**Borough Bulletin August 11th 2016**

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**Principal’s Report**

During Assembly on Monday mornings this term, We’ve greatly enjoyed the performances of our junior grades. Recently Grade 1/2A performed ‘Dino Stomp’ from Go Noodle, which is a website that improves student engagement, behaviour and achievement with short interactive physical activity breaks throughout the day. This week the Preps performed: ‘In PATHS We Learn To Stop and Think’ (tune – ‘Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star’). Both classes were impressive with their recall of lyrics and actions, and it was terrific to see the strategies of our student wellbeing programs being reinforced through songs and actions. Feedback from teachers and students is high in praise of the PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) program and we can see the positive effects in both the classrooms and the playground. Next Monday we’re looking forward to the Grade 3/4s performing a song also inspired by PATHS and the Grade 5/6 presentations will follow in later weeks.

We are enjoying reading the poems on display in the foyer, written by the Grade 1/2 students. Poetry is the focus of our Literacy units at the moment and all students in Grade Prep – Six are honing their skills and writing poems to enter in our Book Week competition. Students in each grade will vote for the three best poems and these will be displayed in the foyer during Book Week. The overall winner will be voted by staff and announced at assembly on Monday 29th August.
Education Support Staff
This week we held a special morning tea to celebrate our wonderful Education Support staff, Bev, Irene, Emilia and Lyn. We are very fortunate to have ES staff of such high calibre, who provide their considerable expertise to support class programs and nurture great relationships with students. We are grateful to our six volunteers Chris T., Racha, Suyeda, Yasmin, Bridie and Kylie who are either currently undergoing, or have completed their ES training and generously give their time each week to assist our teachers and students in our curriculum programs. John, a retired Assistant Principal also assists with Inter School Sport and Magic Maths and their combined impact on assisting staff to improve student learning outcomes is substantial.

Book Week
Thank you to Jen Farley for organising activities for Book Week, August 22nd – 26th which is always a highlight of our school year. Jen has once again organised a multi-age day where students across the school will work together on activities inspired by the shortlisted books. This will be followed by our Book Parade on Friday 26th August, where students and staff dress as book characters. I know many students are already working on their costumes and we invite parents and family members to come along and join in the fun.
District Athletics Carnival
Children in Grades 3-6 have been training for the District Athletics Carnival with their class teachers and in PE lessons. Draft team selection will take place at Willinda Park next Tuesday 16th August. This will be a great opportunity for all students in Grades 3-6 to experience competing on an Athletics track. Thank you to Alison Gibson for organizing this event. A special thank you from staff and students to the parents who have volunteered to assist and help the events to run smoothly and on time – your assistance is much appreciated.

Year 6-7 Transition
Letters were sent home yesterday advising parents of Year 6 students, of their successful placement in secondary schools in 2017. We are very pleased that all students who applied to Government Secondary Colleges were accepted into their first choice. Parents may contact us if they have any queries about the next stage of transitioning to Year 7. In Term Four our DET psychologist Tracie –Lee Squires or Ellen Westcott-Dawson, our Student Wellbeing Coordinator, will meet with the Grade Six students and discuss strategies for successfully transitioning to secondary school.

Emergency Management Drill
Well done to all students who responded to our two recent Emergency Management Drills quickly and calmly. We practised both an evacuation drill where students assemble on the oval in their designated areas and a drill where we stay inside and move away from external windows. In both cases students and staff are to be commended for their response time and adherence to correct protocols.

Anaphylaxis Reminder!
In order to provide a safe environment for our students with anaphylaxis, I’d like to remind all members of our community of some important aspects of our anaphylaxis management policy:
- Sharing of food between students is not allowed.
- Bringing food with nuts is strongly discouraged.
- If you would like to provide a treat for your child’s classmates for their birthday, please talk to the classroom teacher about the types of food permitted.
Thank you for supporting our policies to keep our students safe.

Oxfam Concert
We welcome Heather McLaughlin back this week to rehearse with students in preparation for the Oxfam Concert at Montmorency Secondary College from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, 1st September. Our students will be playing marimbas and percussion instruments and parents and friends are welcome to come and enjoy the performances. Entry is $10 an adult (no charge for children) and this will go towards Oxfam projects around the world.

Angela Morritt
Principal

PATHS Reminder of the Week
One of the PATHS team’s favourite quotes of the week:
Believe in yourself!
You can do it!
Swimming
The Term Four swimming program will commence on Friday 7\textsuperscript{th} October (the first Friday in term Four) and will run for nine sessions (Friday 7/10, 14/10, 21/10, 28/10, 4/11, 11/11, 18/11, 25/11, 2/12)

Last year the pool suggested one of the Grade 1/2 classes attend with the Grade 3/4s as this enabled students to access maximum pool areas and, as this worked quite well, we will do this again this year. The table below sets out the proposed times grades will be leaving school, lesson times and approximate return times. As was the case last year, students will walk to the pool under the careful and close supervision of teachers and volunteer parents and we recognise the valuable road safety lessons learnt as part of the escorted walks, as being a positive side benefit of the swimming program.

The cost of the swimming program is $85 which is the same as it was last year. This amount will be added to your child’s account. Those families who were eligible for CSEF funding can use these funds to pay for swimming lessons. Parental permission for involvement in the swimming program was included with activity permission forms signed at the start of the school year.

Swimming ability forms will be sent home for all students in Prep and those students new to the school and, if these could be returned as soon as possible, that would assist greatly with organisation.

Based upon last year’s swimming groups, and forms completed by parents for new students, all students will be placed in preliminary groups for the first swimming session and these will be adjusted based upon assessments during the first lesson.

Please ensure all clothing is labelled as it becomes quite tricky to establish who owns which Greensborough t-shirt when they are unnamed.

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Because of the number of childhood drownings last summer, schools have been actively encouraged to facilitate swimming programs for students and we thank parents for their assistance in implementing this program which we know students both enjoy and gain many skills from. If your child will not be participating in the swimming program please let us know as soon as possible.

Please contact the school if you would like any further information regarding the swimming program.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

*Australia – Story Country*

**Book Week at Greensborough Primary School**

Today you will receive a flyer outlining the events that will take place during Book Week. Please read through the flyer. There is also a Trivia sheet for children to complete, with the help of adults if you wish. There is a prize of a $10 gift voucher for each winner to spend at the Book Fair. There will be a total of 4 winners – one child from each of the Preps, Grade 1/2s, Grade 3/4s and Grade 5/6 areas. The winners will be announced the morning of the Book Parade. All Trivia sheets can be placed in a box outside the library which will be in place from Tuesday 16\textsuperscript{th} till Thursday 25\textsuperscript{th} August.
One of the activities listed in the flyer is our annual Book Fair. We have booked a Book Fair that will run from the afternoon of Tuesday 23rd August. It will be open each morning [8.15-9.00am] and afternoon [3.30-4.15pm] for the rest of that week. This is a great way to purchase a book but also support the school as we receive a percentage of the cost of the items sold. If there is the demand I will also open the morning of Tuesday 30th August.

Purchases at the Book Fair can be made with cash or using a credit card. If you cannot get to the Book Fair and your child has completed a student wish list you can also pay online or by phone. You can call 1800557908 [free call] and make an instant payment over the phone. You can also go online [www.scholastic.com.au/payment] to make a secure credit card payment online. You just need to record the receipt number so the books can be delivered to children.

And of course we will be holding a Multi-Age day on Wednesday 24th August and we will finish the week with our annual Book Parade on Friday 26th August.

**Book Fair Volunteers needed!!!** If you have 30 minutes spare to help at the Book Fair that would be fantastic. I require some helpers before and after school for about 30 minutes. It would be from Tuesday 23rd pm till Friday 26th pm. Could you please send back the slip at the end of this newsletter if you can assist.

Happy Reading

*Jen Farley*

**Librarian**

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**Parents & Friends**

**Scout's Raffle**

Raffle tickets were sent home last week with the eldest child in each family. Tickets cost $2 each, with the school receiving $1.50 of that $2.

There are some great prizes on offer:

- 1st Prize - Toyota Prius C hybrid valued at $26,854 (including on-road costs)
- 2nd Prize – Gift Card valued at $3000 from IGA
- 3rd Prize - $1350 worth of multimedia from Logitech, including Surround speaker system, gaming wheel
- 4th – 10th prize – Mountain bike valued at $459

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. **Tickets are due back at school by Monday 15th of August.**

**Food Day**

This coming Friday will be a Baker's Delight Day. Thank you again to Bakers Delight, Greensborough Plaza for their continued support with our school.

**Father's Day Stall**

We will be having a Father's Day Stall for the students to purchase gifts for their dads/special person. The stall will be on Friday 2nd of September. Gifts range from 50c to $6.

If you are able to help out at the stall (first half of the morning), please let either myself, Tina, Ros or front office know.

*Kim Hill*

On behalf of P&F
Term 3 ~ Week 3  Week Ending July 29th 2016

Prep ~ Reece ~ For “Having a go” during Writing Sessions. Well done!
Grade 1/2 A ~ Magnus ~ For his hard work in Writing and Handwriting this term.
 drowned huge improvements.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Lola ~ For using descriptive language in poetry.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Leo ~ For working with great concentration all week. Keep it up!
Grade 3/4 B ~ Ben ~ For your positive attitude towards your work this week.
Keep it up!
Grade 5/6 A ~ Isabella ~ For doing a wonderful job during the role play at Parliament House.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Hannah ~ For the great vocabulary she used during our VCOP activities.
PE ~ Sarah ~ For always bringing a smile and a happy attitude to all PE lessons. Thanks! An awesome job!

Term 3 ~ Week 4  Week Ending August 5th 2016

Prep ~ Harmony ~ For her creativity in our colour poem session. Well done Harmony!
Grade 1/2 A ~ James ~ For showing empathy and compassion towards others.
You are a wonderful role model!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Emma P ~ For her wonderful recital of her “Poem in my pocket” during her Writing Session.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Celeste ~ For her effort and concentration in class. You are a great role model!
Grade 3/4 B ~ Olivia N ~ For being such a great worker during our Poetry unit.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Cooper ~ For working extremely hard during our Poetry unit.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Michael S ~ For his entertaining limericks this week during writing.
PE ~ Brayden ~ For his motivation to improve in all areas of P.E. and willingness to help all the time. Thanks mate!
Chinese ~ Sophie and Tyler ~ For helping Mrs Dulics to set up her classroom every Thursday morning.

I am able to assist at the Book Fair on the following morning or afternoon.
Please circle the date you are available. I will send back a confirmation slip.

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