**Principal’s Report**

What an incredible event filled Education Week we had! The Art Show was a huge success and I’d like to congratulate Janet Troy on her excellent organisation and hosting of this highlight of our school year. The children’s art work was magnificent and we had many family members and friends visit the exhibition and purchase the students’ masterpieces. We even had children from the local kindergartens attend and be inspired by the sights of what they will achieve when they come to school. Our student leaders did a great job volunteering their time to sell tickets and art work. If any parents were unable to attend the art show, and would still like to purchase their children’s work, please contact the office.

During Education Week, Gemma Pearce organized a visit from the Royal Flying Doctors’ Service and their Aero Medical Simulator. It was a great treat for the students to see this life sized replica of the fuselage of a flying doctor plane, fully equipped with stretchers, communications, oxygen and essential medical equipment. The students were able to step inside and learn about the great medical service they provide to rural areas of Australia.

Another extra-curricular activity was the RMIT preservice teachers delivering engaging Science lessons to our very enthusiastic students. This Science program runs for three weeks and I’d like to thank Jane Byrne for liaising with RMIT and ensuring the program runs smoothly.
Trivia Night
Education Week was capped off with our Trivia Night which was, once again, a huge success. A very big thankyou to everyone who supported this event and made it such a memorable evening, both in terms of the fun that was had and the money that was raised – over $4000! Special thanks to Tina and her working party of Ros, Kim and Simone for all their work in sourcing terrific prizes and organizing all aspects of the evening, massive effort! Our new quiz masters, did a fantastic job as MCs and the games and question rounds were well paced through the night. Congratulations to The Vikings who from all accounts were the ‘Best Dressed’ table! The Trivia Night is our major fund raiser for the year and it was terrific to see so many staff, family members and friends generously supporting our school. Thank you also to our generous sponsors who are listed in the Parents and Friends section of the newsletter. I encourage everyone to support these local businesses if possible in the future.

Chinese Language Program
Next Thursday June 2nd Tanya Dulics will begin teaching Mandarin to our students. Tanya’s classroom will be in the heritage building and we are all very excited to see this program begin. Last week our network connection was extended so that both our Chinese and Science programs will be able to access the Internet. I’d like to extend a warm welcome to Tanya and I’m sure she will be a great addition to our teaching and learning community at GPS.

Free Dress Day
Next Wednesday 1st June we will be having a special eSmart day to celebrate the work we have undertaken to teach our students to be cybersafe. Students will be working across classrooms to participate in eSmart activities to promote being safe online. Activities will involve creating avatars, posters and comics to demonstrate their understandings of being safe when using technology. We are going to make this day even more special by having a free dress day to raise funds to buy resources for our Friendship Tree. So if you would like your child to come out of uniform, please send along a gold coin donation for our Friendship Tree. Our Student Wellbeing Leaders and Ellen will then buy games and resources for all students to use during recess and lunch at the Friendship Tree.

Starting To Read
This week was the last week of the preschool Starting to Read program run by Margaret Hirth for 2016. This program has been a great success and I’d like to thank Margaret for her tireless work to ensure lessons have been highly engaging as well as extremely valuable in teaching reading skills to four year olds. Each week the adults attending have been glowing in their praise of the program and our school in general, and the pre-schoolers have been very reluctant to leave! The sessions culminated in a Treasure Hunt where children had to read clues to find prizes and then enjoy a lovely High Tea together. The photo display in the foyer captures their excitement.
Pre-School Transition Sessions
Our successful pre-schooler programs for Science, Library and Art sessions at school began last Friday. Jane planned science experiments that produced eggs that bounced, created sherbet and dissolved the coating on jelly beans. Conversations were rich with predictions and explanations and a great deal of fun was had by all! 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.

Canteen Update
I’d like to thank Simone B for her excellent efforts in maintaining a canteen service this semester on Fridays. Simone has purchased snacks, drinks and icy poles for sale and organised a roster of faithful parent volunteers for counter sales each week. Due to personal commitments, Simone is unable to continue this service. Therefore from today, over the counter sales will cease and we will investigate if we have any volunteers to manage this service in Term Four, when the weather is warmer and demand is higher. Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to work in the canteen.

School Council
On behalf of the community I’d like to thank Liz Doble for her work on School Council. Liz has been a long standing School Councillor and we have valued her input and expertise. Liz supports our school in many capacities and whilst she is unable to complete her current term on School Council, we know she will continue to offer her support through other avenues.

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

From the Art room

Art Show – Thank you!
The Art Show was a huge success! It was wonderful to see so many parents, relatives, friends and students visiting and supporting our Art program. All our students can be congratulated on their wonderful artwork, which impressed so many people.

Wednesday 18th May saw about 120 visitors and on the Thursday, there were close to 140. Many pieces of artwork were sold and the money raised will be used to reimburse the cost of the canvases, mount boards, frames, glues, fixings, clay and paint.

I would personally like to thank Mrs. Morritt, Mrs. Hirth, Wayne and all the teachers and volunteers who lent a hand with the set up and dismantling of the Art Show. Thanks also go to all the following Grade 5/6 students who volunteered their time to assist on the door: Ashley, Scarlett, Chloe D., Sarah, Zac, Ala, Harry, Khaled, Michael, Paris, Ami, Charlotte, Imogen, Tara, Hannah, Lilly, Hudson H., Max P. and Tyson.
To everyone who attended and supported the Art Show, thank you. If you have not yet collected your child’s artwork, it is available at the school office. If you did not purchase your child’s artwork, but would now like to, please see Mrs. Hirth, Mrs. Troy or ask at the office.

Janet Troy,
Art Teacher

Library News

**CBCA Book of the Year**
The much anticipated and prestigious CBCA Book of the Year short list was announced on the weekend. These are the books that we will be looking at and using during our Book Week celebrations in Term 3. Each year, across Australia, The CBCA brings children and books together celebrating Children’s Book Week. During this time schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian Children's Literature.

We are very lucky that we have nearly all of the shortlisted books in the Early Childhood, Picture Book of the Year and Younger Readers section on our library shelves. Below is a list of the shortlisted Early Childhood books. There is a list of all of the shortlisted books on the CBCA website [cbca.org.au](http://cbca.org.au) and further information about Book Week.

![My Dog Bigsy](image1.png)
![Ollie and the Wind](image2.png)
![The Cow Tried to Over the Moon](image3.png)
![Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas](image4.png)
![Perfect](image5.png)
Early Childhood books can be books of fiction, drama, poetry or concept books. They are for children who are pre reading or early stages of reading. They may be picture story books or texts in which illustrations play a substantial part in the storytelling or concept development.

**Book Week**
During the week 22 - 26th August we will be celebrating Book Week at G.P.S. There will be more information available early next term but we will be holding a Book Fair during that week and also our annual Book Parade where everyone gets the chance to dress up as their favourite character or story. **This year's theme is Australia! Story Country.**

**Borrowing**
Recently when writing reports I printed off the borrowing data for Semester 1, until the middle of May. The children have borrowed over 2000 books during this time. Obviously this does not mean that they are reading them all but I think that it is fantastic that we have so many children selecting books to take home. It is lovely to see children coming in to ask for something specific, or reserving a book that a friend has read and recommended to them. If you are concerned that your child is not borrowing or you would like to encourage them to select some different books please come and see me.

**Our Preps**
It is wonderful to see the enjoyment of our 2016 Preps when they are in the library. They love to listen to stories, browse with great enthusiasm and carefully make their selections. Recently they were introduced to ‘chapter books’ and some of them may be bringing home short stories to share at home. These have a red dot on the spine which indicates that they are junior fiction books, a bridge between picture story books and the more complex fiction books. So a big thanks to the parents of these enthusiastic readers. You obviously instilled in them a love of literature!

**Scholastic Reading Review Crew**
Recently one of the children I nominated from our school to be a member of the Scholastic Review team was selected. I would like to congratulate Lucy C who will be given the opportunity to review new texts, future release texts or uncorrected proofs during Term 3 and Term 4. This is a great honour as Scholastic was inundated with applications. Well done, Lucy!
Parents & Friend

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. At the end of the newsletter is a slip that can be filled out & returned to school, or there is a roster available at the front office.

Food Days
Our next food day is a Sushi day on Friday 3rd of June. Order forms came out this week and are due back next Monday.

Trivia Night
On Saturday night our Trivia Night was held in the school hall – and it was a brilliant night! We made the decision to move it from Bundoora Hall to the school hall because of lower than expected numbers, however, late last week we had more families sign up so we had a great atmosphere.
Our trivia hosts Vanessa and Jasmine dished out many challenging trivia questions, and involved everyone in terrific games. Some teams chose to dress up in amazing costumes – the Vikings looked terrific. The leader board changed constantly throughout the night, and eventually the Gogglebox team won by 1 point!
Our major game (4 Corners) was strongly contested and eventually won by the Wilson family. Congratulations! We hope you enjoy your getaway to Galoglen Cottage in the Yarra Valley and all of the vouchers and goodies in the hamper.
The ultimate goal of the night was to raise as much money as we could for new laptops. Most of this was raised in the Silent Auction which is where parents and staff could bid for products and vouchers that local businesses have kindly donated (see Sponsor list). The final figure is still being tallied, but we know it is OVER $4,000!
Thanks to all the regular families who came along, thanks to the families who came along for the first time, and also thanks to the staff who donned their PJs and slippers and joined in the fun!
Thank you to all of our sponsors:

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Wildlife Coast Cruises
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Xinh Dep
Yarra Valley Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery

Kim Hill
On behalf of P&F
RMIT students have begun working with all grades running various science programs. Preps - 2s began looking at different materials, sound, and push and pull. The 3 - 6s are looking at Biological Sciences and are looking at living things and their adaptations. The Greensborough students were all thoroughly engaged in the program and are looking forward to continuing the program in coming weeks.

Jane Byrne
Science Teacher

Book Club

Hi Everyone
Just a reminder that Scholastics Book Club orders are due at school by Friday 25th June. All orders help to raise funds for the school library to purchase new books.
Thanks

Abby McKee
Book Club coordinator
Term 2 ~ Week 5  Week Ending May 13th 2016
Prep ~ Blake ~ For his wonderful listening skills. Well done Blake!
Grade 1/2 A ~ Kaitlyn ~ For always giving 100% in her learning. You are a star!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Katelyn ~ For entering the classroom with a positive attitude every day.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Jackson ~ For his impressive concentration and effort during NAPLAN testing. Amazing!
Grade 3/4 B ~ Zayne ~ For your consistent focus during class. You have a great attitude to learning.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Phoebe ~ For always trying her best in all areas of the curriculum.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Orlando ~ For using his initiative to help out in the class room. What a star!
Art ~ Viviarna ~ For a fantastic effort with her sewing (with some assistance from Emma). Well done!
PE ~ Brad ~ For always participating with enthusiasm and playing safely.
Science ~ Aaron ~ For persisting with his group game board.

Term 2 ~ Week 6  Week Ending May 20th 2016
Prep ~ Tiffany ~ For “having a go” during writing, and producing sensational work.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Darcy ~ For showing great improvement and concentration in writing this week.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Isaac~ For being a cooperative member of the classroom this week. Well done!
Grade 3/4 A ~ Hudson M ~ For his improved effort and excellent concentration this week. Amazing Huddy!
Grade 3/4 B ~ Monique ~ For being such a wonderful student and role model.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Ala ~ For her fantastic acting skills shown in her persuasive ad. Fantastic work!
Grade 5/6 B ~ Omar ~ For working so hard to improve his writing and reading. You are a star!
Library ~ Amihan ~ Putting in a great effort with her “Diamond Ranking” activity for the Blue Dot Books.
PE ~ Vivianna ~ For showing a great interest in PE this week and “having a go”. Well done!
Science ~ Charli ~ For always bringing an enthusiastic approach to Science. Keep up the great work!
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DATE – TUESDAY 7TH JUNE
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Contact number:

I can help at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Saturday 25th June:
☐ 8:30am – 10:30am (includes set up) ☐ 10:30am – 12:30pm
☐ 12:30pm – 2:30pm ☐ 2:30pm – 5:00pm (includes pack up)

Please state if you have a preference: ☐ BBQ ☐ Serving ☐ Money collection

I can help at the ELECTION DAY BBQ, Saturday 2nd July:
☐ 8:30am – 10:30am (includes set up) ☐ 10:30am – 12:30pm
☐ 12:30pm – 2:30pm ☐ 2:30pm – 5:00pm (includes pack up)

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