Day
Saturday 23rd May TRIVA NIGHT – TRIVA NIGHT – TRIVA NIGHT
Monday 25th May  Science @ School
Wednesday 27th May District Cross Country
                 Gateway’s Secret Maths
Thursday 28th May RMIT Science Program
                 Gateway’s Secret Maths
Friday 29th May  ISS Away – St Mary’s
Monday 1st June  Science @ School
Tuesday 2nd June SKATERZ School Skating 4.30-6.30 (FREE)
Thursday 4th June RMIT Science Program
Friday 5th June  ISS Away – Bundoora
                 Bakers Delight
Monday 8th June  Queen’s Birthday – Public Holiday
Wednesday 10th June Division Cross Country
Monday 15th June School Photos
                 School Council Meeting 7pm
Friday 19th June  Sushi Day

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
It has been very rewarding to see our classroom programs in action the last few weeks. Students are highly
engaged and excited about our whole school programs of Science and Music For Learning and we also have
the Grade 3/4s working collaboratively with students in America! The Grade 1/2s are achieving fantastic
results with their writing program (see a sample from Emma in Grade One later in the newsletter) and we
celebrated thirty eight children in this area proceeding to the next round in the Write 4 Fun competition. I’m
not sure who was more excited when the certificates arrived... the children or the teachers! It is a tribute to
all our staff that Greensborough Primary School was recommended to local schools as running an exemplary
VCOP writing program and we have requests for their teachers to come and learn from our staff.
Next week the RMIT pre-service teachers will work in classes to deliver a Physical Science Unit and we are
very excited about their contribution to our school program.
I want to congratulate our students and staff in Grades Three and Five who completed NAPLAN this week.
The assessments were completed in a calm, no fuss manner. We view Naplan as one more source of
information and data and work as hard as we can to make this a stress free learning experience for students.
When the results are available later in the year they will be forwarded to the Grade 3 & 5 families
concerned.
We all know how wonderful our volunteers are at GPS, and the impact of their efforts was highlighted to me
on several occasions recently. The first was the joy the children displayed when they purchased their
Mother's Day presents recently and showed me their special surprises - a tribute to the hard work of Parents and Friends. Another was seeing Ms Hart taking her PE class in our new undercover, outdoor learning area near the library on Tuesday morning, while playgroup was in the hall – thankyou Wayne for all your work in creating this great resource. From the canteen helpers to reading parents you make such a great contribution to our school.

Many thanks also to the hard working band of volunteers who are gathering together such sensational prizes for the Trivia Night on May 23rd. It is sure to be a great night and I hope everyone is gathering together a group of family and friends to come on the night.

**Education Week: Family Fun with Science!**
To celebrate Education Week and share our excitement for our current Integrated Studies unit on Science, we are holding a Family Activity morning in classrooms on Monday 18th May, 9.30 – 11am. We’re looking forward to as many family members as possible joining in our activities and getting involved, intrigued and inspired by Science, so aunts, uncles and grandparents are all welcome! This session will commence straight after Monday assembly and will conclude with students eating their morning tea in their classroom and chatting to their special visitors.

**Walk Safely to School Day**
Friday 22nd May is the Walk Safely to School Day. We will be celebrating this annual, national event by encouraging families to leave the car at home and walk to school to encourage safe pedestrian behaviour and promote the health and environmental benefits of walking. We know many families have to drive, so perhaps you could park the car at least 10 minutes away from the school and walk the rest of the way or walk around the block on arrival to have a healthy start to the day. On the day before National Walk Safely to School Day we will send home with each student a yellow balloon to tie onto their school bag and a Walk to School Sticker to wear on their jumper.

**Pre-schoolers’ Reading At School**
We have had several queries from families of pre-schoolers who are loving our Art, Library and Science For Tiny Tots sessions and want to extend this program into Term Three. I’m happy to let everyone know that Mrs Hirth will run a ‘Reading At School’ Program in Term Three on Monday mornings 9.30 – 10.30am. More information will be included in later newsletters so if you know any friends or neighbours with pre-schoolers aged 3 – 5 years, please extend a warm welcome for them to attend our remaining Library and Science sessions every Monday morning until June 1st from 9.30 – 10.30am, followed up by Reading At School in Term Three.

**Buildings and Grounds**
As stated above we are very lucky at GPS to have the support of families in so many different ways and this is greatly appreciated by students and staff. We are hoping we can draw on some more of this goodwill by calling for volunteers to paint the indoor toilets for our students. Wayne has done a fabulous job painting the foyer areas of the toilets and giving the floor a high pressure clean and we want to further improve the area by painting the walls. We will supply the paint and equipment, so if anyone is able to assist with this task, please leave your name and contact details at the office.

**Magic Maths**
Thank you to the parents who have been assisting with the Magic Maths program – we are very pleased with the improvement in student learning outcomes in Numeracy. Parent helpers please note that due to the Music For Learning program running on Fridays this term, Magic Maths will only be held on Mondays and Tuesdays. We will let parents know when this program will resume on Fridays.

**Curriculum Day**
A reminder that tomorrow, Friday 15th May is a Curriculum Day and students do not attend school. As there was insufficient numbers, Out of Hours School Care will not operate on this day. Staff will have a day of Professional Learning with Sarah Brookes on developing their music skills and how to integrate music into class programs. Next week staff will attend a two hour after school Professional Development session with Heather McLaughlin.
Inter School Sport
A reminder that next Tuesday we will play a HOME game of Interschool Sport to make up tomorrow’s game which had to be rescheduled due to our Curriculum Day.

Head Lice
Cases of Head Lice are again being reported to the school. This also occurred at the same time last year so it may be something seasonal. Head Lice are annoying, frustrating and time consuming but unfortunately there is no quick fix or easy answer. Vigilant checking of children’s hair, the removal of eggs and monitoring for return of activity are the way to manage this problem. To assist families we have two members of our community who are hairdressers and they have volunteered to assist Jacqui our OHSC coordinator, to check all children’s hair. We did this a couple of years ago and families appreciated the fact that all headlice instances were able to be treated at the same time. The permission note families signed previously is still valid, so we will send new notes home only to new families. If any families wish to change their previous permission decision, they can contact the office. If a note is sent home indicating your child has Head Lice, they need to be treated before they can return to school. For more information on what you are looking for and how to treat please go to the link. http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/

Angela Morritt
Principal

Student Wellbeing

Bounce Back

Last year I completed a psychophysical social skills training designed for Primary School children called Rock and Water. It was a fantastic course and I took away some great ideas to incorporate into the Bounce Back program here at Greensborough. The fundamental message of the program is that when children have social skills, they learn to play together. When children can play together it leads to working together, which in turn leads to being able to live together – playing, working and living on the basis of clear safe and respectful rules – respect particularly for each other’s individuality and liberty.

I have already used many of the exercises that I learned during that training into Bounce Back, but one of the topics Rock and Water explain particularly well to young children is impulse control or managing one’s own behaviour. Over the last two weeks I worked with the Preps and Grade 1/2 ‘s with rocks and water using them as visual reminders for the times in our lives when we need to be still, strong, firm and grounded like rocks or soft, flowing, gentle and movable like water. We played some games and activities where the children had to switch from being still like a rock, to moving like water, back to being still again. We talked about how this happens a lot at school and how we often need to be still like rocks when we are learning.

If you are the parent of a child in Prep, Grade 1 or 2 and want to reinforce this at home you can ask them about our session and see if they can tell you times in their lives when they need to be still like a rock or flowing like water. If they are wriggling about you can ask them to show you how they can be still like a rock, and even have a rock star chart to reward them for all the times they are still and in control of their body. Good luck and have a great week.

Emma.

Library News

CBCA Book of the Year
Below are the books that are shortlisted in the Picture Book of the Year section of the CBCA awards for 2015.

CBCA Picture Book of the Year awards are made to outstanding books of the Picture Book genre in which the author and illustrator achieve artistic and literary unity or, in wordless picture books, where the story, theme or concept is unified through illustrations. All of these are available for borrowing.
**David Walliams**
On Monday night I was very lucky to hear David Walliams speak. Known by many by adults as part of the comedy duo of Little Britain, ‘David Walliams is far better known by kids across the globe as the author — of rock star proportions — of hilarious and often moving illustrated children’s novels’.

Dubbed the ‘Roald Dahl of the 21st Century’, his books have been published in 40 languages, selling over four million copies in the UK alone. His first book, The Boy in the Dress (released in late 2008), was illustrated by Dahl’s longtime collaborator Quentin Blake. He has since published six more novels and two picture books in quick succession, and to much acclaim. We now have all his novels in our library. Already Gangsta Granny and Ratburger have proved incredibly popular and I look forward to The Boy in the Dress, Billionaire Boy, Awful Auntie, Mr. Stinky and Demon Dentist following suit.

ABC 3 is broadcasting two of his books which have been made into movies. The information is listed below.

- **Mr. Stink**  
  ABC 3 Sunday 23rd May

- **Gangsta Granny**  
  ABC 3 Sunday 24th May

**Computer Glitch!**
The computer is up and running again. I would like to thank all of those parents and children who have returned their books even though we had lost all the circulation data. If you continue to find books at home just send them back to the library.

**Blog**
I have recently developed a Greensborough P.S Library blog which we will be a space where members of our learning community can discuss and post book reviews, share children’s work, and access links to other sites and take part in various other activities. This week I have introduced the children to the blog and over the next few weeks and months it will be expanding! The address is [greenlibrary.global2.vic.edu.au](http://greenlibrary.global2.vic.edu.au)

**Overdues**
Last week I sent home some notes for very overdue library books. The policy of the school is that books that are not returned are to be paid for. We only request 50% of their total cost. Could those families please have a through look for their books or come and see me if they do not think they have them.

Happy Reading
Jen Farley
Librarian

**Music for Learning**
On Friday, Mrs McLaughlin came and we all had lots of fun remembering and learning Japanese and even played some music. I had lots of fun and I hope everyone else did too.

Lucy
This term the Grade 3/4’s are participating in the “Global Design Challenge”. We have been talking to team members in America using a program called Edmodo.

We were given a design brief and we had a choice of designing a cereal box, a dry food dispenser, fruit juice bottle or squishy plastic fruit packaging.

We have really enjoyed the design challenge and on behalf of the 3/4’s we would like to thank Catherine Rae, Mr Blake, Mrs Gibson and Miss Storey.

Chloe & Sarah

Integrated Studies for Term Two at G.P.S.

Science is sensational!

With second term well underway every grade is working hard at being real scientists and have become totally absorbed in experiments, discussions, reflective journals and even hypothesising! We have been entertained and enticed by the visiting science show called ‘Wacky Weather’, where we were amazed to see snow form on such a glorious autumn day! We delighted in the creation of lightning in the hall. It was amazing to find out that together the whole school was not powerful enough to blow the paper cup off Darcy’s head but the “rubbish bin blower” could!!! Then we saw it blow smoke rings at us!! We are all hooked on being scientists when we grow up! BUT…there is more excitement and discovery ahead as we welcome students from R.M.I.T who will guide us in investigations into Physical Science in the weeks ahead.

Meanwhile every grade, including our Pre-school program ‘Science at School’ has planned more intriguing experiments for the students to develop and expand concepts about Chemical Science.

The Preps are working through a unit called ‘Sensational Science’. We are utilising our Mini Chefs program to explore some basics concepts about Chemical Science from melting to dissolving, liquids changing to solids, solids changing to liquids…and we get to eat the results!! Later in the term we will investigate some Physical Science by working with colour mixing and creating rainbows as well as some fun exploring Magnets!

The Grade One and Two students are investigating Chemical Science in their unit called ‘Mad Science’. Students have been making predictions, observations and evaluating chemical change in a series of experiments investing the states of matter, Solids, Liquids and Gasses. They are even using words like molecules to describe the states of matter! This unit is designed to heighten curiosity about Science and for students to begin to see themselves as a scientist by wondering about their world and seeking ways to explain the world they live in.

In Grades Three and Four, the students will be developing their knowledge and understanding about heat transfer in their unit called ‘Heat it up!’. They will investigate the sources of heat in the home and the environment. Students will focus on exploring the concepts of Convection and Conduction. As scientists, students will learn how to read and use thermometers to gain accurate data. They will use the information gathered to make predictions, create hypothesis and form conclusions about the effects of heat in the environment and at home.

This term the Grade Five and Six students are working on a unit called ‘Solids, Liquids and Gases’. This unit builds on student understandings of the properties of solids and liquids, developed in year 3 and 4 science. The unit culminates in discovering the observable properties of gas, how we use gas and store it safely. Students will work in co-operative learning groups to explore how adding and removing heat changes the properties of the states of matter.

Try to join us for a fabulous Science morning at school on Monday 18th May straight after assembly until recess time. Each classroom will have interesting experiments for you to try or watch.

Michelle Crawford
Prep Teacher
This story is set in Munchkin Land and there is a kind girl named Emma. Once upon a time there was a girl named Emma. Emma was kind and had brown eyes. She lived in Munchkin Land which was full of tiny people.

Emma had a monkey. The baby boy monkey was very cheeky. One sunny Sunday afternoon Emma’s monkey was so cheeky and he scampered through a portal. The portal was a magnificent rainbow clock. Then Emma went through the portal to get her monkey back. A second later Emma met Father Christmas and he said ‘Hello. Ho, ho, ho. Welcome to The World of Wishes!’

Father Christmas wore a big red coat. Emma looked for monkey in The World of Wishes. Suddenly Emma stubbed her toe on a log. Emma said ‘ouch, that hurt!’ Just then a giant hairy legged mozzie with a big stinger tried to suck her blood. The mozzie picked her up and took her to his lab. He put Emma in jail with monkey.

Emma and monkey made a plan to escape from jail. While they are a quarter through the plan, Emma saw a funny clown out of the window, juggling and balancing on one foot and bouncing up and down. The clown made Emma laugh and she got confidence to escape from Jail. Emma and monkey broke out of jail and Father Christmas gave Emma a big spray and Emma sprayed it at the giant mozzie. Emma is so happy that she got monkey back. Monkey and Emma held hands and went back home through the portal tiredly. They had pancakes and home. Emma said ‘Delicious!’

The End.

O.S.H.C NEWS

This week the June / July Vacation Care Program forms have been sent home to all parents. All booking forms are due to be returned to O.S.H.C by Friday the 5th of June. If your child is not enrolled in the O.S.H.C program and you wish to use the Vacation Care please see myself or the office for an O.S.H.C enrolment form. To run an affordable program to parents we require a minimum number of 16 bookings per day to run the vacation program. If sufficient numbers are not reached for each day of the program, we may consider running a shorter program to accommodate the days with higher bookings. If you have any enquires regarding the Vacation Care Program please contact myself or the office.

Jacqui Baker – Coordinator OSHC

Pupil of the Week

Prep ~ Lola ~ For excellent work in reading at home, at school and in her reading group.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Lucas ~ For always being a kind and helpful member of the class. Well done!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Kate ~ For showing a great enthusiasm during Science this week. Keep it up!
Grade 3/4 A ~ Celeste ~ For putting a huge effort into all learning tasks and for being wonderful classroom helper.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Shekinah ~ For writing a meaningful Big Write about her favourite teacher.
Grade 5/6 A ~ All of 5/6A ~ For your wonderful behaviour and insightful questions whilst at Science works.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Nicolas ~ For his deep thinking during science lessons Nic gives thoughtful explanations and observations.
OSHC ~ Esther ~ For being an excellent big buddy to our younger students.
Art~ Lillian H ~ For consistently working at an excellent standard in Art for the past 6yrs.
Library ~ Emmet ~ For being such a great helper setting up the library for the Preps. Well done!
Prep ~ Zoe ~ For her sensational observations in Science this week. Great work Zoe.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Levi ~ For persisting in improving his handwriting. Keep it up.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Toby ~ For trying extra hard to complete all of his classwork this week.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Angus ~ For excellent work in reading groups this week and for always being a wonderful classroom helper!
Grade 3/4 B ~ Sarah ~ For always being a positive role model in the classroom. You could get a star every week!!!
Grade 5/6 A ~ Annie ~ For helping other students with their work when she had finished.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Harry ~ For his exceptional maths results this week. Harry is a wonderful mathematician.
OSHC ~ Oliver ~ For being a great helper at Aftercare well done Oliver.
Art ~ Leo ~ For a creative and symmetrical design for his butterfly. Well done Leo!
Library ~ Jayden ~ For working with great focus in library and using his best manners. Well done!

Parents and Friends

Mother’s Day Stall
We raised over $700 at the Mother’s Day Stall. Thanks to our many helpers on the day – Rosana, Eva, Narelle, Diane, Simone W, Simone B, Leanne, Ros and Lara.

Trivia Night – 23rd May
Less than 2 weeks to go, and we still have more tables available. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year, so if you have friends and family invite them along to this fun-filled social evening. Lots of games and prizes on the night. The silent auction will give everyone lots of shopping opportunities (lots of bargains to be had!). Thank you to all families and staff who have donated prizes.
For those who have already bought tickets, don’t forget to dress yourselves and your table in your chosen theme, as the best-dressed table will win extra points.
For those families unable to attend, there are still raffle tickets you can buy. Look out for them as they should be coming home this week. Extra tickets are available at the office.

Sushi Day – Friday 22nd May
Reminder that we are having a Sushi Day next Friday. Order forms were sent home with students earlier this week and extra forms are at the office.

Kim Hill on behalf of P&F
Children's Programs

**NETBALL School Holiday Program**
Monday 29th June, Tuesday 30th June & Wednesday 1st July 9.30am – 3.00pm
Lunch menu included $170 for 3 day program
Enrolments close Friday 19th June

Contact Megan
information@banyulenetball.com.au
or 0407 881 517 for more information.

**All Saints’ Anglican Church**
All Saints’ Anglican Church, Greensborough runs a fun program for children on Friday afternoons, 4.30 - 6.30 pm, during the school term. With games, activities, bible stories and food, the program is open to all primary school aged children. Cost is $3 per child, and new children are always welcome. Friday 29 May is a special Fun Footy Night, with lots of football related activities, and we hope everyone will turn up in their team colours. For more information contact Catherine Rae (9432 8695).

**Living Faith Church**
Living Faith Church (37 Grimshaw Street, Opposite WaterMarc) has several programs aimed at Primary aged Children. On Monday Night at 7pm Primary Club has games, races and other sports activities. Costs $2.50 per night. For more information about Primary Club contact Rob (9432 3912). On Sunday Morning at 10:30 Pond meets for stories, songs and creative activities based on the bible. For further info about the Pond contact Pam (9439 2303).

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SKATERZ ELTHAM WOULD LIKE TO INVITE

**GREENSBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

To join us for a totally FREE After school skate!!!
Date: Tue 2nd June from 4.30 to 6.30pm

COST – FREE

~Please mention school name on arrival to receive free entry and skate hire, on the date booked.
~This offer includes all students, parents, teachers and friends of Greensborough Primary School.
GREENSBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL's
TRIVIA NIGHT!
SATURDAY 23rd MAY
7pm for a 7:30pm start
at BUNDOORA COMMUNITY HALL,
Noorong Ave, Bundoora

- Fantastically fun social night!
- Games (bring gold coins), Silent Auction (cash/credit card), lots of Prizes!!
- Free show bag!
- Our hosts will be Lynda Deacon & David Boyes
- $15 per person, organise own tables of 8-10 (or we can allocate your seats)
- Invent a table theme, bonus points for best dressed table/team
- BYO food/drinks (free tea/coffee available)
- Table booking sheets in the office, just add your name & number of seats
- Major fundraiser of the year, organised by Parents & Friends
- Funds raised will go towards outdoor library redevelopment
- PTO for list of Sponsors so far...

Trivia Night Ticket Order Form (return with payment please by Wed 13th May)

Parent's Name: ___________________________ Child's Class: ____________
I would like to book _____ tickets at $15 per person. Total cost enclosed: __________

Payment Method  [ ] Cash or  [ ] Cheque or  [ ] Credit Card

Credit Card Payments  [ ] VISA card  [ ] MasterCard
Card Number: ___________________________ Expiry Date: ___ / ___
Card Holders Name: ______________________ Amount: $_________
Signature: ______________________________ Date: ______

Please put me on the same table as (name)__________________________
OR Please put me on a table with other parents from my child's class (tick) [ ]
I can help out with:  [ ] Setting up  [ ] Packing up  [ ] Phone number: __________________________
Trivia Night Sponsors

Allawah Beauty Therapy
Biz Buzz Handy Hardware Watsonia
Bundoora Park Farm
Buzy Kids
Coles Greensborough
Diamond Valley Dance Academy
Eltham Workwear & Outdoors
Endota Spa, Eltham
Essendon Football Club
Essentially Ballet
Fem Skin Therapy
Fletchers
Funfields
Geelong Football Club
Gifts Of Elegance, Eltham
Greensborough Hotel
Greensborough Picture Shop
Greensborough RSL
Growers Fresh Sculli Bros
Hahndorf's Fine Chocolates
Hair 4 Kids, Watsonia
Hairhouse Warehouse
Hawthorn Footy Club
Heide Museum of Modern Art
Heidelberg Golf Club
JETS Gymnastics, Eltham
Kelly Anthony Photography
Kelly Smeath Hair Design
Kmart, Greensborough
Latrobe Golf Park
Lower Plenty Hotel
Luna Park
Madame Flavour Tea
Melbourne Stars
Melbourne Taekwondo Centre Diamond Valley
milli and lulu (greensy plaza)
National Sports Museum
Officeworks, Bundoora
Oz Ten Pin Bowling
Pancake Parlour
Phillip Island Nature Parks
Portsea Village Resort
Puffing Billy
Quest
Silverz925 & Oka, Greensborough Plaza
Simone Pérèle
Skaterz
Spoilt
Strathallan Golf Club
Subway Sounds
The Party Pantry
The Tennis Guru
Thermomix
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Uplift Events
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Victorian Diamond Traders
Watsonia RSL
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