Principal’s Report
We’ve had a very smooth start to the term and the students are to be congratulated for how well they’ve settled back into class programs and regular routines. Whilst Term Four is always busy with exciting events such as Graduation, Grade Two Sleepover, Swimming, Prep One Breakfast, (and the list goes on!) it is also the time when students and teachers work hard to ensure they have reached their expected goals and learning standards. It was pleasing to see all staff members coming in to plan together over the holidays and ensure they were well prepared for the start of term.

A great deal of work was done in our buildings and grounds over the holidays. A big thank you to Wayne who has been hard at work building our chicken coop and making minor repairs inside the school building. Thank you also to the Hill family for donating some colourbond for the coop’s roof. **We are still in need of one sheet of colourbond to finish the roof and also chicken wire to build the perimeter fence**, so if anyone has any of these materials at home or knows someone...
Several parents have commented on how tidy the grounds look with many trees lopped, pruned or removed. Trees ‘R Us did a fabulous job and donated their time to complete some extra tasks and generously left us a large pile of mulch for our garden beds. We will be commencing work soon to extend the wire fence on the corner of Horunda and Grimshaw Street and brace the fence that the large gum was pressing against. The air conditioner in Grade 1/2A was repaired in time for summer and an air conditioner was installed in the Library with funds raised by Parents and Friends.

With the spates of spring weather we’ve had, the weeds have proliferated in all the garden beds and it would be greatly appreciated if any families had a spare 20 – 30 minutes to weed a section whilst the ground is still soft. Over the holidays members of the Moclair, Symes, Al Bahsh, Rae & Hill families kindly donated their time to come in and weed the beds along the Horunda St side of the school, and did a great job in clearing these sections. We’d like to target the beds outside the Grade Prep, 1/2 and 5/6 areas next, so if anyone has even a spare 10 minutes at pick up and drop off, it would be terrific if you could help. We’re aiming to have the beds weeded in time for the Corrections Crew’s next visit in November, so they can spread the mulch on the garden.

Earlier this year we redesigned our school logo and we are in the process of replacing our stationery, promotional materials and signage. As you can understand there is some cost involved in this, so we are very grateful to Parents and Friends for partially funding our new school signs and brochures. Our brochures are currently being finalised with photos taken at the end of term and we are very excited that our new signs are expected to be installed by the end of next week. We have been very pleased with the new staff vests displaying our school logo. They are proudly being worn by teachers and aides and will be a consistent uniform item for staff on excursions, camps and Inter school Sport.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the fundraisers organised and run by Parents and Friends!

Curriculum Day - Monday 3rd November
A reminder to parents that Monday 31st October is a student free day. Teachers will attend school on this day and work together to analyse student achievement data and moderate student results to ensure consistency in end of year reports.

Walkathon – Crazy Hat Theme!
Thursday October 27th is the date for our Term Four Walkathon. In the past all students have really enjoyed this activity and it is also a great opportunity to have a final fundraiser to purchase much needed items for our students to use. Rebecca Gauci is organising this year’s event and a sponsorship form and note will be sent home soon with all the relevant details. This year students and family members are encouraged to wear a ‘Crazy Hat’ and join in the fun.

Hats and Sunscreen
It is compulsory for hats to be worn from September 1st to April 30th as part of the school’s Sun Smart Policy. Hats need to be broad brimmed (not caps) and, from next Monday, any students who are not wearing hats will need to spend their outside breaks in a defined undercover area of the school grounds. Sunscreen is also supplied in classrooms for students to apply at recess and lunch breaks. If any students have a sensitivity to certain brands of sunscreen please let us know or send along your preferred brand to your child’s classroom.

2017 Staffing and Grade Structure
At the end of Term Three our Indicative Budget for 2017 was released and we are very pleased that with all the information we have at the moment, we will be able to continue to run our current classroom and specialist programs of Visual Arts, Library, Physical Education, Chinese and Science. Below is the proposed grade structure for next year, based on current information.

In week 6 of this term, we will be asking students to nominate friendship groups and begin the process of allocating students to their grades. This process includes teachers’ consideration of students’ friendship groups, school data on academic abilities and needs, and parent input on specific requests for their children. If you do have any specific requests for next year please pass them on to Margaret or myself and this can be factored into our decision making. Notification of
2017 grades will be sent home with reports on Friday December 9th and students will meet their 2017 teachers and spend the morning with them on Tuesday 13th December.

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**Prep Transition**

Letters have been sent home to all families who have Prep students commencing next year with details of the November transition program. An evening information session will be offered, however if all families are able to attend the daytime sessions, and receive relevant transition information then there may be no need for a night Parent Information session.

**Child Safety Standards**

As part of the Victorian Government commitment to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people, and to the implementation of the recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust report, which found that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse in our community, there are new requirements for schools to be compliant with the Child Safe Standards. As we conducted an audit at GPS of our current practices, we found that our practices and policies met the regulations and all that remained was for us to communicate them to our community. Hence our Child Safety Policy is attached to this newsletter for parents to read and your feedback is invited. Over the coming weeks we will gradually attach additional documents to the newsletter so that families aren’t overwhelmed with the information all at once.

**Southern Cross Recycling**

This term we will be collecting items for Southern Cross Recycling on Tuesday 8th November to coincide with Recycling Week. This is a great opportunity to spring clean your cupboards send along any pre-loved clothing, toys, manchester, cutlery and crockery, to school. Southern Cross pays us an amount based on the weight of items which goes towards Grade 6 Graduation celebrations. Prior to collection, if any families spy a ‘treasure’ in the recycled goods they would like to take home, just contact the office to make a donation. As we are paid by weight, a gold or silver coin donation would be sufficient.

**Greensborough Cricket Club**

Greensborough Cricket club needs new members for their Under 12 Cricket Team. Flyers were sent home this week with interested girls and boys, 9 – 12 years old. As the need is high, the club is willing to forgo the registration fee for Greensborough Primary students who join this Friday night team. All equipment is also supplied, except for runners and white pants. Please contact Lauren Cleary, 0402 224 409 or for more details.

Have a great term everyone!

*Angela Morrit*

Principal
Our favourite PATHS quote of the week:  
Stop. Think. Do.

PATHS Staff Member of the Week
Last term’s PATHS Staff Members were Miss Pearce and Mr Smith who received lots of lovely compliments. Don’t forget to give Ms Loney a compliment when you see her as she is our PATHS Staff Member for this week!

Swimming Reminder
The Term Four swimming program will commence this Friday 7th 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 we were blessed with good weather for the walk to the pool but, barring huge storms, we intend to walk even if there is a little rain so please ensure your child has a waterproof jacket if the forecast is for inclement weather.
All students will be placed in preliminary groups for the first swimming session and groups will be adjusted based upon assessments during the first lesson. If you or your child have any concerns about the group your child is in, PLEASE let us know because the pool is very responsive to concerns raised and will make required adjustments.
Please ensure all clothing is labelled as it becomes quite tricky to establish who owns which Greensborough t-shirt when they are unnamed. For those students attending the Grade Two sleepover on Thursday night it would be helpful if swimming items are packed in a separate, named bag.

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

Thank You
Thank you to all who supported our Free Dress Day and Disco. With your help, we were able to raise just over $360 to go toward building a Ga-Ga Pit! We will be running a Greensborough’s Got Talent this term to raise more funds for the Ga-Ga Pit so watch this space!  
Junior School Council and Miss Plesa
**Student Wellbeing News**

**Bounce Back**

**Term 3**

Well we have certainly been busy in Bounce Back this year. Continuing with Emma’s fabulous work in Bounce Back, I worked with all grade levels in Term 3 to revisit our sessions on Kindness and Self Control. We particularly focussed on following on from our Friendship sessions in Term 2, by filling each other’s buckets with compliments. It was fabulous to see so many buckets overflowing with lovely bucket filling statements. Well done to all the students for their enthusiasm. We also discussed ‘Being the Boss of Your Body’ in Term 3, when we revisited the importance of self-control with each grade. Together we talked about when it is important to use our traffic lights from the PATHS program (Stop, Make a Plan, Go!) to help us make good choices. All the students practised being a rock, and also considered when they could apply their skills in self-control. The Grade 5/6s also discussed how we can be the ‘Boss of Our Words’, and looked at how our words can affect others.

**Term 4**

During this term, in Bounce Back, we will be focussing on how we can use Gratitude to help us feel happy, and also focus on Mindfulness and how we can change our thinking to have a Growth Mindset. On the first day of Term 4, Miss Tillitson, the Preps and I spent some time revisiting a happy memory from the school holidays. The students were able to identify what they could see, hear, smell, taste and feel during that happy moment. Together we talked about how reliving a happy memory can help you to feel happy in the present moment. We also talked about how feeling grateful can make us feel happy too. The Preps are going to write a letter to someone special, perhaps to a friend, parent, grandparent or sibling, to tell them how grateful they are. Miss Tillitson will help them finish these letters this week – look out for these, as the students will present them to their special person during the week. If you would like to extend this exercise at home, simply ask what are three things they are grateful for at the end of each day, or each week. This helps children to focus on the positives, and gratitude exercises have been used extensively in all ages to promote happiness and improved wellbeing.

**Empower Girls**

Our Grade 3 leadership program has been a great success, and the girls have had lots of fun learning new skills. We have two more sessions planned for the next few weeks.

**Friendship Tree**

The Wellbeing Leaders have been very busy with lots of new games and activities at the tree this year. The students worked as a team to redecorate the tree last Term. Special thanks to Simone W. for all her help sourcing some wonderful decorations. We are in the process of setting up multiple activity tubs to take out to the tree, as we have so many new games our current tub is overwhelmed. Stay tuned for information about the Wellbeing Leaders for 2017 in our next newsletter. Take care everyone,

*Ellen*

Student Wellbeing Coordinator
Parents & Friends

So far this year we have raised around $12,000 for the school! Thank you to everyone in the school community who has helped support Parents and Friends this year. Apart from purchasing 10 new laptops for the students, we have also purchased 2 new interactive whiteboards for classrooms. We will also be contributing $3000 towards up-grading our school signage!

Food Day
Next Friday 14th of October we will be having a Sushi food day. Order forms have been sent out this week and are due back by Monday 10th of October. Late orders will not be accepted. Extra order forms are available at the front office.

Kim Hill
On behalf of P&F

Pupil of the Week

Term 3 ~ Week 10 Week Ending September 16 2016
Prep ~ Rose ~ For her wonderful attitude towards her learning.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Manraj ~ For his outstanding effort in Magic Maths. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Anwitha ~ For her responsible behaviour and attitude in class. Well done!
Grade 3/4 A ~ Mya ~ For her persistence and effort during Magic Maths.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Ryan ~ For working well within your Inquiry group and your presentation of “A Law”
Grade 5/6 A ~ Angus, Stuart and Jack ~ For being wonderful helpers with Mia. Taking her for a walk and looking after her at lunchtime.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Harry ~ For his insightful comments during literacy, making many inferences.
Chinese ~ Brayden & Ala ~ For always trying their best to participate in class and always being focused. They have completed tasks to an excellent standard.
PE ~ Evie For her excellent sportsmanship and attitude to all her PE activities.

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