**Principal's Report**

It's terrific to see our heritage building being more fully utilised this year with the establishment of our Science and Chinese specialist classes. With the Instrumental Music program also operating in the third classroom, the 'old school' is being restored as a centre of engaging programs and student learning. Tanya Dulics, our new Mandarin teacher, has settled in well and the children are enjoying learning words of greeting and also becoming acquainted with Chinese culture. Class teachers are attending lessons with their class for the remainder of this semester and this gives teachers a great opportunity to learn from Tanya, reinforcing lesson content and practising Mandarin with their grade.

**Staffing**

As many in our community have guessed, Jane Byrne will be on Family Leave next semester and we wish her all the best during this exciting time. Whilst Jane is on Leave, we are very pleased that Jen Farley will increase her time fraction to be our new Science teacher. Jen has an extensive background in Inquiry and will teach an engaging Science program to Grades Prep - 2. We are also excited to welcome Joshua Smith to our staff to teach Physical Education and assist with Inter School Sports Training and Magic Maths. Josh comes highly recommended and we are very impressed with his passion and enthusiasm for teaching. Josh attended assembly on Monday to meet our community and has taught grades this week as teachers planned units of work for next semester. We are confident that Josh will be a terrific addition to the teaching staff at GPS.

We are very fortunate to have several Education Support trainees completing work placements, and generously volunteering extra time to assist our school programs. This is providing valuable one on one support for individual students, as well as small groups, and we thank them for assisting us to further improve student outcomes.
**Cross Country**
Congratulations to all students who competed at the District Cross Country recently. The students should be very proud of their achievements and their excellent behaviour on the day. Special mention to Ala and Oscar who went on to compete at the Division event this week. Thank you to Alison Gibson and Chris Blake for coordinating this event and to the parents and family members who attended and supported our students.

**Kinder Visits**
Last week the four year old kinder group from Abacus Childcare visited our Prep classroom and enjoyed having hands-on learning experiences in a Primary School. The day was so successful we are planning another session later in the year. Next week the kinder groups from Greensborough Preschool will visit us and participate in engaging activities. They'll also have a chance to see the classrooms of their Grade 5 buddies who visit them each fortnight. These sessions are terrific for our students to develop leadership and interpersonal skills, and also provide opportunities for pre-schoolers to become familiar with a school environment so they transition more successfully into their first year of school.

**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

**Tree Planting**
On Tuesday Chris Blake organised a tree planting day, facilitated by Jim Mead from Banyule Council. Jim brought enough plants for each child to have their own seedling, which they will take care of in their class garden. Jim taught the children about the importance of planting native plants to attract birds and insects indigenous to this area and the children enthusiastically dug holes and wrote their names on tags next to their seedling. Due to the rain several grades had their sessions rescheduled to next Wednesday and we’re looking forward to watching these plants grow and flourish under the students’ care.

**Help Needed – BYO Claw Hammer!**
I’m sure many of you have noticed that we are replacing several sections of the wooden fence on the corner of Horonda and Grimshaw Streets with reinforced mesh fencing. We were so pleased with the school vista that was opened up when we replaced the fence on the corner of The Circuit that we are repeating the process near the school’s main entry. Visitors are often amazed when they enter our school and see our modern buildings and spacious, well maintained grounds, so we are replacing the fence to expose a panoramic view.
Due to Wayne’s fantastic work on these renovations we have a large supply of wooden palings that we wish to keep and use to build a chicken coop and possibly a gaga pit for students (ask a student in Grade 4-6 and they’ll explain what this is). Before we can store and use the wood we need the nails to be pulled out, so we’d love it if any parents and family members had some spare time to remove the nails. If anyone would like to help but can’t make it during school hours, we can provide access weekends or after school until 6pm. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

**eSmart**
Congratulations to Erin Donaldson for leading us to be an eSmart school! Last week our students enjoyed a special eSmart activity day, where grades worked together to complete activities promoting safe online behaviours. This day was enhanced by students coming in Free Dress to raise funds for Friendship Tree resources. Over $170 was raised and Ellen our Student Wellbeing
Coordinator will work with our Student Wellbeing Leaders to purchase items for students to enjoy during recess and lunch breaks. One suggestion was to make some new Friendship Tree decorations as the existing features are becoming weathered and brittle. Thank you to Simone W for suggesting the Free Dress Day to raise funds for our Wellbeing Program. If anyone has any other suggestions please pass them on to the Wellbeing Leaders or the office.

**Student Reports**

I’d like to thank our teachers who have spent many, many hours writing student reports. Before teachers determine the correct achievement level for students, they spend a great deal of time evaluating student’s work, this includes tests, student work samples and teacher observations. Teachers also ‘moderate’ with other staff members to ensure they are consistent with their assessments – this is especially important for students who are working above or below the expected level. Our staff are very diligent with this process and their reports show they have a thorough understanding of what their students know and also their areas for improvement or future learning. Staff are looking forward to discussing students’ progress at the Parent/Teacher interviews.

There have been several changes made to the report writing software and this means that parents are able to see individual progression points for subjects that were previously aggregated into a single score, e.g. parents of students in Grade 3-6 will notice that there are actually three areas assessed in Science. Whilst this gives parents and caregivers greater insight into their child’s achievements, a side effect is that the progression point showing the prior achievement score from 12 months ago can only be seen for English and Mathematics. Another change is that our specialist teachers can now report on students’ work habits in their class. This is a terrific addition as it paints a more complete profile of students’ behaviour and work effort in each class they attend.

**Parent Teacher Interviews – Wednesday 22nd June**

Notes were sent home yesterday, inviting parents to nominate their preferred time for Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday 22nd June. Please return these notes promptly so teachers can coordinate interviews for siblings and finalise times. Reports and confirmation of interview times will be sent home Friday 17th June. Please understand that there is only ten minutes allotted for each student and, if it appears that your conversation is going to go longer than this, then an additional appointment time may need to be made.

**Southern Cross Recycling**

It’s that time of the term again to recycle your unwanted household goods and raise money for Grade Six Graduation. So clear out your cupboards and send along manchester, kitchen goods, toys, clothing, shoes, books….in fact anything except electrical goods are acceptable. All items are available for sale prior to collection, so if anyone spies a ‘treasure’ and would like to purchase it, just see the office and make a gold coin donation. Goods will be collected on Wednesday 22nd June prior to 9 am.

**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 Morrit*

Principal
eSmart Day

All students participated in an afternoon full of engaging activities to explore what it is to be *smart, safe and responsible* when using technology.
eSmart Day was a great celebration as we have now completed all requirements to be a recognised as an eSmart School.
Congratulations Greensborough Primary School!

We are eSmart

Our school is proud to announce we are now officially an eSmart school.

Since we first registered with the program, we have introduced many new policies and activities to improve the way our school manages cybersafety, bullying and cyberbullying.

We feel confident our students, staff and the wider school community are now well supported to be smart, safe and responsible users of digital technology.

We encourage everyone in the school community to continue to uphold and promote eSmart behaviours, at school and at home. If you are aware of any incidents of bullying, cyberbullying or risky online behaviour, please contact the Principal or our eSmart coordinator.
Chinese (Mandarin)
The students had their first Chinese lesson last week. They were enthusiastic about practising the sentence 我叫…… (My name is .......). The students also wrote the sentence on a cut out of a hand and wrote on each of the fingers something they liked to do. As you can see in the photo above, each hand print has formed the scales of the school dragon which the students are really proud of.

_Tanya Dulics_
Chinese Language Teacher

Library News

**CBCA Book of the Year:**
Below is a list of the short listed Picture Story books for 2016. There is a list of all of the shortlisted books on the CBCA website cbca.org.au and further information about Book Week.

**CBCA Picture Book of the Year:** Awards are made to outstanding books of the Picture Book genre in which the author and illustrator achieve artistic and literary unity or, in wordless picture books, where the story, theme or concept is unified through illustrations. As a general guideline, the judges may consider the relative success of a picture book in balancing and harmonising the following elements:

- Artistic style and graphic excellence (including typography and its suitability for the implied readership);
- Effective use of media and technique;
- Colour, line, shape, texture;
- Relationship between illustration and text;
- Consistency of style, characterisation, information and setting;
- Clarity, appropriateness and aesthetic appeal of illustrations;
- Quality of book design, production, printing and binding.
Book Club
Once again the school has benefited tremendously from your Book Club purchases. Using the points that we received from our second Book Club, Anne Loney and I have selected some new Big Books to add to our collection. These books are quite expensive so it’s fantastic to be able to purchase some new titles for the children to share in class. Big Books are an integral part of our literacy program. There will not be a Book Club next term as we will be running the Book Fair.

Wheeler Centre – Something for the adults!
Revolting and Ridiculous: A Roald Dahl Retrospective

‘Never grow up … always down’. This excellent advice appears in George’s Marvellous Medicine, but it might have been Roald Dahl’s personal motto. Has any other children’s author known how to grow down as well as Dahl? Revolting Rhymes to The Twits to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to Matilda and many more, Dahl’s writing crackled with exuberance, imagination and irrepressible puerility. His books have been published in 59 languages with more than 200 million book sales worldwide. This year marks the 100th anniversary of Roald Dahl’s birth, so the Wheeler Centre will get revolting and ridiculous on stage with guests including Andy Griffiths, Benjamin Law, Kate McLennan, Tim Rogers, Anna Burke and more. They’ll wax nostalgic, perform extracts from Dahl’s vast body of work, delve into the recurring themes of his stories and discuss the life of this incomparable, sometimes controversial, author. Note: While this event is aimed at grown-ups, children are welcome!

When Thursday 7 July 2016 Where 7.30pm-9.00pm at Athenaeum Theatre Cost $35.00

Happy Reading

Jen Farley
Librarian

Parents & Friend
So far this year we have raised over $7200 for the school. All the funds raised are going towards an interactive whiteboard for a classroom, plus new laptops for the students. Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraisers, trivia night & food days!

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
Friday 17th of June will be our final food day for the term. Thank you to Baker’s Delight Greensborough for your continued support of our school.

Next Meeting
Our next Parents & Friends meeting will be on Friday 17th of June. Anyone who would like to come is more than welcome. The meeting will be held in the staff room @ 9am.

Kim Hill
On behalf of P&F
Canteen News

Due to other commitments, I am unable to continue my role with our school canteen. I would like to thank all the parents that have been involved with starting Canteen again (Emma Brown, Jacqui Magee, Natasha Penzi, Mel Rush), to those parents who have participated by being on the roster over the last few years. Lastly, a big thank you to all the parents who have allowed their children to bring money to school, to support our canteen. Without the involvement and support of you all, it would never have happened, and I only hope there is someone willing to take it up again for summer!

Simone Baldwin
Canteen Coordinator

Pupil of the Week

Term 2 ~ Week 7  Week Ending May 27th 2016
Prep ~ Alex ~ For being cooperative and listening well during our Science lessons.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Sandi ~ For her sensational effort in Rocket Writing this week. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Aiden ~ For showing an amazing effort in all learning areas. You are always focused and determined to challenge your thinking.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Oscar ~ For his amazing effort in Cross Country and always being an excellent role model.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Olivia ~ For being such a respectful and courteous student.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Imogen ~ For doing a great job as MC at our Healesville excursion.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Thommas ~ For being such a good explorer on our excursion to Healesville.
Art ~ Amihan ~ For her amazing work on Warm, Cool and Complementary Colours
PE ~ William ~ For showing great team skills and teamwork in our games. Keep up the great effort William!
Science ~ Chloe ~ For all her extra help setting up Science sessions. Thanks Chloe!

Term 2 ~ Week 8  Week Ending June 3rd 2016
Prep ~ Claire ~ For being such a good friend to everyone in our class.
Grade 1/2 A ~ William ~ For trying his best in Writing Week within the classroom.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Kleio~ For her cheerful disposition and willingness to help other students.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Evie ~ For being a star student day in and day out. You are an A-Grade learner.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Lucas ~ For being such an enthusiastic learner this term. Well done.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Stuart.M ~ For always being a great class member and putting smiles on our faces.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Heidi ~ For her great work on her ‘What am I’ puzzle, using digital technology.
Library ~ Willow and Heath For working so well on the identification of a fiction book. Well done!
Art ~ Evie.B ~ For sharing her knowledge of what it means to be “safe online”.
Lost Property
There is a considerable amount of items of clothing and other items in the lost property room. Please ask your child to check if any of it belongs to them. At the end of term all remaining items will be put into second hand uniform supplies or disposed of.

Jenny Hutchens
Coordinator

SAUSAGE SIZZLE HELPERS

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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