**Borough Bulletin February 18th 2016**

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

The great start we’ve had to the year has continued and teachers have commented on how well the students are working and playing together. Teachers and aides have commented on how well the senior students are looking after the younger students, especially the Grade Six students with their Prep buddies. Students are really enjoying the undercover area outside the Library and the addition of wooden building equipment has added to students’ engagement. It’s terrific to see students collaborating together and problem solving to create more complicated designs.
Arrival Time At School
Student safety is very important to us at Greensborough Primary so we are very concerned with the number of students who arriving at school before 8.45am and are being left without parent or other adult supervision. Teachers are on duty from 8.45am and whilst they are at school before this time, they are engaged in meetings or planning setting up for the day and are unable to supervise students and ensure they are safe. We ask all families to please make sure their children arrive at quarter to nine or alternatively use the services of Before School Care if necessary.

School Council Nominations
It’s not too late to nominate yourself or someone else for School Council, as we still have both a two year and a one year vacancy. Forms are available at the office and I encourage everyone in our community to consider becoming involved in this important aspect of school management. Whether you’re new to our school or have been with us for some time, School Council involvement is a great way to work with other parents and support our students. There are two School Council meetings each term and also two sub-committee meetings. New school counsellors will be announced in the next newsletter and the first meeting of the new School Council will be on Monday March 21st at 7pm.

Parent Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions, Wednesday 24th February
A note confirming times for our first Parent/Teacher meeting will be sent home tomorrow. 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.

Science Open Afternoon and Evening
To celebrate the launch of our new Science classroom in our heritage building, we are inviting families to drop in before or after your Parent/Teacher interviews on Wednesday 24th February and enjoy some scintillating science experiments. Jane Byrne, our Science Specialist has planned some great activities to pique your curiosity and challenge your preconceptions. So come along and join in the fun! All family members welcome.
District Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to the following students who successfully completed the swimming trials and went on to represent GPS at the District Swimming Carnival yesterday at Watermarc: Ashley, Charlotte, Ala, Sarah, Chloe, Alexandra, Amihan, Nastasia, Grace, Michael, Rory, Jamal, Angus, Harry, Willoughby, Zayne. We know they tried their very best and were great ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the family members who attended and gave their support to our students.
Special congratulations to following students who made it through to the Division Carnival which will be held at Northcote on March 2nd: Ala – First in Backstroke and Freestyle, Grace 3rd in Backstroke, Jamal – 3rd in Freestyle and Girls Under 12 Relay Team: Chloe, Ala, Charlotte and Grace. We wish them all the best of luck in the next carnival. Go Greensborough!

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.

Camp
Thank you to Gemma Pearce and Maria Plesa who ran a very informative Camp Information evening last week. It was very well attended and I know parents and students appreciated the opportunity to view the slideshow and have all their questions answered. If your child requires medication or has any allergies, please return all the forms as soon as possible, as collating all the information is a very time consuming task and we often need to ring parents to clarify important details.

Pupil Free Day
A reminder that we have a Curriculum Day on Monday 29th February. Students will not attend school on this day and if numbers permit, OHSC Club will provide care for students. Please contact them for more information.

Southern Cross Recycling – Tuesday 24th March:
Each term we encourage families to recycle their unwanted household goods by having a collection day at school. This day is usually the last Tuesday of each term, except for fourth term when it is held in Recycling Week in November. Our unwanted items are recycled in communities that will benefit from them and our Grade 6 students also benefit as we are paid a small amount per kilogram and the monetary proceeds are placed in the Grade 6 Graduation Celebration budget.
So clear out your cupboards and send along manchester, kitchen goods, toys, clothing, shoes, books….in fact anything except electrical goods are acceptable. Signs and tables will be placed inside the door near the hall from Tuesday 4th March for you to drop off your goods.

Emergency Management and Anaphylaxis Drills
Each term we conduct drills to ensure we are well prepared in the case of an emergency and have quick response systems in place. We were very pleased last week with both students’ and staff fast response, when we practised evacuating to the oval during class time. Very pleasing also was the news we received this week that the Government will cover the full cost of providing a text-messaging service in emergency situations to schools’ parent communities. We ask all families to ensure we have up to date contact details at the office.
Our anaphylaxis drill also went well, with a swift response time recorded when a student feigned an anaphylactic reaction during recess. It was clearly evident that teachers had prepared their classes well and students are to be commended for acting responsibly. Thank you to all families who remain vigilant and refrain from sending nuts or nut products to school for snacks and lunches.

**Oz Child School Counselling Services**
As most families are aware, at Greensborough Primary our students are able to access counselling provided by the OzChild organization. This is a great service to families as it means there is very little disruption to the students’ day as there is no travel time and parents don’t need to take time off work. In order to receive counselling, families need to obtain a Mental Health Care Plan and a referral letter from your GP and return them to school and we will forward them to OzChild.
We have been very fortunate to have had excellent counsellors provided to us and the current psychologist Vikki Tsoukalas is no exception. Recently however, Vikki advised us that as her private practice is expanding, she will no longer be able to continue to work at GPS from the start of Term Two. The good news is that we have met our new counsellor Sarah Ellen, and Vikki will have a thorough handover with Sarah over the next few weeks. We wish Vikki all the best in her future endeavours and look forward to liaising with Sarah, who has written an introduction below. If any families have any queries please contact Margaret or myself at any time.

**School Banking**
On Monday Pat the Dog visited our school with his helper Rose to discuss School Banking and the importance of students developing good saving habits. If any parents would like to join this program run by the Commonwealth Bank please send a note to the office.
Special thanks to Odette for running this program at Greensborough Primary School.

I will be taking Long Service Leave from the 1st – 8th March to attend my son’s wedding interstate and the school will be in Margaret’s very capable hands during this time.

**Angela Morritt**
Principal

I am looking forward to commencing working with Greensborough Primary children and families in 2016. I have over 13 years of experience working with children and families in supporting mental health and wellbeing, and also have significant experience supporting parenting, to increase positive family relationships and parenting strategies. I can work with children with current mental health plans, and can also work with parents/carers under their own Mental Health Plan. When a child is experiencing difficulty or has a history of trauma, it’s highly beneficial for the parent/carer to also gain support in parenting strategies and support to assist the child and the family unit.
I am an Accredited Mental Health Social Worker (which means that I have a current Medicare Provider Number), and hold a Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Sciences (Infant and Parent Mental Health), as well as a Masters Degree in Clinical Family Therapy.

I will be starting practice at Greensborough Primary in Term 2 2016.

**Sarah Elliot**
ART TIMETABLE FOR TERM 1
During Term 1, students have Art at the following times:

**Wednesday**
9am 1/2B
10am 1/2A
11.30am 3/4A
12.30pm 3/4B

**Thursday**
10am Prep
12.30pm 5/6A
2.30pm 5/6B

SMOCKS
The Art room now provides smocks for students, so there is no need to purchase a smock. This means that every student has access to an appropriate long-sleeved waterproof smock for occasions when we are working with paint, clay or other messy media.

VISUAL DIARIES
The majority of student work in Art is completed in a visual diary, which is retained in the Art room. This book lasts for around 2 to 3 years and is an excellent way of acknowledging and keeping a record of each student’s work. Once their first visual diary is full, the student can bring it home and will be provided with another one. If you would like to see more of what your child has been doing in Art, you are most welcome to come to the Art room and view their Visual Diary. They are located in labelled tubs on the bench just inside the Art room door.

ART FOCUS FOR TERM 1
This term’s focus for Visual Art is ‘An Aussie Summer’. Our students are busy preparing work for the Art Show, which involves the art mediums of painting, drawing and construction. Some grades are working on canvases for the first time and the work in progress looks wonderful!

ART SHOW IN TERM 2
Our GPS Art Show will take place in Term 2. Watch this space for the date!

*Janet Troy,*  
*Art Teacher.*

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**Grade 1/2 CERES Excursion**

On Tuesday the Grade 1s and 2s went on an excursion to CERES. We had a great day learning a lot about plants, seeds, where food comes from and worms.
Program Update

Week 1 & 2
The past fortnight OSHClub G.P.S have been focusing on transitioning and settling new children into the before and after care program. Educators have made it a priority to ensure that all children’s needs are being met while promoting a fun and exciting atmosphere.

Last week’s theme “Building relationships with our peers” was a great success! The older children in the program showed strong initiative by assisting younger children with routines and role modelling appropriate behaviours. Well done to the grade 5 & 6s!

During the week the children expressed interest in colours. To further extend on this suggestion, educators provided a variety of art and craft activities where children had the opportunity to express and explore their imagination. See page attached.

Kids Catch Up Meeting
The goal behind Kids Catch up Meeting is aimed at giving children a voice who attends the program. Educators will use this information collected from students and design a program that is based on the input from the all students.

Kind Regards.
Tina Jack- OSHClub G.P.S

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0447-868-204  Coordinator: Tina Jack
Assistants: Madeline Coreno, Brett Dwelly  OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Parents & Friends

Food Day's
Our next food day is on Friday 4th of March. Order forms will come out next Monday, and are due back on Tuesday 1st of March. Extra forms are available at the front office.

Twilight Sports
Twilight sports is on Tuesday 1st of March. We will be needing volunteers to assist with setting up, cooking and selling. Setting up starts at 3pm, and the BBQ finishes around 7.30pm. If you have missed the form, there is a sign up sheet at the front office.

Easter Raffle – donations needed
Easter eggs are in the shops. Please consider making a small donation towards the Easter Raffle. A prize donation box will be available in the foyer near the front office. Thank you

Hot Cross buns
This year we will be selling Baker’s Delight Hot Cross buns as our fundraiser. We sell these for the same price as in store however each pack sold raises $2 for our school. Order forms will be coming out over the next couple of weeks.

Trivia Night – Save the date: Saturday 21st of May
Pop the date in your diary! Our main fundraiser for the year is a fantastic social evening open to families and friends of the school. Last year it raised over $6000, and everyone who attended had a great time.
If you would like to donate items for the auction, or know businesses that would like to donate, please let the front office know.

Kim Hill
On behalf of P&F

Canteen News

At this stage, we do not have the support to open canteen more than one day a week. However, Canteen is Open Every Friday and Opens on 26th Feb. We hope to keep it that way all year. We are looking into changing menu items to have a little bit more on offer (maybe even something warm for winter), however there is a lot involved. To keep this running we need to have parent assistance.

Our Canteen is only as strong as the parents who volunteer to be part of it. At this stage we have enough to keep running until the end of Term 1.

Therefore, I am in need of some new helpers this year. 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 that would like to help too. We try to keep canteen shifts to no more than two per term, per parent. You will never be on your own, always two parents on each Friday.

A Big Thank You to All the Parents Who Have Already Volunteered for Term 1.

What do I need to do?
Easy! Be at school by about 1.15pm and pop into the office and collect the cashbox and canteen book.

Open window at 1.30 and close approx. 2.00pm. Count the money and take it back to the office.

Out by 2.15pm! That’s right only an hour!

A Reminder - Where possible, if parents can provide their children with 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 0427 746 663.

NOTE: Copies of the roster are at the office if you cannot find your copy.
GPS CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2016

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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 this newsletter and return it to school, or contact me directly (Simone Baldwin 0427 746 663).

**CANTEEN ROSTER for Term 2/3**

Yes I can help with opening our kids canteen on a Friday in Term 2/3

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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 on 0427 746 663.

Term One ~ Week 2 Week Ending February 5th 2016

- Prep ~ Rose ~ For being such a polite and courteous class member.
- Grade 1/2 A ~ Viviarna & Kaitlyn ~ For such a wonderful start to Grade One and GPS.
- Grade 1/2 B ~ Adam ~ For displaying enthusiasm for learning.
- Grade 3/4 A ~ Dan ~ For his mature approach to his Grade Four year. Amazing Dan!
- Grade 3/4 B ~ Kelvin ~ For a great start to Grade Four at GPS.
- Grade 5/6 A ~ Emil ~ For working extremely hard during our start up program.
- Grade 5/6 B ~ Harry ~ For being so productive and completing set tasks in class.
- Art ~ Paris N ~ For her attention to detail in Art.
- PE ~ Cash ~ For being a great helper and team mate in PE.
- Science ~ Imogen J ~ For enthusiastically sharing ideas in our first week of Science.
Term One ~ Week 3  Week Ending February 12th 2016

Prep ~ Bureqa ~ For being such a helpful classmate. Well done!
Grade 1/2 A ~ Amber ~ For being a great role model to our classmates.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Milly ~ For actively engaging in her work and always completing her work in a timely manner.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Kate ~ For always sharing her enthusiasm for learning. We are lucky to have you.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Esther ~ For being so thoughtful of others around her. Well done!
Grade 5/6 A ~ Amiere ~ For working diligently to improve his hand writing. Great job!
Grade 5/6 B ~ Ami ~ For her helpful, hardworking attitude every day in class.
Library ~ Charlotte ~ For making a great start to the year with her Library acrostic poem. Well done!
PE ~ Abdi B ~ For demonstrating great Tennis skills in PE.
Science ~ Scarlett ~ For insightful contributions about solids, liquids and gasses.

Swinburne University and SFI Research are currently looking to recruit participants for a Melbourne based clinical trial, focused on examining whether a specific extract of the herb Bacopa monnieri (CDRI 08®) can improve cognitive, mood, sleep and behavioural measures in boys aged 6-14 years with symptoms of inattention and hyperactivity. Participants will be given KeenMind® (CDRI 08®) or a placebo and sit tests measuring their IQ, memory, attention, reaction time, inhibition and behaviour over a period of 16 weeks. Following completion of the trial, parents will be reimbursed up to the value of $50 and receive a three month supply of KeenMind®, with trial participant children each receiving a $50 book voucher. Parents will receive a report summarising some of their child’s test results. This trial has been approved by Swinburne University Human Research Ethics Committee and the Royal Children’s Hospital (Study Trial No.: ACTRN12612000827831). Bacopa monnieri has been used since 1500 B.C in Ayurvedic medicine for memory decline and as a cognitive aid. KeenMind® has been clinically proven to support memory, concentration and learning retention. KeenMind®, contains a specific extract of Bacopa monnieri (CDRI 08®) and has been researched by Swinburne University in clinical trials for over a decade. Swinburne University’s Centre for Human Psychopharmacology has published over 100 clinical trial publications investigating vitamins, herbal supplements and pharmaceuticals on disorders such as Major Depression, GAD, Cognitive Impairment and ADHD

For more information about how participants can enrol into the trial or to access clinical papers on KeenMind, visit www.inattentiontrial.com or call (03) 9214 4444

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REVISED WORKSHOP CALENDAR
January - June 2016

Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based, three (3) day Autism specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshops across Victoria in 2016. Aspect PBS workshops are for parents and carers of children and young adults diagnosed with Autism, aged between 6–25 years and living at home.

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25 Edward St, Frankston VIC 3199
Benalla All Blacks
Football & Netball Club
Ackerly Ave
Benalla VIC 3672 |

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Register ONLINE: www.autismspectrum.org.au
ND: Registrations open at least 6 weeks prior to the workshop commencement date and will close one week prior if minimum numbers have not been reached and the workshop will be canceled. Registration numbers are capped at a maximum of 20 participants and once reached the workshop will close for registrations.

Due to current program demands and restructure within Aspect, workshops previously scheduled to occur between April & June 2016 will now take place over July - November 2016. Our state-wide flyer for July - November workshops will be issued by the beginning of May.

What participants say about Aspect Positive Behaviour Support Workshops:

"Widest range of information and concrete strategies to use thank you. I have learnt very important self-reflection. Being able to step back and really look at and examine behaviour, so valuable. I really value the focus on being positive and improving my child's, my own and my family's quality of life. Great workshop – I will highly recommend it to others"