**Borough Bulletin February 4th 2016**

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

I’d like to congratulate everyone on the very smooth start we have had to the year. Our students have quickly adapted to the new routines of their classrooms, and teachers are building relationships and getting to know the new personalities in their grades. Our familiar specialist programs of Visual Arts, Library and Physical Education resumed this week much to the students’ delight, and our new Science program also was launched. It was lovely to see the students’ excitement as they made their way to the new Science classroom in the heritage school and learnt about Chemical Science. Jane has included some photos in the newsletter that capture the students’ engagement and enjoyment in the program.
As the Government launches ‘Victoria, the Education State’ it’s very affirming to see that we have been working towards achieving these ‘new’ goals for the last six years. One of the goals is that schools will not only have high expectations for academic growth in students, but that they will also aim for students to be happy, resilient and confident. The academic programs we have in place for Literacy and Numeracy are detailed later in the newsletter by Margaret and they are both extension and intervention programs, which have greatly improved students’ learning outcomes. Our Bounceback, Student Wellbeing Leaders and class programs emphasising positive education strategies, build students’ resilience, confidence and happiness. It was very heartening to meet our new Speech Pathologist Annie Unger, today and be told that our school had an excellent reputation for our Student Wellbeing programs. We are very grateful to our parent community for supporting all our school programs and helping us achieve our goals.

**Grades and Gardens!**

As part of our goal to both beautify our grounds and increase biodiversity, each grade has ‘adopted’ a garden bed to nurture. Teachers will work with their students to design changes they would like to make, and plan to implement them. Parents are welcome to become involved and help with the plant selection or actual planting and watering of these areas. Taking responsibility for a garden area will help our students build their skills and take even more pride in our school.

Prep: Friendship Tree and garden bed behind sandpit.
1/2A: Outside classroom and left section on top of embankment
1/2B: Outside classroom and right section on top of embankment
3/4A: Garden beds from gate to office and adjacent to netball court
3/4B: Garden beds near 3/4 classrooms
5/6A: Triangular bed outside classroom
5/6B: Garden beds near Library undercover area

We will display a map outlining these areas for each grade and look forward to seeing class designs take shape.

**School Council Elections**

One of the major tasks for first term is the election of the 2016 School Council. There will be four parent positions available for nomination for a two year term of office and a one year position to fill a casual vacancy. I would urge all families to consider involvement in this important aspect of school management. The current Parent Representatives on School Council at Greensborough Primary are:

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Those parents whose two year term on School Council has come to an end have the opportunity to renominate for subsequent terms on School Council. School Council involvement includes two x two hour School Council meetings per term, and involvement in a School Council subcommittee. Parents can either nominate themselves for School Council or they can be nominated by another person. **Nomination forms will be available at the office from today Thursday 4th February and need to be returned to the office by Thursday 11th February.** If the number of nominations matches the number of vacancies, then the parents who have nominated are automatically on School Council. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies there is an election process.

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<td>First Council meeting to elect office bearers and co-opt Community members.</td>
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School Council provides a pivotal role in the effective management of the school. If you have any further queries about School Council involvement please do not hesitate to contact either Margaret or myself, or a current School Council member.

**Swimming Carnival Trials**
A reminder that we will be holding swimming trials to select the students who will represent Greensborough PS at the District Swimming Carnival next **Tuesday 9th February 9.30 – 11.00.** If any parents can assist us it would be greatly appreciated! The actual Watsonia District Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 17th February and once the team is finalised, notes will be sent home with all relevant details.

**Permission for Excursion and School Sport**
Thank you to everyone who sent back the permission form for excursions, sport training and sporting events. As this form covers both local walking events and those requiring public transport, it is extremely important that it is returned promptly, especially for students competing in Inter school Sport.

**Twilight Sports**
Don’t forget to put the date of our Twilight Sports Night into your diary! This annual event will be held on the oval on Tuesday 1st March. This is a terrific night where students come dressed in their house colours and compete in their grade levels in House Teams, cheered on by their parents and family members. Dinner can be purchased from the Parents and Friends’ Barbeque or families may bring a picnic with rugs and chairs. Our Grade 5 and 6 students run various stalls to raise money for Graduation, including Face Painting, Hair Spraying, Nail Polishing in House Colours and much more! The barbeque will begin at 5pm and sporting events at 6pm. More information will be sent home closer to the date.
Camp Information Night
On Thursday February 11th at 6pm, Gemma Pearce will hold a Camp Information Night for parents of students in Grades 3-6 who will be attending our camp to Wombat Corner, Emerald on March 9th – 11th. This night will run for 20-30 minutes and Gemma will answer any parent queries. Medical forms for Camp were sent home on Monday and we ask families to return these promptly as it takes considerable time to collate them and staff often need to contact parents to clarify instructions.

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, OHS Club will provide care for students please contact them for more information.

$125 Financial Assistance For Parents - Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
Last week a form was sent home with the newsletter for parents to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund. The Victorian Government is providing this funding assistance for students if parents have a valid means-tested concession card. Extra copies can be obtained at the office and completed application forms should be returned as soon as possible.

We have had an extra newsletter this week as there is a lot of information to be given to families at this time of year, especially as this is a short term. We do however expect to return to our fortnightly routine, so the next newsletter will be published on Thursday February 18th.

Angela Morritt
Principal

Assistant Principal's Report
Curriculum Update
For families new to the school please find below an overview of the curriculum programs implemented at the school and the reasons why these programs are assisting students to achieve such strong academic outcomes.

Spelling Mastery
Spelling Mastery is a research based program which sequentially introduces spelling concepts and skills and enables students to build up a bank of known words and strategies to accurately spell new or unknown words. All students in Grades Three to Six are assessed for their Spelling Mastery ability levels and have three Spelling Mastery sessions per week (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.30-11.00) Our school data, since we have commenced this program, has shown excellent spelling outcomes which has been very pleasing.

Magic Maths
Magic Maths is a program we have developed at GPS to ensure that all students are working exactly at their level of Mathematical ability and that there is a strong focus on the development of number skills and on continuous and strong improvement. Students from Grades One to Six are assessed for their skill levels in the area of Number and allocated a Magic Maths group where, three times per week, there is intensive instruction on the development of skills and understandings. On Monday students bring home Number homework which is essentially revision of the content of the previous week's classes. If the homework has not been returned by the Friday of that week students complete this work at lunchtime in the Homework Club. Last year's Parent Opinion Survey data showed strong approval for the content and consistency of this homework program so we will continue with this program this year.
Corrective Reading.
Within every grade, students are working in focused groups based upon their reading ability however there are some students who require additional support to learn reading decoding skills and these students are involved in Corrective Reading sessions. Corrective Reading is another research based direct instruction program and we have had extraordinary success with student outcomes from this program.

Emergency Management Plan
After the recent spate of fake bomb hoax calls to schools in the state, we want to reassure families that we have a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan which covers the full range of emergencies and the appropriate response to ensure the safety of everyone in the school. I realised how effective our Emergency Management Plan was a number of years ago when I was holidaying in South America and received a text message from a friend regarding the fact that the school had gone into lockdown when there was a kangaroo loose in the school grounds!

Playgroup
Playgroup recommences next Tuesday (9th February) from 9.15 -10.45 in the hall for all ages from babies to pre-school. The morning has a balance of developmental play, stories, songs and a healthy morning tea and everyone has a wonderful time. Families make a gold coin donation which covers the cost of the children’s morning tea and any activity resources used on the day. Bakers Delight provide a sweet bun each week for the parents’ morning tea. We are happily expecting all of last year’s families to return and if any new families could let the office know that they will be joining us, we can ensure that we have enough equipment and morning tea ready for our session next week.

Buildings and Grounds
Many thanks to Amiere’s Dad, Viviana and Kelvin’s dad and one of their friends who made a great start on moving mulch onto garden beds last Monday. We have an abundance of mulch at school at the moment which will be excellent for families to move to the garden beds we have allocated to each grade level for care and development. I know that Mrs Farley is potting up cuttings for the garden beds outside of the library and we would really appreciate anyone who has a ‘green thumb’ potting up plants to enhance our grounds. We have a budget for grounds development so any grades or parents requiring plants or items for garden beds please just let us know.

Student Resources
Many thanks to all of those families who have paid their Subject Contribution charges, as a significant amount of this money has been spent already with the purchase of student textbooks, workbooks and writing materials. We work extremely hard to ensure that students have good quality resources and appreciate the prompt payment of student accounts. We are often asked if there is anything parents can provide to assist us around the school and the reality is we go through a host of items that teachers usually throw into their trolleys when they are doing their supermarket shopping. If anyone wanted to purchase one of these items and donate it to the school it would be greatly appreciated. Items we always need are:

- Chux wipes
- Dishwashing detergent
- Spray and wipe
- Hand towel
- Tissues

Margaret Hirth
Assistant Principal
Welcome back to another exciting year at Greensborough Primary School. I hope that everyone was able to have some time out for reading over the break, whether it be a book, newspaper, kindle, ipad or magazine!

This week all children have visited the library for lessons and borrowing, including our new Preps. At present the Preps are borrowing one book, the 1/2s two books and the 3/4s and 5/6s can borrow up to three titles. It was lovely to see the enthusiasm of the new Preps as they browsed and selected a book to take home.

**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 me with borrowing during class time or with covering books at home. If you would like to help with covering books could you please contact me as all of my parent helpers have now left the school. I am happy to give you a lesson. It is something that you can do at home within your own time frame. 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 2015. 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 2015.

**Donations**
A very big thank you to the Davey family who have donated a large number of books to the library. There are some great titles that we do not have so they will make an excellent addition to our shelves.

**Lessons Days**
Listed below is the day that your child has library this year.

**Wednesday**
Both Grade 1/2s, Both Grade 3/4s

**Thursday**
Extension 5/6 literacy group, both Grade 5/6s and Preps.
Kids’ big book spectacular State Library Victoria

**Where**  State Library Victoria
**When**  13th February 11.00 am -3.00pm
**Email:**  inquiries@slv.vic.gov.au

Visit the library for a day of free family fun to celebrate the wonderful world of children's literature and illustration!
Children of all ages can drop in anytime for all-day activities. Kids aged 8 to 12 years can book workshops with favorite illustrators Ann James, Leigh Hobbs and Kylie Dunstan. Workshop spaces are limited, so bookings are essential.
Learn how to create your own stories, draw amazing pictures, invent crazy characters and enjoy the special pop-up exhibition. Meet the special guest, the new Australian Children's Laureate, to be announced in early February.

*Jen Farley*
Librarian
Happy Reading

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**Parents & Friends**

Last year we raised over $16,000 for the school, which was a fantastic effort!
This year we are raising money to go towards new laptops as well as an interactive whiteboard for the school.
A big thank you to Baker's Delight in Greensborough Plaza for their kind donation of buns for our morning tea last Thursday. Please remember to mention our school if you shop there as we get points which are then redeemed as credit.

**Food Days**
Our first food day is on Friday 19th of Feb. It will be a Baker’s Delight day. Order forms will go out next Monday, and will be due back by Monday 15th.

**Meeting:**
Our next meeting will be on **Monday 8th of Feb at 9:30** (following assembly). It will be in the staff room.
If you are interested in finding out more about Parents & Friends, have some fundraising ideas, or would be able to assist with events, please come along. Children are more than welcome.

*Kim Hill*
On behalf of P&F

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**Book Club**

Catalogues and order forms are going home with the newsletter today. Instructions for payment are on the order form. Orders returned to school need to be returned by Friday 12th February.
20% of the income from sales goes to the school.

*Abigail McKee*
Book Club Coordinator
A big warm welcome to all new and pre-existing families in 2016!
OSHC- Greensborough recently received a budget for new furniture, toys and sports equipment. The children have responded very well and appear to be really enjoying them, having lots of fun out in the yards and indoors.
As most of you are aware Jacqui Baker is currently on annual leave and will be returning late February. If you have any questions regarding your child/children please feel free to speak with myself or any of the OSHClub staff members.

This week

This week at OSHClub-Greensborough we are focusing on building relationships with our peers and educators. The goal is to encourage children to have the opportunity to get to know each other better and help children feel a sense of belonging in the program. Listed below are some of the fun activities that we will be doing over the course of the week;

- D.I.Y Friendship Bracelets
- Team Building Physical Education
- Friendship Tree
- Friendship Wreath

Portfolios

This year children will be allocated an individual portfolio recording their milestones, developments and art work while attending OSHClub. These portfolios will be made available to families and we welcome feedback and input about their child/children.
OSHClub Greensborough offers a program guided by ‘My Time, Our Place’ curriculum, EWEducators create environments and provide activities that will encourage and assist children’s learning and skill development through their areas of interest, or it may just be something they have shared and they wish to learn more about.

Educators promote a healthy active learning environment for children by applying skills and knowledge from the five learning outcomes from ‘My Time, Our Place’.

- Identity
- Community
- Wellbeing
- Learning
- Communication

If you require further information regarding ‘My Time, Our Place’ please refer to www.education.gov.au/my-time-our-place-framework-school-age-care-australia

Reminders

Hours of operation
Our licence only allows the service to be operating from;
Before school 6.45 AM-8.45 AM
After school 3.30 PM-6.00PM

Bookings
For all bookings please enrol on line at www.oshclub.com.au. Once enrolled with OSHClub, log into your account and select to place permanent or causal booking for that day or future bookings.
Accounts
For all account enquiries please contact
Account Manager: Belinda Ramtohul
Telephone: (03) 85649024
Email: Belinda.r@oshclub.com.au

Regards
_Tina Jack_
OSHClub Greensborough

Canteen News
It is intended to open our canteen for counter sales only this term. At this stage we will sell Quelch and Smooze but hope to add more items during the year.
We would like to start on Friday 26th February. To make this possible I’m looking for parents who can spare an hour on Fridays from 1:15 to 2:15pm. Even if you have been on the roster before please fill in the slip at the end of the newsletter and list any dates you cannot assist.

_Simone Baldwin_
Canteen co ordinator

_Pupil of the Week_

Term One ~ Week 1  Week Ending January 29th 2016
Prep ~ All Preps ~ For a fantastic start to the year. Well done!
Grade 1/2 A ~ Kingston ~ For a sensational start to the year. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Tiffany ~ For a great start to the year. Well done!
Grade 3/4 A ~ Nastasia ~ For an amazing start at Greensborough Primary School. We are lucky to have you.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Isla ~ For a fantastic start at Greensborough P.S. Well done!
Grade 5/6 A ~ Khaled ~ Well done for a fantastic start at GPS and for showing our school values.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Emmet ~ For such an enthusiastic start to his Grade 5 year.

_WATSONIA SCOUT GROUP_
We are re-starting a Joey Mob at Watsonia Scout Group in Term 1! _Joeys are for children 5—7 years old_
If you are interested in this please contact Diana, the Group Leader, on groupleader@watsoniascoutcentre.org.au

Yes I can help in the canteen except on the following dates _____________________________

Name_____________________________________________________

Phone Number_____________________________________________

Dates I am NOT available_____________________________________

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**Parenting**

Would you like to: • Enjoy parenting more? • Have a better behaved child? • Use positive parenting strategies to manage misbehaviour?

**Do you have a child under the age of 12 and need support with parenting?**

Help is available through a Family Support Worker who will help you learn new skills to better manage your child’s behaviour.

The Family Support Worker can assist families in dealing with:
● Tantrums;
● Bedtime problems;
● Mealtime difficulties;
● Children not following instructions;
● Aggression towards parents, siblings and others; or
● Other areas of concern.

**How to access the Family Support Worker**

Referrals to the Family Support Worker can be made by contacting the Service Co-ordination team at Nillumbik Health on (03) 9430 9100 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

**Call Nillumbik Health today on (03) 9430 9100**

There will also be a series of parenting seminars beginning Wednesday 9th March.

For information on these seminars email jean.lauricella@nillumbik.org.au or phone 9430 9122

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**Tennis Coaching & Competitions**

State & National Award Winning Program
Greensborough PS & St. Mary’s TC

Lunchtime Coaching
After School & Sunday Coaching
Hot Shots Competitions
Cardio Tennis
Squad Training
Holiday Programs

For information or bookings:
The Tennis Guru
0488 722 538
info@thetennisguru.com.au
**Fitness by George presents**

**Mums and Dads on a Mission**

Group fitness targeting the needs of everyday Parents.

Tuesday morning from 10am onward

Binnak Park, Watsonia North
(carpark off Anderson Pde.)

Call George on 0430525209

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**Watsonia Heights Family Day**

Sunday 21st February at 10.30am

All players welcome from u8’s to u18’s

Come and try our Saturday u7’s program

All enquiries 0424 989 535

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**Hookin2Hockey**

- **SUB:** Northern District Hockey League
- **CONTACT NAME:** Enid Sandberg
- **CONTACT NUMBER:** 049 889 055
- **LOCATION:** Greensborough Hockey Club, Plenty Park, Memorial Drive, Plenty VIC 3050
- **START DATE:** Monday, 19th February 2018
- **TIME:** 6:45pm
- **EMAIL:** jenifer@greensboroughhockeyclub.com
- **WEB:** www.greensboroughhockeyclub.com.au

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
- Excludes: 8th March (Labour Day Holiday)
- Win great prizes in our PANNA CAGE