**Borough Bulletin March 17th 2016**

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Last Thursday I visited our happy campers at Wombat Corner in Emerald and it was lovely to see our students enthusiastically participating in all activities and enjoying themselves, despite the showers that were intermittent throughout the day. The trip on Puffing Billy was a highlight and many lasting memories were created during the three days. I’d like to thank the staff and parents who attended, for making the camp such a success and generously giving their time away from their own families. I’d also like to congratulate the students for their exemplary behaviour, especially the older students who lent a helping hand to their younger peers on many activities.

We’re very fortunate at the moment to have several new volunteers from beyond our school community, who are donating their time on a regular basis to assist our class programs. Lence
and Yasmin are completing Integration Aide courses and are each spending one day per week assisting our students, and John is a retired teacher who is helping with Interschool Sport and Magic Maths. I have had two more offers this week from participants in Integration Aide courses and the feedback I’m receiving is that they have chosen our school because of our reputation as an inclusive school with strong programs in Student Wellbeing, as well as a strong focus on academic achievement, with both extension and intervention programs for students. We welcome them all to our wonderful community and are very grateful for their support.

**Hudson’s Moomba Float**

We’re very proud of all our students’ best endeavours and every now and again we have an opportunity to celebrate students’ achievements when they “Strive For Excellence” beyond our class programs. Last year we celebrated Hudson M’s design for a jungle themed Moomba Float being selected as one of the winning entries in a City of Melbourne competition, and it was very exciting last weekend to see Hudson’s creative vision transformed into an actual float in the Moomba Parade. Hudson had an opportunity to visit the set and talk to designers during the process and we congratulate him on such an outstanding achievement!

Hudson’s interview on Sunrise is on Youtube if you’d like to see more.

**Student Leadership**

Congratulations to all our students who have been elected to leadership positions, including Junior School Councillors. The calibre of students is very high and I know the individual students feel honoured and grateful to have been elected and are very keen to represent their peers proudly in the various forums and events we have at school and beyond. We are looking forward to a terrific year with our new student leadership team.
Late Arrival At School
We are very concerned that a number of students are regularly arriving late to school. This is very unsettling to students as they miss the very important introduction to class programs and it also disrupts the learning of the class, as the teacher has to interrupt their teaching time with their group to explain the Learning Intention and activity to be completed.

The best time for students to arrive at school is at 8.45am when a teacher is on yard duty and classroom doors are opened for students to enter, unpack bags, put drink bottles in classrooms and follow their grade’s morning routine. Once this is done, students are free to go outside to play until the music begins or stay inside and chat with their peers and class teachers.

Publicity and Marketing Update
Over the last few months the Publicity and Marketing Sub-committee has been working with School Council to modernise our school brochures and marketing materials. This has been quite a process as we wanted to respect our past heritage and also showcase our innovative programs and inclusive school culture. We are very pleased with the design of a new school logo (on display in the school office) and are currently designing brochures and presentation folders, to be given to prospective school families.

Student Details Form
Thank you to all the parents who returned the forms sent home recently with your child/children’s medical and contact details. It is very important that families update these forms and return them to school as soon as possible. *If your details are unchanged, please also return forms to school indicating this,* as we then know our information is current and accurate.
Volunteer Forms
Thank you also to the families who have returned their forms indicating the areas they would like to assist the school with. Several parents have indicated they missed seeing this form at the back of the newsletter so I am resending it home today. Please complete and return to school as it greatly assists our fantastic Parent and Friends group, as well as class teachers with their planning.

Easter Parade
A reminder to families that on the last day of term, Thursday 24th March, we will have our annual Easter Hat Parade at 9.10 am on the netball court. This is a fun morning when students, and preschoolers wear their wonderful creations, each grade then has a special activity, followed by an Easter egg hunt on the oval. Our Grade 5/6 student leaders are planning for this special day and we hope many family members can join us.
A highlight of this day is the Grade 6 egg toss, where students in pairs try to throw and catch a real egg the longest distance without breaking it! Modesty almost forbids me from reminding everyone that Mrs. Hirth and I are the current champions of this event and subsequently we have retired on a high! This year Maria Plesa and Gemma Pearce will once again challenge our students for the overall title.
Thank you to the families who have donated eggs for the hampers Parents and Friends are making, as prizes for the Easter Raffle. Any families who would still like to donate items for raffle prizes may send them along to the office.

2017 Prep Enrolments
A reminder to families that if you know anyone who is coming to Greensborough PS next year, please encourage them to register their details as soon as possible, (this includes siblings of current students). We have already had a number of enquiries and school tours for places in 2017 and the sooner we get a sense of our intake for next year, the sooner we can start planning for grade structures.

School Council
Thank you to the parents who nominated for School Council, we are pleased to welcome our new school councillor, Luma Saqqa, whose family is new to our school this year and also Michael Smith and Leanne Connochie who renominated for a second term. They join Ros Murfet, Liz Doble, Tim Fraser and Wayne Robinson who are in the second year of office. We still have a two year and a one year vacancy, so if any parents would like to nominate for either of these positions please contact myself or Margaret.
We thank Gemma Pearce for renominating to be the DEECD representative, along with Chris Blake who has one year left of his term and look forward to the 2016 School Council generously giving of their time and energies for our students.
The first meeting of the new School Council to elect Office Bearers will be on Monday March 21st at 7pm.

Southern Cross Recycling – Wednesday 23rd March
Southern Cross Recycling Collection has been moved to Wednesday 23rd March. So we have one extra day to clean out our cupboards and recycle unwanted household goods. Manchester, kitchen goods, toys, clothing, shoes, books…..in fact anything except electrical goods are acceptable. Signs and tables are placed in the usual location inside the door near the hall for you to drop off your goods.
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. If anyone spies a ‘treasure’ they would like to buy, just make a gold coin or suitable donation to the office.
Woolworths Earn and Learn
The equipment that was earned through Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion has arrived in the school. Many thanks to the families who collected tokens. It has given a boost to the stocks of equipment for use by our students.

End Of Term
It's difficult to believe there is only one week left of term! Whilst it has been a very short term, students and staff have worked well to implement engaging, quality teaching and learning programs. We have received positive feedback from the many families who have been on school tours recently, on both student behaviour and the calm atmosphere in the school. I'd like to thank all our families who have supported our programs and volunteered in numerous roles this term.
A reminder that school finishes next Thursday at 1.30pm and our final assembly will be held at 1.20pm in the amphitheatre, weather permitting.
As this is our last newsletter for the term, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday over the term break!

Ange Morritt
Principal

START SMART

We recently welcomed Start Smart to deliver their free, financial education workshops to our Year 3-6 students. Delivered in class to students by a facilitator, Start Smart changes the way young people learn about money. By making money management interactive, engaging and fun, our students were equipped with the confidence and competence they need to make smart decisions about money.
Our school has proudly joined the Commonwealth Bank's Start Smart Program in its mission to improve the financial literacy of Australia's young people. Overall, the program proved to be a highly beneficial experience for students and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. For more information on the program and each of the workshops we encourage you to visit www.startsmart.com.au.

Have you applied for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)?
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.
The annual CSEF amount per student is:
  - $125 for primary school students
  - $225 for secondary school students
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website.
Applications close 3 June 2016.

Library News

Book Club
Once again the school has benefited tremendously from your Book Club purchases. Using the points that we received from our first Book Club, I have selected a range of fiction, picture story and information books for the library. We were also able to purchase a set of 8 fiction books to add to the Grade 3/4s class novels.

Library bags
It would be greatly appreciated if all children in Grade Prep-Grade 2 could have a named library bag. It helps the children keep track of their books from school to home and back again.
Plastic bags
We are very short of plastic bags in the Library. They come in very handy when children have forgotten their library bags. I am very happy to take more next term.

Holiday Borrowing
Children are always very welcome to borrow for the holidays. If you would prefer that they didn’t borrow as you are going away, can you please let them know.

Holiday Fun
The 52-Storey Treehouse
A play adapted from the best-selling book by Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton.
Andy Griffiths’ and Terry Denton’s bestseller comes to life on the stage as the team behind the hit adaptations of The 13-Storey Treehouse and The 26-Storey Treehouse return with this crazy, imaginative and engaging play.
Where – Arts Centre Playhouse
When - April 1st-17th

Jen Farley
Librarian
Happy Reading

Parents & Friends

Food Days
We have a Baker’s Delight day this Friday which will be the last for this term. Thank you to Baker’s Delight in Greensborough for their continued support for our school.
From our food days this term, we have raised over $800 which will be going towards a new interactive whiteboard.

Twilight Sports
Thank you to those who helped on the night – we raised over $750 from this event.

Easter Raffle – donations needed
Thank you to those that donated items for the raffle. Raffle tickets have been sent home for families to purchase - $1 a ticket. First prize is a Hahndorf Chocolate Hamper valued at $70 and there are 7 other prizes on offer. The raffle will be drawn during the Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday, last day of term.
More raffle tickets are available at the front office.

Hot Cross buns
Thank you to those families who purchased Hot Cross Buns – we raised over $100. Thank you to Baker’s Delight Greensborough for supporting our school with this event. Hot Cross Buns will be delivered next Tuesday.

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
Program Update

Hello to all our families at Greensborough Primary School. Here at OSHClub we have been having a great time over the last week learning all about environment and the changing seasons. The children have created some wonderful art work using lots of natural resources for their art work and talking about the weather all around the world. We have also had a great time enjoying the sunshine and playing lots of ball games outside with friends.

With school holidays approaching, I would like to remind all families that we will be open throughout the holidays and have some wonderful activities planned. We have an excursion to Melbourne Zoo as well as a trip to Latitude for some fun jumping and climbing. Come along and have a fun day here at OSHClub holiday program.

Jacqui

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0447868204
Coordinator: Jacqui Baker
Assistants: Tina Jack
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.

Pupil of the Week

Term One ~ Week 6  Week Ending March 4th 2016

Prep ~ Emilia ~ For showing such enthusiasm during Reading.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Abdi ~ For trying his best during Writing this week.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Xander ~ For building stamina during his Writing sessions. Well done!
Grade 3/4 A ~ Liam ~ For working diligently in all areas of his classroom work.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Ermis ~ For the effort he has put into learning this week. Well done!
Grade 5/6 A ~ Sarah ~ For always trying her best in all areas of the curriculum.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Aaron ~ For his excellent Big Write this week - A Day In The Life Of a Horseshoe.
Art ~ Leo ~ For approaching all of his work in Art thoughtfully and being a great helper.
Melbourne City Mission
Social Support Group for Parents and Carers of a Child with a Disability
Welcoming all parents and/or carers of a primary school aged child with a disability. This social group provides a space to share ideas, take a break and feel inspired about parenting. This six week program in a child friendly and community space is free and offers a friendly and confidential space for parents to talk about what matters to them.
Commencing Monday 18th April 10 to 12PM
Northern Community Church of Christ at 81 High Street Preston
Bookings essential please ring Sue Silk
Melbourne City Mission on 93853235
Email ssilk@mcm.org.au

Kildonan Uniting Care are holding a series of free workshop to help people develop money management skills. Topics covered include budgeting, dealing with paperwork, credit providers and how to deal with debt.
For more information and/or to register phone 1800 002 992 or 8401 0100
Email: info@kildonan.org.au

Canteen
We are still looking for volunteers to help run the canteen on Fridays for over the counter sales. This involves approximately one and a half hours once or twice a term. If you can help please return the slip at the end of this newsletter.

Simone Baldwin
Canteen Coordinator

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

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<th>DATE/S I AM ABLE TO HELP OUT (don’t fill in if you’re happy to be on roster any time)</th>
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Dear Parents and Caregivers
Greensborough Primary has a rich history of parents and family members volunteering their time to assist teachers with class and school programs or maintaining and beautifying our buildings and grounds and we are very appreciative of your support. The wonderful programs and school events we hold would not be possible without this assistance. Volunteers also give freely of their time at fundraising events and money raised is used to purchase items for your children. Parents and Friends, with your support, have raised money for iPads, interactive whiteboards for classrooms, laptop computers, the roof on the outside of the Library, outdoor furniture, Fruit Fridays and the list goes on.
Many parents often ask us how they can help at school while many others have their “regular” spot eg. At Bunnings barbecues or changing readers in class. To assist us with our planning and also to provide you with an opportunity to help out if you would like to volunteer, we have created the list below.
Please tick any areas you would like to assist us with and the coordinator of these events will contact you. If you have any additional ideas about helping at school please contact myself or Margaret. Thank you for your continued support for our school community – our students and staff appreciate your assistance

Angela Morritt

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<td>Friday mornings for approximately one hour, cutting fruit for classes. One or two mornings per term.</td>
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<td>Contacting books, assisting with borrowing in junior grades’ lessons on Wednesday and Thursday.</td>
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<td>Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stall</td>
<td>Week of the event, for 2 hours, selling items and assisting children with choosing gifts.</td>
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<td>At a time that suits you or on designated working bee dates: moving mulch, moving soil, planting etc.</td>
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Child/Children’s names_________________________ Grades_____________________

I am available to assist on the following days:
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