**Borough Bulletin May 12th 2016**

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**Principal's Report**

Once again our school has been a hive of activity in the last fortnight and it has been terrific to see the enjoyment our Preps and their family members had at the Mothers’ Day High Tea. The Preps were certainly proud to show their work and achievements to their guests. Extra-curricular events such as these build strong memories for students and join the long list of primary school highlights.

Happy memories are also created with the help of our numerous volunteers at Greensborough Primary. This was especially evident last week when the children excitedly purchased their Mother’s Day presents. Each Year we celebrate our volunteers at Greensborough Primary in fourth term with a special morning tea to thank them for the fabulous work they do for us. However as this is National Volunteers Week I’d like to take the opportunity to acknowledge our appreciation of the efforts and accomplishments of all our volunteers – from helping in class programs, buildings and grounds, barbeques or fundraising, we appreciate your support.

I’d especially like to thank the hard working band of volunteers who have gathered together sensational prizes for the **Trivia Night next Saturday May 21st**. This is a fabulous night and I hope everyone is gathering together a group of family and friends to come along. Not only is this
our major fund raiser for the year, it is also a night filled with much fun and laughter. Tickets can be purchased from the office.

I want to congratulate our students and staff in Grades Three and Five who completed NAPLAN this week. The assessments were completed in a calm, no fuss manner. We view NAPLAN as one more source of information and data, and work as hard as we can to make this a stress-free learning experience for students. When the results are available later in the year, they will be forwarded to the Grade 3 and 5 families concerned.

**Chinese Language Program**

We are very excited to announce Tanya Dulics will be joining our staff as our specialist Mandarin teacher. Tanya comes highly recommended and her resume and portfolio were very impressive, especially her blog and use of ICT, including skyping contacts in Beijing. We are confident Tanya will bring expertise in teaching Mandarin and also developing an understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture. Tanya has met most of the grades and will begin setting up her classroom this week. We are extending our network coverage to the heritage building so that both the Science and Chinese Language programs will have internet access.

**Art Show**

I’m sure you will be totally amazed with the brilliance of our students’ art work when you attend the Art Show next week. The exhibition includes work from all Prep - Year 6 students and we hope many extended family members take the opportunity to come along and view the excellent art work created by our students. Events such as this require a great deal of organization and Janet has been working hard to finalise all aspects, including arranging for display boards to showcase our students’ work. Our student leaders have volunteered their time after school to sell entry tickets and Wayne has installed wooden hanging rails in the hall. Parents & Friends have donated funds for light refreshments for parents and family members. See Janet’s article later in the newsletter for more details.

**RMIT Science**

We are looking forward to the pre-service teachers from RMIT once again visiting our school and running a series of Science lessons with students in Grades Prep – Six. These sessions are highly engaging for our students and also provide a great learning opportunity for the pre-service teachers.

**Music**

Today we welcomed Heather McLaughlin back to GPS to conduct music sessions with our students. Heather is visiting Melbourne this week and kindly volunteered her time. Grades Preps, Ones and Twos greatly enjoyed their lesson with Heather and the marimba groups in Grades 3/4 & 5/6 also had fun practising their skills, attending sessions during recess and lunchtime.

**New School Logo**

Observant family members noted we have started using our new school logo on our newsletter. As stated in a Term One newsletter, our Publicity and Marketing Sub-committee investigated updating our school logo and school information brochure. Feedback on our new logo design has been extremely positive, so we will now use this new logo when we order new stationary and uniforms. Our previous logo will be phased out gradually as we run out of existing stocks and gradually replace signage around the school. Students do not have to replace existing uniform items that bear our logo, e.g. polo shirts and jumpers, rather they will be replaced when children grow out of them.
Pre-School Transition Sessions
Our successful pre-schooler programs for Science, Library and Art sessions at school, begin next Friday 20th May. Jane is planning some scintillating science lessons so if you know any friends or neighbours with pre-schoolers aged 3 – 5 years, please extend a warm welcome for them to attend these sessions Friday mornings from 9.30 – 10.30am. These programs are very engaging for pre-schoolers and also give them opportunities to become familiar with a school environment. Science will be followed by ‘Stories At School’ in the Library and ‘Art for Tiny Tots’ will run next term.

Kinder Buddies
Our Grade Four and Five students are very excited to have established buddy relationships with the three and four year old kinder groups at Greensborough Preschool in Esther St. The students and their buddies have already had a chance to meet and get to know each other and are looking forward to building on this relationship as they meet several times a term. These sessions are a great opportunity for our students to develop leadership skills and build links to our wider community.

Year 7 Applications
A reminder to parents of Grade 6 student that the application forms sent home in information packs for Year 7 placement should have been returned to Maria or Gemma, today as tomorrow is a Curriculum Day. If any parents have missed this deadline and need to return the form on Monday please contact the office tomorrow.

Curriculum Day
A reminder that tomorrow, 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 working in teams to moderate student results to ensure consistency in midyear reports.

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.

Angela Morritt
Principal

Chinese Language
你好nǐhǎo! My name is Tanya and I am very excited to be employed as the first Chinese (Mandarin) teacher at GPS. I am passionate about teaching and learning languages. I have had 20 years of teaching experience at various primary schools and am currently teaching Chinese at Templestowe Park Primary School on Mondays and Tuesdays. I can also speak four languages – Chinese (Mandarin & Cantonese), Japanese and English and I would like to pass on my love of language learning to the students at GPS. I am looking forward to meeting everyone in the school community.

Tanya Dulics
Chinese Language Teacher
Kinder Visit

On Wednesday, 27th of April, the Grade 5 students went to Greensborough Pre-School. The Grade 5s went for practice for Buddies next year and to improve our leadership skills. Once we got there we were assigned our new Buddies and got to meet them. Then we had a small period of time to share our interests, and then we got to go outside with our Buddies. It brought back a lot of good memories some kids had there, and playing with our Buddies outside and inside was really fun. After our play outside, we read a story about companions and friendship, but before we left we sang a song by ‘The Wiggles’. Everyone enjoyed the kinder visit and had a lot of fun and we are looking forward to seeing our Buddies each fortnight.

By Hudson & Anika

From the Art room

Everyone in the school community is invited to attend our Cuppa & Chat events at the GPS Art Show next week. Entry is by gold coin donation.

Cuppa and Chat

Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th May – 3:30 to 5PM
Come and admire our students’ artwork, then catch up with friends for a cuppa and chat. Bring the family, bring the neighbours, bring Nanna, but most of all bring yourselves to celebrate our kids’ wonderful achievements in Art.
The Art Show is open 2:30 to 7PM both days for those who prefer to visit earlier or later. Thanks to Parents and Friends Club for sponsoring our refreshments.

Janet Troy,
Art Teacher
ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE INCURSION

From the 15th to the 21st of May ‘Education Week’ is being celebrated throughout Victoria. This year, the focus is on Technology, and schools are encouraged to explore Technology with students and families.

During this week a ‘Calendar of Free Activities’ is presented to schools by the Department in partnership with museums, galleries, libraries, farms, performance groups and other community organisations with education programs throughout Victoria.

The Grade 5/6 students at Greensborough Primary are lucky enough to have secured a booking with the Royal Flying Doctor Service during Education Week, on Wednesday 18th May. The RFDS Aeromedical Simulator is a life sized replica of the fuselage of a flying doctor plane. It is fully equipped with stretchers, communications, oxygen, suction and the equipment used by our every-day heroes, the doctors, nurses and pilots of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Students will hear stories, land a plane, rescue a patient and climb on board, strap themselves in and enjoy this unique experience.

We are looking forward to this exciting learning opportunity.

Gemma Pearce

Parents & Friend

Trivia Night Saturday 21st May @7pm - Bundoora Community Hall

We are fortunate to have so many local businesses willing to donate items for our upcoming trivia night. Some of the businesses that have donated so far are:

- Amazing Race/Uplift Events
- Simone Perele
- Victorian Diamond Company jewellery
- Di Oro jewellery
- Strathallan golf club
- Luna Park
- Wildlife Coast Cruises – Phillip Island
- Skaterz
- Intencity - Epping
- JP Portraits
- Nancy Skincare
- IMAX
- Xinh Dep
- Urban Grooves
- Watermarc
- Tennis Victoria

The are lots of great items that will be up for auction, many go for far less than their value. So come along for a fun night and grab yourself a bargain. If you don’t know anyone but are interested in coming, let the office know & we will organise you onto a table.

$15 per person (early bird rate), otherwise $20 on the night. Sign up at the school office!

Intelex fundraiser & Bulb Fundraiser

Thank you to those who purchased items from these fundraisers. Bulbs were sent out to students last Tuesday.
BBQ fundraisers
Bunnings – Saturday 25th of June
Election day – Saturday 2nd of July
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 Days
Our last food day raised around $250 for the school. Our next planned food day is not till Friday 3rd of June, which will be a Sushi day.
So far this year we have raised over $3000 for the school. All the money raised this year will be going towards the purchase of laptops and an interactive whiteboard for the classroom.

Kim Hill
On behalf of P&F

Employment Opportunity
The Australian Bureau of statistics is looking for people to work on the upcoming census. If you are comfortable using a computer, are an Australian citizen or have the right to legally work in Australia, you are eligible to apply. Applications can be made online at abs.gov.au/careers

Pupil of the Week

Term 2 ~ Week 2 Week Ending April 22nd 2016
Prep ~ William ~ For using such beautiful manners in the classroom.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Abbey ~ For working so hard on her writing. Keep up the excellent effort!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Sienna F ~ For her positive attitude in our reading and writing sessions.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Violet ~ For her positive attitude to all classroom activities.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Sam ~ For being such an enthusiastic worker and completing a great nesting box at home.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Foos ~ For always being a kind and helpful student and friend. Well done!
Grade 5/6 B ~ Scarlett ~ For her achievements during Applied Maths when working on angles.
Library ~ Hudson ~ For constantly being a polite and helpful class member who uses his initiative at all times.
Art ~ Harmony ~ For all the wonderful lines and patterns in her “Rockpools” artwork.
PE ~ Tania ~ For always trying her best in PE sessions.
Science ~ Violet ~ For having an excellent understanding of forces.
Term 2 ~ Week 3  Week Ending April 29th 2016
Prep ~ Tulia ~ For working so hard on stretching out her words when writing.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Ella ~ For working so hard on her reading and achieving great results. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Nathan ~ For working hard in Magic Maths sessions. Keep it up!
Grade 3/4 A ~ Petar ~ For his excellent organisation and ongoing hard work. Amazing!
Grade 3/4 B ~ Christian ~ For an amazing Big Write this week following the correct structure of a narrative.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Chloe ~ For her outstanding work during Persuasive Writing. Well done.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Tristan ~ For being so cooperative and helpful in the classroom.
Library ~ Armani ~ For completing her work about the Red Dot book and The Great Jimbo James to a fantastic level. Well done Armani!
Art ~ Alysha ~ For always being willing to be a helper in the Art room.

Term 2 ~ Week 4  Week Ending May 6th 2016
Prep ~ Sienna ~ For always giving 100% in all her learning tasks, and always showing care and respect.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Abdi ~ For his hard work in Writing this week. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Starr ~ For displaying good citizenship by helping other students.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Lachie B ~ For his impressive effort during Writing this week.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Anna A ~ For working well in class. Well done for trying your best.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Tyson ~ For his insightful contributions during our Literacy Teaching group.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Paris ~ For being an active learner and always putting up her hand to share.
Art ~ Isaac H ~ For his thoughtful approach to his work in Art and his quirky sense of humour.
Science ~ Sophie ~ For all her help in setting up and packing up as well as excellent engagement in Science.

Children’s Sleep Study

Researchers at RMIT University are looking for young children who have problems getting off to sleep aged between 3 to 6 years to take part in a new study, investigating whether an App that plays soft sounds can reduce settling time. Organisers can visit you at your home. Each child will receive two movie tickets. If interested, please contact Ms Hannah Dance (s3429147@student.rmit.edu.au or tel: 0457 411963).
SKATERZ ELTHAM INVITES ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS OF GREENSBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL TO JOIN US FOR A TOTALLY FREE AFTER SCHOOL SKATE!

DATE – TUESDAY 7TH JUNE
TIME – 4.00 TO 6.30PM

What a great way to get your school community together for some after school fun!

Cost – FREE

Conditions of Entry:-
• All skaters need to mention the school name on arrival to receive free entry and skate hire on the date booked.
• Skaterz has a NO self-catering policy. No outside food is permitted.

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