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Thursday 21 November 2019	Grade 5 Experience Day – Greensborough Secondary College
Friday 22 November 2019	2019 Swimming Program – Whole School 2020 Prep Orientation Day – Third session
Friday 29 November 2019	2019 Swimming Program – Whole School– Water Safety 2020 Prep Orientation Day – Fourth session
Friday 6 December 2019	2019 Swimming Program – Whole School Choir Performance – Greensborough Town Centre – 6.30pm
Tuesday 10 December 2019	Year 7 Transition Day
Wednesday 11 December 2019	Farewell Morning Tea – 10.30am – School Oval
Thursday 12 December 2019	Grade 6 Graduation
Friday 13 December 2019	Junior Music Concert School Report to go home
Monday 16 December 2019	Christmas Picnic
Thursday 19 December 2019	Grade 6 Big Day Out Excursion
Friday 20 December 2019	Last Day of Term 4 2019 – Early finish at 1.30pm

Principal's Report



On Monday 11th November our School Captains Violet and Lachlan, attended the Remembrance Day service at Watsonia RSL and the awards ceremony, where they were presented with scholarships to assist with their Year 7 tuition.

We are very proud that Violet and Lachlan's leadership qualities have been recognised and rewarded by the RSL and wish them all the best as they continue their leadership journey in Secondary School. Congratulations Violet and Lachlan!



Our school leaders are a credit to their parents and teachers and I'd like to thank all our Student Wellbeing Leaders, House and School Captains and Vice Captains for the excellent manner in which they have carried out their roles and responsibilities this year. They have been exemplary role models for our younger students.

We are now in the process of appointing our student leadership team for 2020. At Monday morning's assembly we will announce our Student Wellbeing Leaders and present them with their shirts with the 'Friendship Tree' logo. On Monday 2nd December students will give their speeches for School Captain and in the week beginning 9th December, students will give speeches to respective House members for House Captain and Vice-Captain positions. Our students put a great deal of thought into their speeches as they reflect on how they will make a positive contribution to our school and I wish them all the best as they strive for leadership positions.

Thankyou Volunteers

As we reflect on the year's achievements it is obvious we could not have achieved so much without the help of our terrific volunteers. We are extremely fortunate to have so many family members who generously share their time and talents and work so hard for the benefit of our students. It was lovely that so many could attend our 'Thankyou morning tea' so we could show our appreciation. I'd also like to thank our talented musical quintet, Olivia, Taegan, Riley, Josh and Adrian who played the guitar and did an excellent job entertaining us.



I'd especially like to thank Kim and all the helpers from Parents and Friends who are still working hard to raise funds for our students, even though they deserve a well-earned rest. P&F are organising a barbeque for the end of year picnic and volunteers can leave their name at the office to assist with setup, cooking or pack up.

I'd also like to thank all our volunteers who don't have children currently at our school and generously share their time and expertise. This includes our Kids Hope Mentors, retired community members assisting in class programs and of course Joan who does a fantastic job in the Library, and Wayne and Geoff who keep our buildings and grounds well

maintained and build special projects to enhance our school. Our retired Business Manager, Les, is also rejuvenating our garden beds. Overall it is a team effort and staff and students are very appreciative of everyone's assistance.

Christmas Choir Performance - Friday December 6th

Our School Choir has been invited to perform at the Greensborough Plaza Christmas Celebration on Friday 6th December. The program will run from 6pm – 9pm and our choir's scheduled performance time is 6.30pm. The main stage will be situated in Greensborough Walk (near Westpac and Medical One). There will also be wandering entertainment, face painters, balloon artists and stilt walkers. Kasi is accepting new choir members for this event and we hope as many families as possible are able to attend to support our students.

A note will be sent home to new and prospective choir members this week. If any choir members are unable to attend the event, we ask that you let us know as soon as possible.

2020 Staffing Updates

We are very pleased to announce our STEM teacher for 2020 is Samantha Steer (nee Molyneaux). Sam impressed the panel with her passion, skill set and vision for the STEM program and is also excited to be returning to GPS. Families may remember Sam from when she taught in the Grade 1/2 area several years ago.

We have now finalised our teaching staff for next year and are currently finalising our Integration Aide positions. All new staff will have a thorough induction to GPS and handover of relevant student information.

Farewell Morning Tea – Save The Date!

On Wednesday 11th December at 10.30am we are having a special morning tea on the oval to celebrate the careers of our staff who are not returning to GPS in 2020 and we invite family members to attend. Bev O'Brien and Anne Loney are retiring after outstanding careers, Tanya Dulics and Christian are transitioning to retirement, Jane Byrne is taking Parental Leave, Gemma Pearce is resuming her Leave and Kasi Bird is

increasing her hours and has accepted a fulltime position at another school. We will celebrate the valuable contribution to GPS each person has made and a presentation from School Council will be followed by a morning tea for community members. Students will eat their snack on the oval. We hope as many past and present family members as possible can be in attendance and if anyone knows past families who have had children taught by these staff members please invite them on our behalf. Bev has been supporting students at GPS for over twenty years.... A remarkable achievement! Please leave your name at the office if you are able to attend so that we can cater for morning tea.

End Of Year Picnic!

We're all looking forward to our end of year picnic on Monday 16th December. This family evening is one of the highlights of our school year and we're grateful to Parents and Friends for fund raising to provide an entertaining activity on the night. Each grade will sing a Christmas Carol at the picnic and families are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner or enjoy the barbeque organised by Parents' Club. We're looking forward to a great evening and hope everyone can join us.

Car Parking

As mentioned in previous newsletters Banyule Council has acted on our concerns and replaced car parking signage in Horonda St. A parent has informed me that if anyone was fined for incorrect parking prior to the new signs being installed, you have 12 months from date of issue to contact Banyule Council and challenge the decision.

Rewarding Brilliant Behaviour!

Congratulations to Mia, Grade 5 and Lizzie, Prep, who have been the very worthy winners of our \$20 Greensborough Plaza voucher in the last fortnight. Lizzie and Mia consistently display our school values and I trust they'll greatly enjoy their prize.

Premier's Reading Challenge



On Monday we welcomed Colin Brookes, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to present our students with their Premier's Reading Challenge certificates. Over 50% of our students completed the challenge and joined with 113,000 students across the state to read 4.3 million books.....an amazing achievement! Thank you to PRC coordinator, Claire Storey who rewarded our students with a special fish and chip lunch for completing the challenge.

Instrumental Music Program

Parents of students who participate in Subway Sounds keyboard and guitar programs are aware Christian is cutting back his workload and will not be teaching music at GPS next year. We are currently investigating alternative instrumental music programs for students. If any families know of any providers, please send details to the office by next Tuesday 26th November.

Student Support Groups

Notes were sent home last week to parents of children who have Student Support Group (SSG) meetings to arrange an appointment for this term. We ask all families who would like a meeting to return their notes by tomorrow Friday 22nd November so we can finalise our SSG schedule.

It's hard to believe that after this week, we have only four weeks of school remaining! While class and specialist programs are continuing their focus on achieving their learning outcomes, much work is being done behind the scenes in preparation for next year. 2020 grade lists have been finalised and to ensure a successful transition for students, staff will meet in the next fortnight to have a thorough handover of student information to 2020 teachers. Margaret is organising Magic Maths and Spelling Mastery groups for 2020 and transition sessions have been scheduled for Week Nine. Graduation preparations are in full swing, so while sometimes people think schools are 'winding down' at the end of the year, the opposite is actually true.

Angela Morritt

Principal

Vacation Care

OSHClub will begin Vacation Care on Monday 6th January next year. If any families would like to use this service and haven't already registered they can go to www.oshclub.com.au to register. For queries about Vacation Care, please contact OSHClub directly or speak to our coordinator, Jacqui before or after school.

SunSmart

A reminder that hats are available at the office for \$11. Students are required to wear hats for outdoor activities, including recess and lunchtimes and walking to swimming. Students without hats are required to play in designated areas with full shade.



Swimming

All students will need to bring an old set of clothes to wear over their bathers for Friday next week - 29th November. This will be their water safety session. Any students who are Grade Three and above and are currently in the Level Four or higher class will be tested for the Vic Water Safety Certificate. It is imperative that they wear the clothes as this is a testing requirement.

Students can wear loose fitting t-shirt, shorts, pyjamas etc., but no denim, onesies or leggings as it makes it too hard to remove.

We will have all year levels wearing the clothes as it is an important part of the water safety session.

WaterMarc

Cooperation **A**chievement **R**espect **E**mpathy

Library News

End of Year procedures

Just a reminder that as the year draws to an end we would like all library books returned to the library by Friday December 6th. During the last week of term I am intending to undertake a stock take of our non-fiction section. There will be no borrowing.



If a child is reading a fiction book and requires more time to finish the book they can have a chat to me and we can work something out.

I will send home notes to remind you of any overdue books that your child has and I would appreciate it if you could help them to have a search for them.

If books have been lost a note will be sent home as per school policy that requests 50% of the cost of the book. You are most welcome to pay the full amount if you so desire. I am very sorry but lost books are very expensive to replace – a hard cover picture story book is between \$25 and \$30, whilst fiction books can range from \$10-\$20. Some of the non-fiction books are even more costly.

Thank you to those people who have contacted me regarding lost books. I understand that books can be misplaced or left at other relative's homes. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns regarding your child's lost books.

If your child or family is leaving Greensborough Primary at the end of the year can you please return all of their books by the due date.



Book Club

Thanks to all those families that have made purchases through Book Club. Your purchases have meant that we have had an extra \$500 to spend in the library. I have just purchased extra copies of popular titles and some new non-fiction with points from our latest Book Club.

A few Christmas holiday events

Arts Centre Melbourne presents a CDP Kids Production

The 91-Storey Treehouse

LIVE ON STAGE!

A play by Richard Tulloch adapted from the book by Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton

4 - 19 January 2020 | Playhouse

Myer Windows

Gum Nut Babies

By Australian author and Illustrator, May Gibbs.

10/11/2019 to 5/01/2019

Happy Reading,

Jen Farley

Teacher/Librarian



Premiers' Reading Challenge



Just a reminder, as a reward for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge this year, Greensborough Primary School Students will be rewarded with a Fish and Chip Day lunch. Grades Prep, 1/2A, 1/2B and 3/4A have already enjoyed their special lunch on Wednesday 20th November. Students from 3/4B, 5/6A and 5/6B will have their Fish and Chips on Wednesday 27th November.

The Travelling Kitchen

Cooking in Grades 3 & 4

What a Terrific Incursion the Grade 3 & 4 classes had last week! The Travelling Kitchen came in and helped us

create a healthy Mexican Fiesta with great fresh vegetables and ingredients! We learned all about the different nutrients that are in different food groups and how these contribute to making our bodies healthy!

Although the food was delicious – everyone agreed the best part was the washing up! We all promised to go home

and let our parents know that we would be cooking and cleaning from now on!



Greensborough's Got Talent



The Junior School Council will be running a talent show on

Friday 29th November 2019

Students are invited to perform their personal or group talents in a 1-2 minute presentation. This may be a dance, musical instrument, drama, comedy or any other special talent.



Students who wish to perform are asked to please fill in the application sheet displayed in their classroom before Friday 22nd November.

All students will attend this free event in the hall
from 2:30- 3:30 on Friday 29th November 2019.

The J.S.C look forward to supporting our super talented students.

Good Luck!

News from the JSC



Diamond Valley Food Share

Over the next two weeks JSC are asking families to assist Diamond Valley Food Share, in collecting non-perishable items. Suggested items are canned foods, packet items (sweet and savoury), long life milk/juice and toiletries. Special Christmas goods such as fruit cakes, tinned ham, bonbons, sweets and shortbreads are also very welcome. Diamond Valley Food Share will be collecting our donations on Friday 6th December, 2019. There will be a labelled collection point in the office foyer.

The Junior School Council will be selling Icy Poles from the canteen all this term. This began last week and Icy Poles will be sold each Friday. So, students don't forget your dollar coin, and remember you can only purchase one.



BREAD TAGS
for wheelchairs

The Junior School Council have teamed up with the charity 'Bread tags for Wheelchairs' to collect as many bread tags as possible before the end of the year. This is enabling us at GPS, to help someone in need to be provided with a wheelchair and also help the environment by recycling bread tags.

Alison Gibson

On behalf of the Junior School Council

Back to School Program

Diamond Valley Community Support (DVCS), is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that provides direct aid, assistance, support and information to the people of Greensborough and surrounding areas.

Each year, DVCS runs a **Back to School Program** aimed at supporting low income families in need of financial assistance with education expenses. This program is available to families who live in the Banyule City Council area and have an address showing on their Centrelink card in one of the following suburbs: Briar Hill, Bundoora (part of), Eltham North (part of), Greensborough (part of), Lower Plenty, Montmorency, St Helena and Watsonia.

Starting from 1st November 2019, DVCS will provide eligible clients with funding of \$100.00 per child (up to a maximum of \$500.00 per family with 5 or more children). Funding is available in the form of:

- ★ Payment via electronic funds transfer (EFT) direct to Greensborough Primary School.

The Back to School program will close on 18th December 2019 and will reopen from Monday 6th January 2020 to Friday 28 February 2020. Drop in, no appointment required to Diamond Valley Community Support, Level 3, Shop 378a, Greensborough Plaza (Near Kmart). For enquiries please phone: (03)9435 8282.

The DVCS Back to School Program is funded by the fundraising efforts of the wonderful Volunteers at our Opportunity Shops in Macleod and Diamond Creek. Our other community welfare programs include Emergency Relief (food, medication, clothing and transport, Telstra vouchers) Personal and Financial Counselling, Tax Help, Information and Referral and Mailbox service. For more information, please visit www.dvsupport.org.au



DIAMOND VALLEY
community support



Pupil of the Week

Term 4 ~ Week 5 Week Ending 8 November 2019

Prep	<i>Carter</i>	For his beautifully presented bookwork in Reading.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Patrick</i>	For his excellent understanding of his Reading.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Lachie H</i>	For his exposition text, 'Why we shouldn't have fizzy drinks in the taps at school'.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Lolita</i>	For having a positive attitude during Magic Maths and getting fantastic results in her assessment.
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Reece W</i>	For always being determined to reach your goals with a positive smile and growth mindset.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Harvey</i>	For excellent listening skills and contributions during group work with Miss Booth.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Harry</i>	For his outstanding effort at swimming. It is pleasing to see you displaying all the school values.
Chinese	<i>Heidi Prep</i>	For always showing pride in her work and presenting it to the best of her ability.
Art	<i>Petar 5/6A</i>	For working with focus and concentration during our one-point perspective drawing.
Library	<i>Joel L 1/2A</i>	For showing a very good knowledge of the features of a non-fiction text.

Term 4 ~ Week 6 Week Ending 15 November 2019

Prep	<i>Edward</i>	For his excellent text to self-connection during reading. Well done!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Zoe J</i>	For her amazing Big Write titled 'My Mum is my hero'.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Josh F</i>	For his discussions about the main idea and supporting detail in Reading sessions.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Sienna N</i>	For doing excellent research for her Inquiry Information Report. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Daniel</i>	For his terrific start to his Health Inquiry Project! Well done, Daniel!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Lucas S</i>	For being a good friend to his peers and always lending a helping hand.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Tarnieshia</i>	For such a fabulous start at Greensborough. You have worked so hard.
Library	<i>Tyler 1/2A</i>	For working conscientiously on his non-fiction task. Well done!
Chinese	<i>Maisy R 1/2A</i>	For giving everything her best effort, even when tasks might be difficult.
Art	<i>Amihan 5/6A</i>	For her excellent one point perspective drawing – following all instructions carefully.

Parents & Friends

Food Days – Friday 29th November

Orders form have been sent home for our upcoming Baker's Delight food day. Orders are due back by Tuesday 26th November – late orders will not be accepted.

Xmas Raffle

We are busy sourcing items for our end of year raffle. If you know of a business who would like to donate or would personally like to make a donation, please let either myself, Simone Wilson or the front office know. Alternatively, you can leave the goods with front office.

Thank you

Kim Hill

On behalf of P&F



Relay For Life



Diamond Valley Relay for Life will be held at Willinda Park, Greensborough on Saturday 29 February 2020 to Sunday 1 March 2020. The school's team is open to all students, families and friends of the school. You don't need to be there the whole time; you can simply pop down to walk a few laps at any time that suits.

Registration can be done via www.relayforlife.org.au Discount period is on until end of November. For those who wish to register a family, head to <https://www.cancervic.org.au/how-you-can-help/fundraise/relay-for-life/family-discount-application-form>. Simply fill out the form and a discount code will be emailed to you.

Cost (*early bird prices until Friday 29 November 2019*): Child \$25, Adult \$35, Family (2 Adults & 2 Children) \$75

Aluminium cans & foil recycling

We are also collecting aluminium cans and foil, which will be recycled for money. All money raised will be going towards the school's team as a donation to the Cancer Council.

There is a collection box up at the office for people to put cans/foil into.

Second-hand stall – on sale now at the office

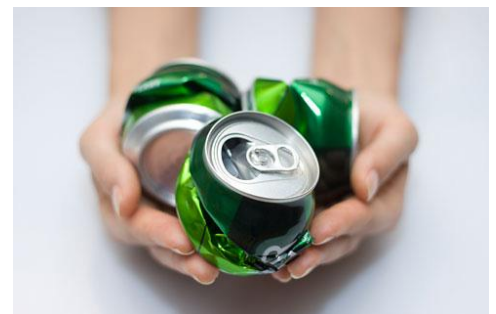
Thank you to those who donated items for the second-hand stall. The stall is currently running up at the office with, with all funds raised going towards Relay For Life. If you have something you would like to donate, please pop it onto the stall.

If you have any questions about Relay For Life, please see either Ros R (mum to Maisy in Grade 1/2A) or Simone W.

Thank you

Kim Hill

On behalf of GPS Relay For Life team



Parenting Seminar Bringing Out the Best in your Child

In this practical parenting seminar you will learn positive parenting strategies to help with your child's behaviour. Suitable for parents with preschool or early primary school aged children who want to have a more positive and less stressful relationship with their child.



In this seminar you will learn how to:

- Bring out the best in your child
- Encourage your child to cooperate
- Use parenting tips for challenging behaviour.

What others have said:

"Very appropriate to helping my family"
"Lots of helpful suggestions and strategies to try at home"
"Fantastic information-just what I needed to give me some hope"

When: Monday 9 December 2019
Where: healthAbility,
 917 Main Road, Eltham
Time: 7pm sharp (finish by 8.45pm)
Cost: \$30 per person (\$15 for Health
 Care Card Holders) or
 \$45 per couple.
Bookings: Essential via
<https://www.trybooking.com/BEOAZ>
For more information:
 Phone 9430 9100



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Sunday 23rd February 2020
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juniors@lowerplentycricketclub.com

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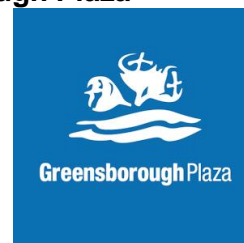
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Lauren Sutton
 Team Leader - Kids Helpline @ School
 Phone: 07 3867 1284
 Email: school@kidshelpline.com.au

Greensborough Plaza



Quiet Time Santa Photography.

These are sensory sessions providing the opportunity for children and adults to meet with Santa and have their photo taken in a sensory friendly environment away from bright lights, loud noises and queues.

The centre has two sessions available, but spaces are limited, so bookings are essential.

Dates: Sunday 17 Nov & Sun 24 Nov 2019

Times: 9am-10am

Where: Level 1, Centre Court

Bookings: Customer Service Team 9435 4000.