Borough Bulletin July 28th 2016

Friday 29th July
5/6B excursion to Parliament House
Grades 3/4s to Plenty River Reserve
Publicity and Marketing Sub Committee meeting

Monday August 1st
Stories @ School 9:30 to 10:30

Wednesday 3rd August
Grades 5/6 to Montmorency SC production

Friday 5th August
Baker’s Delight Lunch

Monday 8th August
Stories @ School 9:30 to 10:30
School Council Meeting 7 PM

Tuesday 16th August
Athletics Trials Grades 3-6 9 till 1PM

Monday 15th August
Grades P - 2 to Kew Traffic School

Wednesday 17th August
GATEWAYS Eureka Grades 1 to 3

Thursday 18th August
GATEWAYS Eureka Grades 4 to 6

Friday 19th August
Baker’s Delight Lunch

Monday 22nd August to Friday 26th August
Book Week

Tuesday 23rd August to Thursday 25th August
Book Fair

Wednesday 24th August
Book Week Multi Age Day

Friday 26th August
Book Week Parade

Thursday 1st September
District Athletics
Oxfam Concert

Friday 2nd September
Premiers’ Reading Challenge closes
Father’s Day Stall

Monday 5th September
School Council Meeting 7 PM

Wednesday 7th September
Responsible Pet Program Grades 1 - 4

Friday 9th September
Footy Pie Lunch

Tuesday 13th September
Southern Cross Recycling

Wednesday 14th September
School Disco – during school time

Friday 16th September
Last Day of Term 1:30 finish

Principal’s Report
We love to celebrate our students’ achievements at Greensborough Primary and this week we have had several opportunities to showcase our students’ creative talents. Four of our Grade Six pupils, Ala, Tannaz, Paris and Rory had their art work displayed at the ‘Our Sunset, My World’ art exhibition at the Atrium in Federation Square, last weekend. It was terrific to see our students art work displayed in such a magnificent setting and I’d like to thank Janet Troy for entering this event, which also raised money for disadvantaged children in Cambodia.
At assembly on Monday morning Grade 1/2B gave a highly entertaining presentation of “I Like The Flowers.” The children gave a very polished performance and are to be congratulated for remembering all the hand movements that accompanied the lyrics. Each week a different grade will perform at assembly and next week we look forward to Grade 1/2A’s musical item. Parents are welcome to attend assembly in the hall or outside in the amphitheatre, weather permitting.

If you have a spare moment, drop by the reception area and view the displays of student work. Last week we enjoyed reading Grade 5/6A’s Literacy work on books they read in class, “The Silver Donkey”, “Extra Time”, and “The Big Dry.” This week Grade 5/6B have samples of the poems they have written showcasing what they have learnt about using similes, metaphors and alliterations. Each week a different grade will have their work displayed and it’s a lovely opportunity for students to share their work with our community.

Parent Opinion Survey
On Monday the Department of Education Parent Opinion Survey was sent home to thirty families randomly selected by our office CASES21 software system. Every year we are asked by parents to clarify what the extra-curricular activities are in the question: ‘My school has good extra-curricular activities.’ To assist parents we have compiled a list of the extensive extra-curricular activities run at Greensborough Primary and this is attached to the end of the newsletter. I’m sure you’ll agree our students are fortunate to have so many opportunities provided that are additional to our core curriculum areas.

Thank you to the parents who have already returned their survey – your opinions are important to us and information provided is used to support future school planning and improvement. If your family received this survey, I urge you to return it by tomorrow Friday 31st July. Responses are confidential and are sent unopened to the Education Department for collation.

Stories At School
Next Monday 1st August and Monday 8th August, we are running the last of our mid-year transition sessions to assist pre-schoolers to become familiar with a school environment. Stories At School will be run by Jen Farley in the library from 9.30 – 10.30am, 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 highly engaging sessions.

Oxfam Concert
We are very fortunate that Heather McLaughlin is returning to Greensborough Primary to work with students in Grades 3-6 who would like to perform in the Oxfam fundraising concert to be held at Montmorency Secondary College from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, 1st September. Various school groups will be participating in this event, which is being run by the Diamond Valley Oxfam group.

Our students will be playing marimbas and percussion instruments and parents and friends are welcome to attend and enjoy the performances. Entry is $10 an adult (no charge for children) and this will go towards Oxfam projects around the world.

Heather will rehearse with the students in the weeks leading up to the performance. This is a great opportunity for our children to perform to a broader audience, while helping others. Permission notes were sent home Monday and are to be returned by Friday 29th July. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

Angela Morrit
Principal
The students have started the new term really well. The prep, Year 1 and 2 students have learnt how to say hello and count to 10. They have also started to learn Pinyin, the phonetics of Mandarin Chinese. Here are the links to the songs that they have been practising in class.

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9Ayvjy-Dgs\&list=PLHq86O4V0QF9ZhoaAJS2zxENcjKZ_Awsu

The Year 3 – 6 students have learnt how to do Chinese paper cuttings and have made beautiful decorations for our class windows. If you walk past our room on Grimshaw Street, you will be able to see them. They look fantastic!

_Tanya Dulics_
Chinese language teacher

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Book Week at Greensborough Primary School**
During the week Monday August 22nd - Friday August 26th we will be celebrating Book Week at G.P.S. Book Week is the week when the Children’s Book Council of Australia announces the winners for the best of Australian children’s literature that was published in 2015.

I will be sending home a flyer with the newsletter on the 11th August outlining the events that will take place. There will also be a Trivia sheet for children to complete with the help of adults if you wish. There will be a prize of a $10 gift voucher for the winners to spend at the Book Fair. Winners will be announced the morning of the Book Parade. This year, to celebrate the 100 years since Roald Dahl was born, our Trivia competition will be based around his books. Encourage your children to have a go. All Trivia sheets can be placed in a box outside the library. The box will be in place from Thursday 18th till Thursday 25th August.

One of the activities is a Book Fair organised through Scholastic. We have booked a Book Fair that will run from the afternoon of Tuesday 23rd August until the afternoon of Friday 26th. We may open the Tuesday morning of the following week if there is a demand. This is a great way to purchase a book but also support the school as we raise money from the total of items sold. _This takes the place of our Book Club that we hold each term._

And of course we will be once again holding a Multi-Age Day. Australia, Story Country is the theme for this year’s Book Week. With the wonderful assistance of Mrs Troy the Art teacher, we will soon have a display up outside the library!
**Premiers’ Reading Challenge**

Please feel free to visit the library to borrow books for the Premiers’ Reading Challenge, I am quite happy to send home a bulk loan of books.

_Jen Farley_
Librarian

**Science**

This term the Preps and Grade 1/2 classes have started Science lessons. After an introduction to the Science room we discussed what does a scientist look like and what do they do. I am going to put up a display in the foyer of some of the illustrations – it was good to know that there was equal representation of women and men! Lots of the scientists were wearing glasses and lab coats. Many of them were mixing ‘potions’!

This term the Prep children are investigating Physical Science in an inquiry unit called On the Move. Students will develop an understanding of how things move. They explore the push and pull forces they can use to move objects in ways such as sliding, bouncing and spinning. Through investigations, the children will observe and gather evidence about rolling objects and explore the idea of fair testing.

The Grade 1/2 children are investigating Chemical Science through an inquiry unit called All Mixed Up. The children learn about materials that don’t mix well, and others that are difficult to separate. Through hands-on investigations, they explore how changing the quantities of materials in a mixture can alter its properties and uses.

**Equipment**

I am going to purchase a small microwave oven and two electric frying pans for the science room so they can be used for experiments involving melting and heating. If anyone in the school community has one that they no longer use and would like to donate it to the school that would be fantastic.

_Jen Farley_
Science Teacher

**Parents & Friends**

**BBQ fundraisers**

A huge thank-you to all the people who volunteered their time to assist with the Bunnings BBQ and also Election Day BBQ. We would not be able to do these fundraisers without your support. Combined, we raised over $2500 for the school, which is a fantastic effort. Thank you again.

**Scout’s Raffle**

Once again our school will be participating in the Scouts Raffle. Raffle tickets will be sent home with the eldest child next week. Tickets cost $2 each, with the school receiving $1.50 of that $2. There are some great prizes on offer:

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If you don’t wish to sell any tickets, or if you have any remaining, could you please send them back to school as all tickets must be sent back to Scouts. The raffle will be drawn on 9th of September.

_Kim Hill_
On behalf of P&F
Term 3 ~ Week 1  Week Ending July 15th 2016

Prep ~ Tania ~ For her persistence during Reading lessons. Great effort Tania!
Grade 1/2 A ~ Aska ~ For showing great improvement in his reading. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Anwitha ~ For her positive start to Term 3 and for being focused while learning.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Holly ~ For her excellent start to Term 3 and insightful response during inquiry.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Ryan ~ For being such an enthusiastic learner and building your own nesting box over the holidays.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Rory ~ For his very creative work during our poetry sessions. You are a star!
Grade 5/6 B ~ Lachie P ~ For his great work on location and position in Applied Maths.
Library ~ Mya ~ For such a great start to Library sessions. Mya did an excellent job contributing to class discussions.
PE ~ Bailey D ~ For bringing a positive, “Have a go” attitude to every sporting game.

Term 3 ~ Week 2  Week Ending July 22nd 2016

Prep ~ Caden ~ For working so hard on his writing goal of leaving finger spaces. We are all so proud of you!
Grade 1/2 A ~ Roxana ~ For making a huge improvement in her hand writing. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Mason ~ For an improved focus in our Guided Reading sessions and working hard on his personal goal.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Alvin ~ For working really hard this week. You’re awesome!
Grade 3/4 B ~ Hamish ~ For being such a great role model in the classroom. Keep it up!
Grade 5/6 A ~ Anika ~ For being a kind and helpful member of 5/6A.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Breannon ~ For her great work writing Quatrain Poems this week.
Library ~ Sienna F ~ For your fantastic work about “Hey Diddle Diddle”. Well done!
PE ~ Mya ~ For always having a go in all sports, and being an excellent helper. Great job!
Science ~ Will D ~ For producing excellent responses in his written work about “Before and After”. Well done!

PATHS Reminder of the Week
One of the PATHS team’s favourite quotes of the week:

If you are feeling angry, try doing turtle.
Extra-Curricular Activities at Greensborough Primary School

Prep & Grade Six ‘Buddies’ Program
Twilight Sports
Education Week Family Morning
Easter Bonnet Parade
Harold and the Life Education Van
Commonwealth Bank Start Smart Program
School Camps and Excursions
Incursions, e.g. Jon Madin Music Activity Days
Grade 2 Sleepover
Prep & Grade One Breakfast At School
Bounceback
PATHS
Art Extension P-6
Literacy Extension
Starting to Read
Prep Transition events, e.g. Art For Tiny Tots, Science At School, Stories at school
Winter and Summer Inter School Sport, including Athletics and Cross country
Swimming
Walkathon
Book Week Parade
Poetry Competition
Multi-Age Days, e.g. ESmart, Book Week & PATHS
Footy Dress Up Days
Tree Planting days with Banyule Council
Grade 5 Leadership Days at local secondary schools
Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day Stalls
Special Lunch Days, e.g. Baker’s Delight & Sushi
Prep-2 Special Visitors’ Day
Prep Speech Screenings
Volunteers’ Morning Tea
Junior School Council
Graduation
Grade Six Big Day Out
End of Year Picnic and Bush Dance
G.A.T.E.W.A.Y.S.
Year 6-7 Transition, including visits to and from local secondary schools.
Playgroup
Grade 4 students and 3 year old kinder Buddy program with local kindergarten.
Grade 5 students and 4 year old Buddy program with local kindergarten.
Open Days
Family Science mornings,
RMIT Science Incursions
Royal Flying Doctor Service Incursion with Flight Simulator
Art Show
Responsible Pet Program and Canine Visits
Student Leadership Programs, e.g. School and House Captains, and Junior School Council
Sustainability Programs including ResourceSmart, Vegie Patch and Orchard
Friendship Tree and Student Wellbeing Leaders
Mini Fete
Greensborough’s Got Talent
Oxfam Concert
Marimba Performances at local markets.
CASS, ‘Music For Learning’ Program
Instrumental Music Keyboard and Piano
Tennis Guru
Big 5 Sports: Dance
Volunteer Opportunities

LINK Community Transport, a Not for Profit organisation providing community transport to people who are frail aged and people with a disability, is an approved voluntary work organisation and we have a wide range of exciting volunteer opportunities just for you!

Volunteering is the perfect way to learn new skills, extend your network, make new friends, increase your confidence and wellbeing, and most importantly, has a positive impact on your community.

We provide full training and support for all of our voluntary positions as well as a mentoring program for our volunteer Community Drivers.

If you would like further information about any of these roles, please do not hesitate to contact our Volunteer Recruitment Officer on 9462 8703

All applicants will be required to attend an initial interview and have a reference check. Please note that appointment to any of these roles will require undergoing a Police Check and a Working with Children Check.

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