PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
It can be easy to take for granted the things we see or experience every day and I was reminded of this last week when I took several new families on a school tour. Each one commented on how lovely and extensive our grounds were with many passive and active play areas. Our flexible indoor learning areas, including the ferneries, Library and revamped computer hub also drew strong praise, as did our Friendship Tree and Student Wellbeing Program. Many commented on how engaged the students were in their class programs and what a ‘welcoming feeling’ they had when they entered our school. It was enlightening to see our school through these new eyes and a credit to our students, staff, parents and volunteers for creating such an excellent environment where our students can thrive.

Buildings and Grounds
There has been a lot of activity ‘behind the scenes’ to keep our buildings and grounds well maintained. Wayne has installed a new water pump and hose fitting in our outdoor learning area so we can easily water our vegetable garden and orchard. Mrs Troy and the Art Extension program have designed and painted new signs for this area and we’re looking forward to their installation. We have spent the last of our Energy Efficiency Grant on new cost effective fluorescent tubes in our heritage building and Doug has been busy replacing and sealing window frames in the fernery to prevent heat loss and ensure we can keep our heating and cooling costs down.
Wayne is also working to create a regeneration area on our embankment between the amphitheatre and the chess set. This area is being revamped with sleepers and the planting of hardy native grasses. Whilst we know and understand many of our students have enjoyed digging and creating water channels in this area, (an impressive engineering

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Baker’s Delight                                                                      |
| Monday 15th June | School Photos  
School Council Meeting 7pm                                                        |
| Friday 19th June | Sushi Day  
Grades 5/6 to Greensborough Secondary College production                           |
| Tuesday 23rd June | Grade 5 Excursion to CERES                                                          |
| Wednesday 24th June | Parent Teacher Interviews                                                             |
| Friday 26th June | Last Day of Term 1:30 finish                                                        |
| Monday 13th July | First Day Term 4                                                                     |
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| Friday 7th August | Gateways Sausage Sizzle                                                            |
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| Tuesday 18th August | Gateways Art                                                                    |
task!), the reality is that it is causing erosion near our fence line. The regeneration project will allow grass and plants to grow and anchor the soil. Many thanks to Wayne for his continued support to maintain our school.

**Music Concert**

Don’t forget to join us tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 PM in the hall for class music performances with Jon Madin. We’re looking forward to hearing the students play the instruments they have made with Jon and Janet Troy in the art room. It’s always fun to see the children play Jon’s home-made instruments and now students will have the opportunity to bring their own to the orchestra! This project is part of our ‘Music For Learning’ Grant from the CASS Foundation and we are very grateful for their support.

Thank you to Molly and Callista, two of our School Captains who have made a great display of photos in our foyer.

**Science at School**

We have really enjoyed all the Science activities that have been taking place across the school. From the family activity morning, to pre-schooler sessions and class programs with RMIT pre-service teachers, everyone has been investigating and learning about Physical and Chemical Science. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on how much they value Science as a major area of student learning. This will help us with our planning for 2016 and beyond.

**Student Reports**

This year schools were required to purchase reporting software that had previously been provided by the Department at no cost. We are now using Accelerus which is an upgrade from our previous program. Whilst the software is easier for teachers to use, there are very little changes that parents will notice. One difference however is that the section ‘What you can do at home…’ is no longer included – teachers will cover this area at Parent Teacher interviews.

I’d like to thank our teachers who have spent many, many hours writing student reports. Before teachers determine the correct achievement level for students, they spend a great deal of time evaluating student work, this includes tests, student work samples and teacher observations. Teachers also ‘moderate’ with other staff members to ensure they are consistent with their assessments – this is especially important for students who are working above or below the expected level. Our staff are very diligent with this process and their reports show they have a thorough understanding of what their students know and also their areas for improvement or future learning.

**Parent Teacher Interviews – Wednesday 24th June**

Notes are coming home today with this newsletter, inviting parents to nominate their preferred time for Parent Teacher Interviews. Please send these back promptly so teachers can coordinate interviews for siblings and finalise times. Reports and confirmation of interview times will be sent home Friday 19th June. Please understand that there is only ten minutes allotted for each student and, if it appears that your conversation is going to go longer than this, then an additional appointment time may need to be made.

**$125 Financial Assistance Information for Parents/Caregivers**

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund). The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to swimming, camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

The Closing Date for lodgement of forms at school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef) or contact Les or Christina at our school office for assistance.
Southern Cross Recycling
It’s that time of the term again to recycle your unwanted household goods and raise money for Grade Six graduation. So clear out your cupboards and send along manchester, kitchen goods, toys, clothing, shoes, books….in fact anything except electrical goods are acceptable. All items are available for sale prior to collection, so if anyone spies a ‘treasure’ and would like to purchase it, just see the office and make a gold coin donation. Goods will be collected on Tuesday 23rd June prior to 9 am.

School Photos
A reminder that school photos will be taken next Monday 15th June. Envelopes were sent home a fortnight ago and are to be returned with the correct money to the photographer on Monday. Please contact the office if you require an envelope for a family photo of school students or if you have any queries.

Cross Country
Congratulations to all our students who competed at the District Cross Country recently. The students should be very proud of their achievements and their excellent behaviour on the day. Special mention to Lillian, Max and Michael our Grade 5 students who went on to compete at the Division event this week. Thank you to Alison Gibson for coordinating this event.

Grade 3/4
As everyone is aware, Claire Storey will be on Family Leave next semester and we wish her all the best during this exciting time. Whilst Claire is on Leave, Alison will increase her time to 0.6 and we are delighted to announce that Jane Byrne will commence at the start of Term Three, working on Thursdays and Fridays. Jane will join Alison and Claire next Wednesday 17th June for a planning day and to have a thorough handover of student information.

Jane came yesterday to meet the grade and she is already enthusiastically making plans to meet Alison in the holidays for further planning sessions. We are confident that Jane will be a terrific addition to the teaching staff at GPS.

Congratulations
I’d like to congratulate Jen Farley on her appointment to The Premiers Reading Challenge panel. Jen’s invitation to join the PRC is in recognition of her expertise and passion for children’s literature which she shares with our students and their families. Well done Jen!

I will be on Long Service Leave in the last week of term and Margaret will work full time in my absence. In advance, I’d like to thank everyone for their great work this term and wish everybody a safe and happy holiday.

SKOOLBAG APP
Don’t forget, if you have a smart phone, please download this app. It’s free and is a great way to keep in the loop on what’s going on at Greensborough Primary School. You can also enter in your children’s absences….no notes need to be written! Contact the office if you need assistance or have any queries.

Angela Morritt
Principal
Music For Learning
CERES Incursion

Through our Resource Smart Outreach Facilitator, Greensborough Primary School has been lucky enough to receive two free workshops with CERES, based around Sustainability, particularly Waste and Energy. These workshops will be held for Grade Five students throughout the year. The first date will be held Tuesday 23rd June, all day.

This transformational 4 hour program supports students to let their inner-leader shine and carry out sustainability projects at home and/or school.

- Explore concepts of what it means to be a leader.
- Investigate concepts of ‘sustainability’ and human impact on the natural environment.
- Conduct student-led sustainability audits to find out “where things are at” at our school.
- Workshop ideas for taking action in our community.
- Be guided through an action planning process to prepare for an upcoming school year, a single term or an individual project.
- Get hints and tips on making our projects successful through communication and getting others involved.
- Receive a comprehensive ‘Resource Pack’ to help us continue our school’s journey.

This will be a fabulous opportunity for our Grade Five students to extend their understanding of Sustainability and to apply their skills and knowledge to their local community.

Greensborough College Production

Greensborough College have kindly invited Grade 5/6 students to attend their annual production on Friday 19th June. This year the production is ‘Beauty and the Beast’. The performance will be held from 10am until 12.15pm and students will walk to and from the school. There is no cost involved for students and permission is covered under the local excursion form completed at the beginning of the year. Please see Gemma Pearce ASAP if you DO NOT want your child to attend.

Gemma Pearce

Library News

From pictures to words

What makes a great book for a beginner reader? Recently I read an article in Magpies magazine which discussed this question. We are very fortunate to have many books that they were suggesting.

This term, the Grade 1/2s have been looking at these books in particular. We call them ‘Red Dot’ or Junior Fiction books. Many of these books belong to a particular series such as Aussie Nibbles, Aussie Bites, Tashi, Solo Books, Billie B Brown and the Hey Jack series. Even if your child is not able to independently read these books they are wonderful to share with an adult.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge

I have recently been invited to join the panel for the Premiers’ Reading Challenge Review Panel. This position involves myself and other Teacher Librarians meeting a few times a year and discussing books that we have read and reviewed for possible inclusion to the PRC Booklist. Professionally this is very interesting and a good way to network with fellow librarians, but it is also a bonus for our school as all books that I read and review will be donated to our library.

Maria Plesa is in charge of the PRC at Greensborough P.S and she has included information in the newsletter today. The Premiers’ Reading Challenge is a great way to get students reading and talking about books. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by September 14. We have many of those books in our library and I look forward to assisting children reach their goal.
Holiday Borrowing and Returns
Yes, children are quite welcome to borrow over the holidays!! We encourage borrowing at all times.
If your child has outstanding books that are quite overdue could they please try and return them before the holiday break.

Book Week
During the week August 24th – 28th we will be celebrating Book Week at G.P.S. There will be more information available early next term but we will be holding a Book Fair during that week and also our annual Book Parade where everyone gets the chance to dress up as favourite character or story.

Local Libraries
If you are looking for something to do over the holidays check out website of your local library. They often run special holiday activities for pre-school and primary school children.

Inspirational school libraries from around the world
Worth a look. Something to aim for!

Jen Farley
Teacher Librarian

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is up and running! Please stay tuned as there will be more information on how to join and how to record your readings in the next newsletter.

Happy reading!

Maria Plesa

STUDENT WELLBEING WITH EMMA BEVAN

The Friendship Tree
We are calling for wool donations! If any families happen to have some spare wool at home, we would greatly appreciate it. We need red, green, yellow or blue wool for our pom pom making out at the tree. The Wellbeing Leaders and all their friends have been doing a fabulous job creating and teaching each other how to make pom poms, however we are running low on wool. Our aim, once we have enough pom poms, is to use them to create some “Wall Art” for the interior of the school.

Bounce Back
Last week, I went in to visit the Preppies on Pyjama Day and we talked about safe, happy places. Mrs Crawford has already designated a couple of safe spaces in the classroom that the children can go to if they need to calm down. We talked about the importance of having a safe, happy place to go to at school and at home, and that you can also have a happy place in your head that you can visit if you are feeling worried or need to calm down. The children then did some yoga with their teddies and I guided them through a mindfulness practice that encouraged them to connect with this happy place in their heads. I have to say it was a very nice place to be!

Have a great week everyone.

Emma.
Parents & Friends

Bakers Delight Day
Our last food day for the term is this Friday, which will be a Bakers Delight Day. We would like to thank Bakers Delight, Greensborough Plaza, for their continued support of our school.

Bunnings BBQ
Our school will be running the Bunnings BBQ day on Saturday July 18th this year. This is an excellent opportunity for our school to raise money from a wider audience than just our school families, but we need your support to be successful. A slip is attached to this week’s newsletter, please fill it out and return if you are able to help out.

Helloworld Travel Bank
We are setting up a Travel Bank with Helloworld travel agency in Main St, Greensborough. Every time you, your friends or family book a holiday in Helloworld and mention Greensborough Primary School, our school will earn 1% of total sales which we can redeem annually as vouchers to be used for fundraising events such as raffles or trivia nights. So please encourage all friends and family to book with Helloworld and mention our school!

After a successful Trivia Night, and also other fundraisers the last two terms, we are happy to say that we have raised $8500 for the school so far this year! The money raised will be going towards the library renovation as well as contributing towards Fruit Friday and the bush band for the end of year break up.

Further to this, we are now raising funds to go towards the science program that has commenced this year. Funds raised through P&F will go towards purchasing equipment and items for this program.

Kim Hill
On behalf of P&F

Greensborough Plaza Fundraiser
Want to help the school without spending any money? Join us in the School Rewards Challenge. Until the 2nd August, every time you shop at Greensborough Plaza, take your receipts to the Information desk (level 2 opposite Target.), tell them it is for Greensborough Primary School and every dollar you spend will be converted to points towards our school. Watch the tally board update as they key in your points. The school with the most points wins a $5,000 gift card, second prize is a $3,000 gift card and 3rd prize is a $1,000 gift card. You can register for your own School Challenge membership card which will give you the chance to enter weekly prize draws, but if that’s not your style, don’t worry, you don’t need to be registered for your points to be added to the school’s tally.

Notification of Bonus Points opportunities will be announced via the school’s Facebook page, Skoolbag app and where appropriate, the school newsletter.

Remember it doesn’t cost you any extra to support the school. We stand a good chance of winning if everyone supports this as it is based on student numbers. Don’t forget to get your family and friends involved too.

Ellena Butler On behalf of P&F
Term Two ~ Week 7  Week Ending May 30th 2015

Prep ~  Aska ~  For great work in listening so carefully and then sharing his very clever ideas with us!!
Grade 1/2 A ~  Isaac ~  For his great effort during instrument making. Your drum sounds great!
Grade 1/2 B ~  William B~  For your concentration and hard work during writing sessions this week. Keep up the good work!
Grade 3/4 A ~  Breannon ~  For her concentration and mature approach to reading sessions this week.
Grade 3/4 B ~  Holly ~  For being such a supportive and caring classmate.
Grade 5/6 A ~  Lillian ~  For her outstanding effort in the cross country. Well done!
Grade 5/6 B ~  Emily ~  For working so hard this week on her personal goals.
OSHC ~  Dan ~  For being a great helper when needed. Great job Dan!
Art~  Tas ~  For a fantastic Art piece about Trains. Great colours and composition. Well done!
Library ~  Lucy ~  For giving the class an excellent definition of the subjects Philosophy and Psychology. Well done Lucy!
Student Wellbeing~  Emily H ~  For confidently asking questions during Bounce Back.

St Vincent de Paul's soup kitchen.
With winter setting in St Vincent de Paul's is in need of new socks, gloves, scarves and beanies as well as good quality used jackets for those experiencing disadvantage. If you would like to donate, items can be dropped off at the offices of the following:
Jenny Macklin MP  149 Burgundy Street Heidelberg
Vicki Ward MP  718 Main Street Eltham
Anthony Carbines MP  56 Beetham Parade Rosanna

Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 18th of July – BBQ helpers
Name: .................................................................................................

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

I am able to assist with setting up (8am-8.30am)

I am able to assist with:  cooking BBQ □  serving BBQ □
From:  □ 8.30am – 10:30am  □ 10.30am – 12.30pm
       □ 12.30pm – 2.30pm  □ 2.30pm –5pm (including pack up)