Principal’s Report

I’d like to congratulate everyone on the excellent ending to the term we have had. Often schools find students get tired at the end of term, (especially when the term is eleven week’s long), and their ability to remain focussed in class and problem solve in the yard, are reduced. This hasn’t been the case at GPS, and students have remained on task and highly engaged in class programs, and are showing great cooperation and friendship during recess and lunch activities. I think the excellent delivery of the PATHS program by teachers and the students’ high levels of engagement have contributed to the terrific atmosphere in the school.

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who braved the cold weather and attended Parent/Teacher interviews last night. These meetings are a good opportunity to review and celebrate your child’s Semester One results and set new goals for Semester Two. Staff have already begun planning next term’s units of work and many have arranged to meet during the holidays to finalise planning and ensure they are ready to begin the term.

ICT Purchases

Thank you to everyone for supporting Parents and Friends fundraising efforts! We were very pleased to take delivery last week of ten new notebooks for our students to use in their class programs. The notebooks and ipads purchased with Parents and Friends funds greatly enhance our class programs. It was terrific this week to see our Grade 3/4 students using a multimedia approach to their Literacy activities, as they wrote procedural texts and then used the ipads to create matching films.

Bunnings BBQ and Election Day BBQ

Parents and Friends would greatly appreciate your continued support over the next two weekends as they are running a barbeque at Bunnings this Saturday June 25th and also a barbeque at school the following Saturday July 2nd, on election day. We understand some families may be going away for the holidays, however if anyone is able to give an hour or two to help out on either Saturday, it would be terrific, and funds raised will go towards buying more resources for your children. Thank you in advance to everyone who generously gives their time to support these events.
Staffing
In our last newsletter it was mentioned that there will be a few staffing changes next term as Jane Byrne begins Family Leave and is replaced by Jen Farley – Science and Josh Smith – Physical Education. We have also had news that Samantha Molyneaux, who is currently working as a teacher’s assistant in the Prep class, is making a career change next term, as she follows her other passions in life. We wish Jane and Sam all the best in this exciting stage of their lives!

Buildings and Grounds
We are very keen to move the palings from the fence we have replaced on the corner of Horunda St and Grimshaw St, and store them in readiness for the construction of a chicken coop and gaga pit. Before we can do this we need the nails removed. If anyone has some spare time over the holidays and would like to assist with this task, please contact the office.

2017 Prep Enrolments
Next term we will begin planning in earnest for staffing and grades for 2017. If you know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please advise them to register their details as soon as possible, (this includes siblings of current students) as we will be finalising numbers in the Prep class.

Change Of Dates - Art for Tiny Tots and Stories At School
We have changed the dates for Stories at School and Art for Tiny Tots as feedback from kinder parents has been that Mondays are the preferred days to attend these valuable programs as most pre-schoolers attend kinder on Fridays. The new dates are below, 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 Monday mornings in Term Three from 9.30 – 10.30am.

Art For Tiny Tots: Monday 18th July and Monday 25th July
Stories At School: Monday 1st August and Monday 8th August

Thank you everyone for a terrific term! I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to everyone returning reinvigorated on Monday 11th July. There will be a final assembly at 1.15 tomorrow followed by our usual end of term finish time of 1.30.

Angela Morritt
Principal

Starting in term 3, 2016 at Greensborough Primary
The CASEA (CAMHS and Schools Early Action) program is part of Austin Health and is partnering with our school this year. CASEA has been developed to help children understand and express emotions, and to be better at problem solving and getting along with others. Development of these skills has been shown to enhance student capacity to achieve academically. The CASEA team will be working at the school and classroom levels, as well as at the small group level.

The program is free for your family and also for the school.

The small group part of the program has been designed for children in Grade 1 to Grade 3. Parents from these year levels will be asked to complete a short questionnaire that will help us identify families who might benefit from the program. Invitations to participate in the group programs will follow.

We are looking forward to our partnership with CASEA commencing.

If you would like more information please contact:

Name: Ros June     Contact telephone: 9496 2822
Chinese (Mandarin)

The students have been learning about the Dragon Boat Festival (端午节 Duān wǔ jié). The festival was celebrated on 9 June 2016. It is the day to commemorate the famous poet 屈原 Qū Yuán who was drowned in the Miluo river in China 2,000 years ago. Chinese people celebrate the day by eating rice dumplings (粽子 Zòngzi) and having dragon boat races. The students were very interested in learning about the history behind the festival and had lots of fun making paper dragon boats, paper dumplings and playing the dragon boat race board game.

Tanya Dulics
Chinese Language Teacher

Tree Planting

Thank you to Banyule Council for the generous donation of over 100 native plants last week. All grades spent an hour planting out their individual plants and protecting them with a tree guard. This activity was organized after the 3/4 students completed a biodiversity audit, identifying a lack of ground cover in our grounds. This was a valuable opportunity to help students understand the importance of habitat and how we can help our local fauna.

Chris Blake
Resource Smart Schools Coordinator
Library News

CBCA Book of the Year:
Below is a list of the short listed Book of the Year: Younger Readers. There is a list of all of the shortlisted books on the CBCA website cbca.org.au and further information about Book Week.

CBCA Book of the Year: Younger Readers:
Awards will be made to outstanding books of fiction, drama or poetry for readers who have developed independent reading skills but are still developing in literary appreciation. Generally, books in this category will be appropriate in style and content for readers from the middle to upper primary years.

Book Week
During Term Three we celebrate Children’s Book Week across Australia. During the week Monday 22nd August – Friday 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. The children will spend time in the library sharing and investigating the books. The shortlisted books are the books that the judges considered the best children’s books published in 2015.

This year, the Book of The Year Awards celebrates its 70th anniversary making it the longest running book awards in Australia. From the small list of books entered in 1946, entries have now grown to over 400, highlighting the strength and richness of Australian publishing for children, and the talent of those who create the books.

Holiday Borrowing
All children are able to borrow for the holidays but if you would rather they did not please let the children know. I am happy to let the children borrow more than usual if they would like extra books to read for the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge
On the library desk there are three folders- P-2, 3-4 and 5-6 which have a list of all the titles that are on the Challenge. These lists are also on the website. I have also put some titles from each area into tubs so that the children can easily access them. We do hope that lots of children are taking up the Challenge!
Holidays
Check out your local libraries in the holidays. They often have events specifically geared for children. And they’re also a great place to visit!

“I know, I know it’s a whacky thought but stay with me. These days the library is not the shhh-libraries of old. In fact, there’s so much going on that it is hard to keep track and these school holidays are no exception. There is no trick, I promise. No small print, no ulterior motives…. Free activities for kids, indoors, warm, entertaining, and very often sneakily educational.

So check out the Worldly Adventures School Holiday program at the library. There are awesome activities (very non-stereotypical library goings-on) from African drumming (Lalor Library) and Bollywood dancing (Mill Park) to Cosmodome Mobile Planetarium (Eltham Library) and Stop Motion animation (Rosanna Library). You are sure to find something your kids will love that won’t drain your wallet or destroy your house”

Yarra Plenty Regional Library website is. www.yprl.vic.gov.au

And if you do want to go and see a movie - an adaptation of Roald Dahl’s 1982 children’s book about a giant—a Big Friendly one, that is—who befriends a little orphan girl, The BFG is being released on June 30th.

Happy Reading

Jen Farley
Librarian

Parents & Friend

BBQ fundraisers
We need volunteers! The spots that desperately need helpers are 10:30am-12pm, 12pm-1:30pm, 1:30pm-3pm. It is only for 90 minutes.

We are only able to do these fundraisers with support from the school community. If you are able to help, please either ring or email the school, or send the slip back with your child (at the end of the newsletter). There is also a roster at the front office.

Bunnings – Saturday 25th of June @ Eltham Bunnings
Election Day – Saturday 2nd of July @ Greensborough Primary School

Have a lovely break

Kim Hill
On behalf of P&F
Term 2 ~ Week 9  Week Ending June 10th 2016

Prep ~ Holly ~ For always putting in her very best and helping others.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Sienna W ~ For always displaying the school values.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Willow ~ For being a wonderful role model in 1/2B. She cares for and treats everyone with respect.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Shekina ~ For always working like a superstar. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B ~ Harvey ~ For an outstanding term two with a great attitude towards your work.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Hudson H ~ For his insightful and valuable contributions during our report writing sessions.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Isaac H ~ For always demonstrating our school values and being a great learning role model.
Art ~ Ezra ~ For making excellent choices in Art this week. Keep up the great work Ezra!
Library ~ Tannaz ~ For constantly putting 100% effort into all her Library class work. Well done!

Term 2 ~ Week 10  Week Ending June 17th 2016

Prep ~ Levi ~ For being a wonderful member of our class room. We will miss you!
Grade 1/2 A ~ Emily ~ For showing great respect to her fellow classmates.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Bailey W~ For trying his personal best when drafting information reports on animals. Well done!
Grade 3/4 A ~ Liam ~ For 100% effort in all his school work this week.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Monique ~ For being such a hard worker and great role model to the class.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Angus~ For being an inquisitive member of the class.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Tannaz ~ For the beautiful presentation of her classroom work.
Art ~ Oscar ~ For a consistent and focused effort in Art. Well done Oscar!
Library ~ William P ~ For an excellent effort with his alphabet work. Well done!

SAUSAGE SIZZLE HELPERS

Parent/Family Name:________________________ Child’s Class: ________

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