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Principal’s Report
Over the last fortnight we have had many visitors to our school and it has been lovely to hear their positive feedback about our excellent programs and welcoming community. From the grandparents, relatives and friends who attended ‘Special Visitors‘ Day to parents of 2017 preps, everyone has enjoyed touring our grounds and investigating highlights such as the Friendship Tree and new Science classroom. With the magnificent weather we are having, our students are enjoying relaxing in the many passive and active play areas we have and yard duty is a pleasure for staff, as they enjoy the sunshine whilst students play cooperatively. Fingers crossed, the Indian Summer continues for a few more weeks!

During school tours we showcase the excellent resources we have at Greensborough Primary, including ipads, notebooks, interactive whiteboards, class literacy sets, equipment for numeracy, science and physical education, (and the list goes on) and it makes us very grateful for our hardworking Parents and Friends committee who have raised funds for all these resources for our students. Of course they couldn’t have done it without the support of all our school families, so I encourage everyone to make up a table with friends and family for the Trivia Night on Saturday May 21st, so that even more resources can be purchased for your children to enjoy.

On behalf of staff and students we’d like to thank Parents and Friends and families for supporting our school.

Mother’s Day Stall
Not all P & F events are fundraisers, sometimes events are planned just for students’ and families’ enjoyment. Next Thursday 5th May is an example of this, as P & F will hold the Mother’s Day stall where students will have the opportunity to buy a present for their mother or special caregiver in their lives. Please send money along in an envelope with your child’s name and grade level, or in a small purse or wallet. Gifts will be priced from .50c - $6.00.

Open Day and Preschool Programs at GPS
Next Tuesday 3rd May we will be having an Open Day for families of prospective students to see our class programs in action. Group school tours will be held at 9.30 and 10.30 and individual day or after school tours by arrangement.

Last Monday, Margaret began ‘Reading At School’ for 4 year olds. This program began last year and was so successful we have added it to our usual suite of programs, Stories At School, Science At School and Art For Tiny tots. All programs are designed to assist pre-schoolers to successfully transition to Primary School, so they thrive in their first year of school.

Dates and booking details for these programs are attached to the back of the newsletter. If you have any friends or family members with preschool children, please let them know about these events.

Anzac Day Ceremonies
On Monday, our School Captains and Vice Captains, Imogen, Isaac, Ami, Ashley, Brayden and Michael, attended the service at War Memorial Park and honoured our service men and women by joining the march up Main St. and laying our wreath. This was a very moving ceremony and I congratulate our students for proudly representing Greensborough Primary. It was terrific to see so many school students in attendance with their families to commemorate this very important occasion.

Due to Inter School Sport on Friday we were unable to conduct our usual pre Anzac day school service, however our School Captains and Vice Captains conducted a ceremony on Tuesday morning. Grades Prep - Six gathered on the netball court whilst our Grade Six Leaders explained what Anzac Day was about and read The Prayer of Remembrance, Our Brave Australian Soldier and The Ode. The students laid a wreath at the base of the flagpole below the lowered flag. Parents should be very proud of the mature and respectful manner in which all students participated in the service, listened to The Last Post and observed a minute’s silence at the end.
NAPLAN
Grade 3 and 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) on May 10 – May 12. Notes with more detailed information are being sent home to parents of Grade 3 and 5 students with this newsletter. NAPLAN provides one set of assessment data and contributes to the multiple forms of assessments teachers employ to determine what students have achieved and their areas for improvement and future learning.

School Photos
School Photos will be taken on Monday 9th May. Envelopes will be sent home next Monday 2nd May and are to be returned with correct money on photo day. Please contact the office if you require an envelope for a family photo of school students or if you have any queries.

Year 7 Applications
A reminder to parents of Grade 6 students that the application forms sent home in information packs for Year 7 placement, should be returned to Maria or Gemma by Thursday 12th May. Please contact us if you have any questions about this process.

Curriculum Day
A reminder that Friday 13th May is a curriculum day and students do not attend school. Staff will have a day of analysing student results which will drive their planning for future teaching and learning programs, and also work in teams to moderate student results to ensure consistency in midyear reports. Parents are advised to contact OHSCClub if they require their children to attend on this day.

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.

Skoolbag App
Attached to the newsletter are directions for downloading the 'My Skoolbag App' to your phone and receiving notifications of relevant information and events for your child. This allows all parents up to date information and removes the risk of notices being 'lost' in students' actual school bags. As part of our sustainability program, we are hoping to eventually remove the need for a hard copy newsletter, unless specially requested by parents.

Art Show
We are very excited about our upcoming Art Show on May 18th and 19th. Janet Troy has been working very hard with our talented students and the results will be amazing. See the poster later in the newsletter for details.

Grades Prep - 2 Grandparents’ and Special Visitors’ Day
Library News

**Library Bags**
Thanks to all those wonderful people who have been dropping plastic bags off at the library. It has been an excellent help.

**Timetable**
A gentle reminder!
Grade 1/2s and Grade 3/4s have library on Wednesdays
Preps and 5/6s have library on Thursdays.

**Returns**
Children can always return books at any time in the returns box outside the library or in their class tub. They do not have to wait for their lesson. They can also borrow before and after school on Wednesday.

**Lost Books**
As part of our school policy, books that are not returned are eventually considered lost. If your child has lost a book/s we ask for a 50% contribution towards the cost of the book. You are quite welcome to pay the total cost if you wish. If after an extended period of time we have not received any contribution towards the lost books then the cost of the book/s is added to your school account. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns regarding lost books.

**Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge 2016**
The Premiers’ Reading Challenge has officially opened for 2016. For 11 years, the Challenge has inspired children to read widely and discover the hidden joys within the pages of a book. In 2013, the Challenge expanded to include young children from birth to five, in recognition of the strong evidence base that shows reading to young children promotes brain development and language learning.

The Challenge is not a competition; it’s a personal challenge for children up to Year 10 to read a set number of books over a set period of time. Since the Challenge began in 2005, over two million students have read an incredible 38 million books. For parents new to the Challenge, you will find it’s a great way to motivate your children to read more and discover exciting new titles from the extensive list of more than 9,000 books. This list is updated regularly by an expert panel. Reading books in other languages is also encouraged and counts towards the Challenge.

This year Claire Storey and I will be coordinating the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. We will be sending home more information about the Challenge next week, once we have registered our school and have your child’s user name and password. It is not compulsory for your child to take part but we would love to see as many children as possible involved across the school.

If you would like to read up on the Challenge you can type the item below into your search engine to have a detailed explanation of what the Challenge involves.

Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge

*Jen Farley*

**Teacher Librarian**
From the Art room
PARENT HELPERS FOR PREP ART SESSIONS
The Prep children are learning to sew this term, so if you have a spare hour on Wednesdays from 2.30 to 3.30pm and would like to help out, you’d be most welcome. It’s a lovely way of being involved with your child’s school life and your assistance would be highly valued. Please don’t feel you have to commit yourself for the entire term! If you can help out only once, it’s still a very worthwhile contribution.

If you are available to assist, please write your name on the roster on the Prep room window. On the day of your session, please sign in at the school office and arrive at the Art room 5 minutes before the commencement of the session.

Many thanks!

Janet Troy,
Art Teacher
Cross Country Trials
Next Monday 2nd May, students in Grades 3-6 will try out for our Cross Country Team to compete at the District Event on Wednesday 25th May. All students will walk to War Memorial Park at 9.30 am and return by 11am. Students who do not wish to try out, will walk around the track as part of their fitness activity. If any parents are able to assist with walking students to and from War Memorial Park and / or assist with judging, please let Alison, Claire or Chris know.

Alison Gibson

Parents & Friend

Trivia Night Saturday 21st May @7pm - Bundoora Community Hall
This is our biggest fundraiser for the year, so if you have friends and family invite them along to this fun-filled social evening. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of 10 new laptops for our school.
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 local businesses and school families and staff that have generously donated items. If you would like to donate items for the event, or know of someone who is interested, please let Simone Wilson or Tina Bell know.
Part of the fun is to dress yourselves and your table in your chosen theme, as the best-dressed table will win extra points.
Tickets are $15 per adult (pre-paid) or $20 on the night. Order forms are at the office. BYO snacks and drinks.

Easter Raffle
Our Easter Raffle raised $238 for our school. Thank you to those who purchased tickets and also to those who donated to the raffle. Congratulations to the winners!
1st prize – Khaled 5/6A – Hahndorf hamper
2nd prize – Lolita 1/2B 3rd prize - Teague 5/6B
4th prize – Abbey 1/2A 5th prize – Tyson 5/6A
6th prize – Michael 5/6B 7th prize – Rhonda H
8th Prize – Lucy 5/6B 9th Prize – Paul T

Intelex fundraiser
Forms have gone out this week for our fundraiser – Intelex Heatable soft toys. We have some of their products on display up at the front office if you wish to have a look at them. They are wonderful products that people of all ages enjoy and are of great quality.
Orders forms need to be returned by Friday 6th of May with delivery the following Friday. Extra order forms are available at the front office.

BBQ fundraisers
We are fortunate enough to have a date for a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser – our date this year is Sunday 26th of June. Last year we raised over $1000 from this BBQ, which is a fantastic amount. Later on this year we will also be having an Election Day BBQ as the school is a polling booth. We will be requiring volunteers to help with both of these fundraisers. A form will be coming out in the next couple of weeks for people to fill out if they are able to help. We are only able to do these fundraisers with the help of school families, so it would be great if you would be able to assist.

Food Day’s
Our next food day is a Baker's Delight Food day. Forms came out this week and are due back by Monday 2nd of May.

Kim Hill
On behalf of P&F
Hello to all our families at Greensborough Primary School. Here at OSHClub we have been having great time learning about how we grow. The children were very excited to measure themselves so we could all see how much they have grown at the end of the term. The children also have planted some seeds and can’t wait to see how big their herbs will be when they grow. Everyone is very excited to be able to cook with the herbs. Also this term we have been learning about our gardens and what flowers we have in our gardens. The children have created some wonderful flowers using all different kinds of materials.

Just a reminder to all families that there will be a curriculum day on Friday the 13th of May. If your child requires care for this day please contact OSHClub on 8564 9000 to book your child in. If we are unable to obtain 15 bookings or more we will be unable to run the curriculum day.

Jacqui

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information
OSH 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.

Term 2 ~ Week 1  Week Ending April 15th 2016

Prep ~ Chayse ~ For being such an observant class member and working really hard.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Sofia ~ For her outstanding writing this week and achieving her goal of including a WOW word. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Lola ~ For adding extra details to her written recounts to make it more engaging to read.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Paris ~ For his excellent concentration and wonderful recount of camp during this week’s Big Write.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Alex ~ For working with great focus this week. Fantastic!
Grade 5/6 A ~ Mikaela ~ For her quiet and calm attitude to learning.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Jamal ~ For always being a respectful, cooperative and caring class member.
Library ~ Chayse ~ For his excellent contribution to the class discussion about camels. Well done!
Art ~ Mason ~ For demonstrating great clay skills and helping others to achieve their best.
Build and Test Drive a Billy Cart

Join your children to build and paint their own "old school" billy cart and then take it for a test drive.

Session details below

Build a Billy Cart, Sunday 15 May, 2 sessions, 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm, Banyule Men’s Shed, 103 St Helier St, Heidelberg Heights. Test Drive, Sunday 22 May, 2pm-4pm, Vanda Crescent, Greensborough.

You will get expert step by step guidance from members of the Banyule Men’s Shed to build a race-ready cart.

Then, join the fun and test drive your cart. All you need to bring is your racing gear (helmet and padding) for the opportunity to win one of our great prizes.

Children must be accompanied by an adult to this popular annual event.

Free. Bookings essential, with limited places available.

9430 4037 www.banyule.vic.gov.au

Tuning into Kids

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

Would you like help to:
- Be better at talking with your child?
- Be better at understanding your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- Prevent behaviour problems with your child?
- Help your child deal with conflict?

Our six session parenting program for parents of children aged 8 years and under, Tuning in to Kids, shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence.

Children with higher emotional intelligence:
- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Have better concentration at school
- Are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- Tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: healthAbility (formerly Nillumbik Health)
         917 Main Road, Eltham

When: 6 consecutive weekly sessions from Wednesday 18th May to 22nd June 2016

Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

Cost: $120 ($60 for health care card holders)

RSVP: Return completed application form to Joan Lauricella. Due to consistent high demand for this group and limited places available, early RSVP is recommended.

For more information, please contact:
Joan Lauricella (Family Support Worker)
Joan.Lauricella@healthability.org.au
9430 9100

www.nillumbikhealth.org.au (03) 9430 9100
Greensborough Primary School warmly welcomes pre-schoolers to our fun and engaging Term 2 and 3 programs:

**Friday 20th May**
Friday 27th May
9:30am-10:30am

**Friday 3rd June**
Friday 10th June
9:30am-10:30am

**Friday 22nd July**
Friday 29th July
8:30am-10:30am

Families are also welcome to join our weekly playgroup (for children from birth to preschool).

Call early to book your place as numbers are limited in the programs and playgroup sessions.

For all bookings please contact 9435 1496.

Cooperation, Achievement, Respect, Empathy

Teaming for Excellence

Greensborough Primary School's

2016 OPEN DAY
Tuesday 3rd May

Group Tours: 9:30am & 10:30am

Personal tours any time by appointment

Now taking enrolments for 2017
Starting to Read

Commencing on Monday 18th April from 9.30-10.30 and running for six weeks in Term Two, this program will introduce children commencing school in 2017 to the concepts of:

- Sound /symbol relationships
- High frequency words
- Reading strategies

Sessions will be interactive, promoting confidence and excitement with reading and each week children will leave with a take home activity or book.

For enquiries or bookings please contact Greensborough Primary School on 94351496.