**Borough Bulletin September 8th 2016**

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**Principal’s Report**

We have had a very busy fortnight with many enjoyable events showcasing the different talents of our students. Our Grade 3-6 students showed their athletic prowess at the District Carnival last week and we are very proud of not only their sporting talents, but also the excellent behaviour and sportsmanship they displayed. I congratulate everyone for their efforts on the day, especially the twelve students who were place getters and will compete at the Division Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 5th October.

A very big thankyou to Heather McLaughlin for giving our students with a passion for music, an opportunity to perform at the Oxfam Concert. The marimba group had a great night and feedback was very positive from family members who attended. We look forward to November, when Heather is returning to run further music sessions with each grade.

The creative talents of our families were very evident in the costumes students wore for our Book Parade. From ‘The Twits’ to ‘Captain Underpants’ we could see how much effort had been put into the students’ outfits and we greatly enjoyed discovering who the characters were. Thanks once again to Jen Farley who organises all the Book Week activities and creates happy memories for our students, staff and families.

The marimba group and Grade 5/6B did an excellent job entertaining us at recent assemblies. Many of the grades this term have incorporated what they are learning in class about PATHS or their Inquiry Unit into their musical items. Grade 5/6B continued this theme with ‘From Little Things, Big Things Grow’, which was about Vincent Lingiari, Aboriginal stockman and land rights leader. It was terrific to see the students dressing in character and ‘acting’ as they sang. We’re looking forward to the Grade 3/4s performing next Monday.
A huge thank you to Parents and Friends for their fund raising efforts this term, especially the Father’s Day stall last week. The children greatly enjoyed buying a special gift for dad or a special person in their life, from the great selection available. It was lovely to see many helpers for this event as the P & F committee work very hard to plan and run events that raise money for Interactive Whiteboards, notebook computers, Friday Fruit platters, and the list goes on. New parents are always welcome to join Parents and Friends, or help organise or run the activities they hold.

While all this was happening inside the school, Wayne has been very busy outside, building our chicken coop. The floor has been laid and from the look of the planning documents and what has been built so far, this coop will withstand a tornado! We are very grateful to Wayne for all his work to improve our grounds, and build resources that our students will enjoy. Thank you also to Lucas and Nathan’s dad Mark, who has been helping Chris Blake with our ResourceSmart initiative and installed possum boxes in the trees. We are hoping the large brush tailed possums will move out of their current accommodation in the roof and move into these new lodgings. Despite the best efforts of The Possum Man to block all the roof entry points, the marsupials keep finding their way back. So fingers crossed they move to these new abodes.

Maria Plesa has included information later in the newsletter about the Disco planned next week by Junior School Council. This is a great way to end the term and I thank JSC for raising funds for projects chosen by their fellow students.

All these events require a great deal of planning and assistance from our community, and as this is the last newsletter of the term, I’d like to thank everyone for their support for school programs.

**School Brochures**

Next Thursday a photographer is coming to take additional photos for our new school brochures and promotional material. This is necessary as the design company reports that our current files have been corrupted and we are unable to finalise the drafts. The photographer will choose students who are in correct, full school uniform and engaged in the different programs we offer at school. If any parents do not wish their children to be photographed please contact me or ring the office.

**SunSmart**

Thank you to families who sent along their child’s hat to school. From September 1st – April 30th the average UV alert is 3 and above and we are required to wear hats for outdoor activities. School hats are available at the office for $11. Students without hats are required to play in designated areas with full shade.

**Lost and Found Keys**

A key on an Oakley lanyard has been handed into the office. It has some decorative attachments, with what looks to be a house key. A key with a green ID tag has also been lost in the grounds, so if you find this key or are the owner of the previous one, please contact the office.
2016 Grade Structure
Below is the proposed grade structure for next year, based on current information. If you have any feedback or specific requests for next year, please pass them on via email, phone, hand written note or in person, to the office, Margaret or myself.

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Southern Cross Recycling
A reminder that Southern Cross recycling will be collecting the items left at school next Tuesday morning before 9am. This weekend is your last opportunity to clean out your cupboards and send along any pre-loved clothing, toys, manchester, cutlery, crockery, etc. Southern Cross pays us an amount based on the weight of items which goes towards Grade 6 Graduation celebrations. If you spy some ‘treasures’ amongst the recycled items, you can purchase them for a gold coin donation at the office.

Angela Morritt
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Well Book Week is officially over for 2016 but once again we have had a fantastic time. We have just completed a wonderful week where children, parents and staff all contributed to the success of Book Week 2016.

Thank you to all the staff for their efforts on Multi-Age day and putting so much effort in to dressing up for our Book Parade. I would like to thank all the children who came along on the Friday looking absolutely amazing – and an enormous thank you to all our parents who support these events, including working at the Book Fair.

Once again the Book Fair proved to be a winner and thanks to all those who came along and purchased an item, no matter how small. This year we sold the largest amount of books and it was lovely to see children poring over books and sitting and sharing them with friends.

Congratulations to our Trivia winners. They all enjoyed selecting their $10 prize from the Book Fair.

End of Term
Children are able to borrow for the school holidays. If you do not want your child to borrow can you please let them know. Sometimes if you are going on a holiday it is easier not to borrow as it can be difficult keeping track of books.
Overdue books
If your child has very overdue books I will now be sending home notes this week asking for a donation towards the cost of replacing the books. I have already sent home notes asking for the books to be returned but now we ask for a donation of 50% towards of the cost of replacing the book.

Happy Reading

Jen Farley
Librarian

Chinese

The students have been working really well in Chinese. The Foundation, Year 1 & 2 students have started to learn the names of Chinese dishes and practised telling others what they liked.

The Year 3 & 4 students have started to learn Pinyin, the Phonetics of Mandarin Chinese. They have also practised writing Chinese characters in familiar sentences.

The Year 5 & 6 students have been using the school iPads to investigate facts about China, such as its' location, currency and famous buildings.

Next week, the students will participate in activities in class to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival also known as the Mooncake Festival. This year the festival falls on 15 September, the 15th day of the 8th Lunar month. It is the second most important festival of the Chinese lunar calendar, after the Spring Festival that celebrates the New Year.

The Festival marks the end of the harvest. Dating back 3000 years to China's Zhou Dynasty, this festival is an East Asian tradition which promotes abundance and family unity.

There will be a community celebration held in Melbourne on 11 September at the Queen Victoria Market.

The festival will feature street food stalls, musical and dance performances and a kids' activity zone.

There will be a lion team dance-off, lantern dance, roving entertainment, a mooncake-eating competition and noodle-making demonstration. For more details, go to the following link:

http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/Whatson/Festivals/Multicultural/Pages/cd138e31-3fa9-4847-8812-1d8a1c3b06a3.aspx
District Athletics

On Thursday the 1\textsuperscript{st} September, Mr Blake and I had the privilege of taking 31 students to Meadow Glen Athletics track to represent Greensborough Primary School in the District Athletics. Our students demonstrated great athletic skills and amazing sportsmanship which saw G.P.S come 4\textsuperscript{th} overall, which is our best result for many years. Congratulations to all our Athletes. You made us very proud and represented our school with great pride.

The following students came 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd} or 3\textsuperscript{rd} in their events and will be representing our district at the next level (division), on Wednesday 5\textsuperscript{th} October 2016. Congratulations and Good Luck to: Oscar, Skekinah, Ala, Michael, Jack, Imogen, Emil, Chloe, Hudson, Sarah, Tara, and Aaron

\textit{Alison Gibson}

Sports Coordinator

PATHS Staff Member of the Week

Last week’s PATHS Staff Member was Miss Pearce who received lots of lovely compliments. Don’t forget to give Mr Smith a compliment when you see him as he is our PATHS Staff Member for this week!

Swimming Reminder

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 Grade1/2 classes attend with the Grade 3/4 grades 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. Swimming needs to be paid for in full or a payment plan organised with the office prior to the commencement of the swimming program. Parental permission for involvement in the swimming program was included with activity permission forms signed at the start of the school year.

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.
LUNCH TIME DISCO AND FREE DRESS DAY!
On Wednesday the 14th of September, Greensborough Junior School Council will be running a Lunchtime Disco to raise funds to go towards the cost of building a Ga-Ga pit! The disco will run from 1:40pm-2:05pm for Grade Prep-2, and 2:05pm-2:30pm for Grade 3-6. It is a gold coin donation to enter and icy poles will be available for purchase at 50cents each.
On the same day, JSC is running a Free Dress Day in lieu of Footy Pie Day! If you would like to come to school out of uniform, JSC ask for another gold coin donation to go toward the Ga-Ga pit.
We look forward to your support.

Junior School Council and DJ Plesa

Parents & Friends

Father's Day Stall
A big thank you to all the helpers at the Father's Day Stall. It was great to see so many helpers. The stall raised $816 which is fantastic!

Food Days
Unfortunately, we are unable to run the Footy Pie Day this year due to the canteen fridge breaking down. Hopefully we can run it again next year.
Next term we will be running a Sushi Day and two Baker's Delight Days.

Scouts Monster Raffle
For all those that participated, keep your fingers crossed for the draw of the Scouts Monster raffle this Friday 9th September.

Helpers
We are always on the lookout for more helpers. If you’d like to help at one of our upcoming Food Days come and chat to Kim (mum of Emily 1/2A) or let the office know.

Kim Hill
On behalf of P&F

Pupil of the Week

Term 3 ~ Week 7  Week Ending August 26th 2016
Prep ~ All Preps ~ For a sensational effort on writing their first narrative. I was very impressed.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Jake ~ For always going about his work in a calm and quiet manner.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Sienna F ~ For her explanation of characters and settings in our reading sessions. Great job.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Hudson M~ For his enthusiasm and genuine love of reading, displayed during ‘Book Week’.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Colin ~ For a great ‘Big Write’ about an alternative ending to ‘Little Red Riding Hood’. Well done.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Hudson~ For always being an enthusiastic and cheerful student who is willing to give anything a go.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Teague ~ For his enthusiasm and bright personality in the classroom each day.
Library~ Alex ~ For excellent work on his ‘My favourite book was……’ Well done.
National Disability Insurance Scheme

In conjunction with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), the North-Western Victoria Region is organising information sessions targeting families attending schools within the North East Melbourne Area that may be eligible for NDIS support. The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will provide all Australians under the age of 65 who have a permanent and significant disability, including children with a disability or developmental delay aged 0-6 years, with the reasonable and necessary supports they need to enjoy an ordinary life.

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) will be hosting these information sessions which families and students who are residents of North East Melbourne can attend. North East Melbourne includes the local government areas of Banyule, Darebin, Nillumbik, Whittlesea and Yarra. For families and students who are not residents of the North East Melbourne Area, similar information sessions will be offered when the area in which they live transitions into the NDIA.

Details including dates and venues can be obtained by calling 1800 800 110. Students who live within the North East Melbourne Area and are in receipt of Students with Disabilities Transport Program (specialist school bus, taxi or conveyance allowance); and/or Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) funding at level 4, 5 or 6; and/or Medical Intervention Support will shortly be contacted by the NDIA in order to receive supports.

A further information session about the NDIA for schools within the North East Melbourne Area will be scheduled in early Term 4 and will be communicated to principals in advance. In the meantime, questions can be directed to ndis@edumail.vic.gov.au.

DR RICHARD EISENMAJER: ASD TALK…

Date: Wednesday 14th September, 2016
Time: 3pm - 4.15pm
Venue: St Helena Secondary College, Wollowa Road, Eltham North

During the presentation Richard will cover the following topics:

- Brief introduction to Asperger's Syndrome and Autism
- The common difficulties that children with ASD face at school and at home
- Insights into what it would be like to have ASD
- Understanding of behaviour
- Behavioral strategies to help with challenging behaviour
- Tips on making the school and home environments more 'ASD friendly'

Richard Eisenmajer (BPS) is a Clinical Psychologist with over 15 years of experience working with people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Richard is Director of The ASD Clinic and specialises in helping parents, families, teachers and other professionals to understand and support children and adults with ASD.

Prep ~ Michael ~ For working so hard on sounding out words he wanted to use during Writing. Fantastic!
Grade 1/2 A ~ Zoe ~ For trying her best during Reading this week. Keep it up Zoe!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Adam ~ For consistently trying his best especially during Writing sessions.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Evie ~ For your effort and achievement in all areas. You are a star!
Grade 3/4 B ~ Jack ~ For your superb effort and achievements at Athletics last week. What a sportsman!
Grade 5/6 A ~ Ala ~ For your amazing achievements at Athletics last week. You are a star
Grade 5/6 B ~ Brayden ~ For being such a good friend to his classmates this week.
Chinese ~ Immogen & Tannaz ~ For their positive attitude and enthusiastic engagement with learning activities.
Science ~ Daniel S ~ For giving some good explanations about how the toys moved.
Art ~ Esther ~ For some amazing art pieces over the last four weeks.
Riverside Cricket Club

Whatmough Park Clubrooms Kalparrin Ave, Greensborough.
T20-Blast and Milo in2Cricket programs for 5 to 9 year olds
All players will receive a participation pack
Girls of all ages very welcome
Registrations available for U16s, U14s & U12s
Expressions of interest of Under 18s
New players receive a free playing shirt and a free training shirt.
Further information available from Toby Hewett on 0417 309 527 or riverside@juniors.cricketvictoria.com.au or further details on our website at [www.riversidecricketclub.com.au](http://www.riversidecricketclub.com.au)

GREENBRIAR LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB
Fun & fitness – suitable for all levels of ability
Athletics is a great way of maintaining fitness & a great way to meet new friends and have fun.

Ages 5 to 15 – ALL WELCOME
Proof of age required – eg birth certificate

REGISTRATION & COME & TRY DAYS
SUNDAY 17TH – REGO DAY
SAT 24TH SEPTEMBER- REGO & COME & TRY DAY
9AM – 11AM
Season begins – Saturday 1st October

COMPETITION EVENTS
Sprints, Hurdles, Middle Distance, Walks, Throws & Jumps

Willinda Park, Beatrix St
Greensborough
For further Information contact greenbriarlac@hotmail.com