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**Vision:** To provide every student with every opportunity to be the best they can be.

**Value:** Respect & High Expectations

## **Mission Statement** A view to the future

Gembrook Primary School is a welcoming and respectful community that provides modern, flexible learning spaces that support a personalised, engaging and challenging learning program so that students will achieve the social, emotional, academic and physical growth to succeed in a global society.



## **16 February 2017**

**Diary Dates** 

| 20 Feb      | Swimming Carnival (Grades 3-6)   |
|-------------|--|
| 21 Feb      | Whole school information evening at 5pm  |
| 22 Feb      | Produce Market hosted by 3/4B.   |
| 24 Feb      | Cuppa with the principal<br>Yr 6 Transition visit to ESC                             |
| 27 Feb      | Musical in a month-workshop 1<br>Hawthorn football club players visit 2.30-3.30      |
| 1 March     | Musical in a month-workshop 2 (no preps)   |
| 3 March     | Musical in a month-workshop 3  |
| 6 March     | Produce Market hosted by 5/6H  |
| 8 March     | Division Swimming Carnival   |
| 10 March    | Athletics Day (grades 3-6)   |
|             | Family Movie Drive-in Night- <b>Sing</b>   |
| 13 March    | Labour Day Public Holiday  |
| 14 March    | Musical in a month-rehearsal 1   |
| 15 March    | Musical in a month-rehearsal 2<br>Murrundindi  |
| 17-19 March | HPV Wonthaggi (SLC)  |
| 21 March    | EDEC Athletics   |
| 27 March    | Musical in a month-dress rehearsal<br>Evening performance at EPAC, Emerald Secondary |
| 31 March    | Last day term 1-early pickup at 2.30pm   |
| 18 April    | Term 2-school resumes  |

#### **Essential Education Payments / School fees**

Essential education payments are due NOW. The first payment for a payment plan is also due. Essential Education items used by your child are to be paid for in full.











### Notes that have gone home

- Yr 6 Transition visit to Emerald Secondary College
- GPS Swimming Carnival (grades 3-6) DUE NOW
- Digital technology agreement (grades prep-2)
- Digital technology agreement (grades 3-6)

All notices can be accessed from the school website: www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au

## Free Fruit Friday volunteers needed!

Pick up fruit each Friday morning from IGA Gembrook. Bring to school and cut fruit into 9 portions (9 grades worth) If you are able to lend a hand, please contact the school office





# A VIEW TO THE FUTURE

# **Bren's Banter**

### **Dear Families and Friends**

On Monday afternoon I was lucky enough to attend the EDEC Swimming Trials at Belgrave Aquatic Centre in which 22 of our students competed. I was hugely impressed with not only how well our students performed, but also with how well and how proudly they represented their school. It's always a lovely experience seeing kids that are just happy to be competing and trying their best. Hmmm.....reminds me of our Gembrook Primary School Song!

### Start Up Program Celebration

On Tuesday we came together as a whole school to celebrate the completion of our 2017 Start Up Program. Our Start Up Program has proven to be an excellent way to set all students up for a great year of learning. The program assists in establishing agreed routines, procedures and expectations as well as initiating agreed norms in relation to reading, writing and math lessons. Our school values of *Respect & High Expectations* are investigated and discussed and working as a united team is a definite priority. It was fantastic seeing all students gathered in the Circle of Harmony, participating in their class 'flag' parade and then singing our new Gembrook School Song for the VERY FIRST time with great gusto and enthusiasm! Thanks to all mums, dads, carers and family members who came along to join in the celebration. Great job everyone!





### Welcome to Country with Murrindindi

It really was a very moving experience having Murrindindi attend our whole school assembly last Friday and perform a Smoking Ceremony to help us celebrate the start of our school year together. It was also a very special moment seeing Murrundindi present each of our grade six students with their new 'Class of 2017' jackets. We are very fortunate to have Murrundindi working with every class throughout the year where he will be teaching all students about traditional Wurrundjeri language and culture.

### Prep parents welcome afternoon tea

All Prep parents and parents who are new to our school are invited to a cuppa and afternoon tea in the staff room on Friday17th February at 3:00pm. This will be a great opportunity to get to know each other in a friendly and relaxed environment, so please come along and celebrate the beginnings of a wonderful experience at Gembrook Primary School.

### Cuppa with the Principal

You are cordially invited for a cuppa with me on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30am straight after assembly. Let's meet in the staffroom for a cuppa and chat. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other and to share questions and information.

#### 3 Way Conferences

Throughout this week, teachers have been conducting 3 Way Conferences. 3 Way Conferences at the start of a school year provide an excellent opportunity for teachers, parents and students to discuss and share information relevant to learning and vital to ongoing improvement and success. Thank you to our teachers who have provided flexible interview times during the week that have often extended into the evening.

#### **High Expectations**

'High Expectations' is an important value that now sits alongside 'Respect' as our two school values. There are a number of things that you can do at home to help reinforce our school values.

- Research shows that reading with or to your child every day for 15 - 20 minutes improves their learning immensely. It also helps to develop in kids a lifelong love of reading.
- Please ensure that your child arrives at school in plenty of time to make their way to the classroom and be ready to commence learning at 9:00am.
- Please check that your child is wearing their full school uniform. Our school uniform policy states that shoes should be black in colour. Plain black runners are absolutely fine, so when coloured shoes eventually wear out, if you could please replace them with either black shoes or black runners, that would be greatly appreciated.
- Just as it's important that we have quality fuel in our vehicles, it's also important that we send our kids to school with quality fuel in their bodies. A healthy breakfast, fruit, snack and lunch really provides them with the fuel they'll need to concentrate on their learning throughout the entire day.

## **Information Evening**

We are looking forward to our 2017 School Information evening on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Please come along and enjoy a free family sausage sizzle at 5:00pm followed by a brief whole school welcome. Teachers in the Junior Learning Centre will then present information and answer questions about the coming school year from 6:00pm – 6:20pm. Teachers in the Middle Learning Centre will present from 6:20pm – 6:40pm, whilst teachers in the Senior Learning Centre will present from 6:40pm – 7:00pm. Please come along and hear about the exciting year of learning planned for your child this year.

Have a great week everyone and all the best.

### **Brendan Fitzpatrick (principal)**

# **Gembrook Primary School**

# Drive In Movie Night Friday March 10, 2017

\$30 per car

OR PER FAMILY
WALK IN



Sing is an animated musical The lamed MICKETS SOMS ALE der the management of koala bear Suster Moon, whose last best idea to get back on top is to host a singing som of the mostly hope of the Everyone does indeed come by to audition, but mostly because flyers mistakenly advertise a \$100,000 prize.

**GATES OPEN AT 7:30PM** 

# **MOULD YOU LIKE TO**



# MOVIE NIGHT

Contact the Office 59681313



# Order delicious school canteen lunches on Mondays and Fridays.

# Gembrook Primary School Canteen Menu



| Sandwiches .20c extra toasted      |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Vegemite                           | \$2.00 |
| Egg & Lettuce                      | \$3.00 |
| Salad                              | \$2.50 |
| Salad with ham,<br>tuna or chicken | \$3.50 |
| Cheese                             | \$2.00 |
| Ham                                | \$3.00 |
| Ham & Cheese                       | \$3.50 |
| Tuna                               | \$2.00 |
| Tuna & Cheese                      | \$2.50 |

| Salads   |        |  |
|--|--------|--|
| Salad only (lettuce,<br>tomato, celery,<br>carrot & cucumber   | \$2.50 |  |
| Salad with boiled egg  | \$3.00 |  |
| Salad with tasty cheese  | \$3.00 |  |
| Salad with ham   | \$3.00 |  |
| Salad Box (lettuce, celery,<br>tomato. apple, cucumber,<br>grated carrot, grated cheese<br>with dressing (mayo or honey<br>mustard.) | \$2.50 |  |
| Wraps (half \$3.00 or full \$  | 5.00   |  |

| Snacks                                  |        |  |
|---|--------|--|
| Carrot Sticks                           | \$1.00 |  |
| Celery Sticks                           | \$1.00 |  |
| Carrot & Celery                         | \$1.00 |  |
| Cheese cubes, carrot<br>& celery sticks | \$1.75 |  |
| Muffins<br>(chocolate or blueberry      | \$1.00 |  |
| Banana cake (1 slice)                   | \$2.00 |  |



Chicken, cheese or ham with salad

Salad only \$2.50 or \$4.50



| Savoury Snacks                           |                             |  |
|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Quiche                                   | \$2.50                      |  |
| Chicken Nuggets                          | \$1 each or<br>3 for \$2.50 |  |
| Spaghetti Bolognaise                     | \$4.50                      |  |
| Boiled Eggs                              | .80c                        |  |
| Pizza Slice                              | \$2.50                      |  |
| Sausage in a roll with sauce cheese .50c | \$2.50                      |  |
| Soup of the day with a roll              | \$3.00                      |  |

| Flavoured milk<br>(chocolate or strawberry  | \$1.50 |
|---|--------|
| Golden Circle Juice / drink<br>Apple, Apple & Blackcurrent,<br>Tropical or Orange | \$2.00 |

Please write your name, grade and order on a paper bag and enclose the correct money 10c will be charged to orders that do not hace a paper bag

Queries: please contact #BETTY"S 5968 1289

# Writers Corner

I woke up to the sound of cats fighting on the roof; but it wasn't cats. It was hail and rain. It was so loud I couldn't get back to sleep.

The rain died down, the hail stopped. It sounded like snow hitting the roof hard but it was the middle of summer, so it couldn't be. I finally fell asleep until I woke up to see a flickering light and the sound of banging. I knew there was a trailer on because a car wouldn't make a noise like that.

I open my curtains an inch and I peeked out my window. I was on the second floor of the house. I heard a knock on the door; I grabbed my gown and ran down stairs to the door, "Could it be Max?" I whisper under my breath, "No it couldn't be, he has his own keys". I glance over to the table; my heart is beating faster with each second, "Holly? What are you doing up this early in the morning?", I jump back ready to defend myself.

By Holly N (5/6F)



Are you interested in getting involved in the Wonthaggi HPV Grand Prix March 20-22, 2017?

> An Information Meeting will be held Tuesday February 21 February at 7 pm (After the Whole School Information evening)



## February

22 Victoria C

23 Sienna-Rose

Amelie G



# STARS OF THE WEEK



| Name        | Reason  | Grade   | Teacher      |
|-------------|---|---------|--------------|
|             | Thank you for your wonderful listening, joining in and trying your best. What a |         |              |
| Nevaeh      | star.   | F1/B    | Mrs. Bigwood |
|             | You try your best at everything you do! What a great model for others to        |         |              |
| Eli         | follow.   | F1/L    | Mrs. Liston  |
| Will J      | Your effort to complete all of your Maths work!                                 | 1/2H    | Mr. Hevern   |
| Kyra        | You are always organised! Keep it up.   | 1/2C    | Miss Cornell |
| Finnley     | Being a role model during group work.   | 30      | Miss O'Mara  |
| Hunter      | Thank you for participating with enthusiasm. Top job!                           | 4/5A    | Mrs. A       |
| Bella M     | For your fantastic writing and positive start to the year                       | 5/6F    | Mr. Fraser   |
|             |   | 1       |              |
| _           | You worked very hard to produce a colourful letter "N" with all your favourite  |         |              |
| Noa F/1L    | things. Well done!  | ART     | Mrs. Everett |
| Matt 5/6H   | You have an awesome attitude to school. Keep it up Matt.                        | ART SNR | Mrs. Everett |
| Sam T       | You are a focused and observent student. Well done!                             | Enviro  | Mrs. Everett |
|             | The front page of your Environmental Science book is fantastic! Clever and      | Enviro  |              |
| Tom Mc      | humouress.  | Senior  | Mrs. Everett |
| Toylor F/CF | For being a leader during the team challenges in P.E. Well done Taylor!         | PE      | Mr. Hawes    |
| Taylor 5/6F |   |         |              |
| Taylor 5/6F | For helping his new classmates and being a great example during their first     |         |              |

Please remember to label your children's school clothing. Unnamed and unclaimed lost property will be sold as 2nd hand uniforms!

## Contact Details

Please update your contact details if they have changed. It is vitally important that parents / carers can be easily contacted in case of an emergency.

# Art Room

Mrs Everett would like your old magazines to use in an art project. If you have any to spare please leave them at the office.

Many thanks



# Thunderstorm asthma: Community information sessions

The Department of Health and Human Services is running community information sessions to give Victorians an opportunity to hear directly from experts about what thunderstorm asthma is and what steps you can take to help you and your family for the next pollen season.

Information will also be provided about the emotional reactions experienced by people during and after emergencies and where additional help is available. Time has been allotted for public questions.

To register for one of the remaining sessions, please see the below dates:

| Date and time                | Location                  |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sunday 26 February           | Narre Warren              |
| Registration closes: 10.00am | Civic Centre              |
| Seminar: 10.30am – 12.30pm   | Magid Drive, Narre Warren |

For more information and resources regarding thunderstorm asthma, see:

Better Health Channel: Thunderstorm Asthma

## Carmel Flynn

Executive Director
Emergency Management

# HAVE YOUR SAY

Council regularly consult with the community to help inform our decisions in a range of areas. We encourage you to have your say.

We want our community to be informed of our operations and provide input in a balanced and appropriate way. Seeking community feedback ensures that we know what are the priorities and expectations of the community, so this can influence planning, service delivery and decision making.

Currently we are seeking feedback on the following strategies:

- 2017-21 Child, Youth and Family Strategy
- Liveability Health Plan
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy (consultation material will become available on Monday 20 February 2017)

The link for the surveys is www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/consultations

Council will also be hosting three Open House sessions in relation to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy on Saturday 18 March to provide you with an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the draft Strategy.

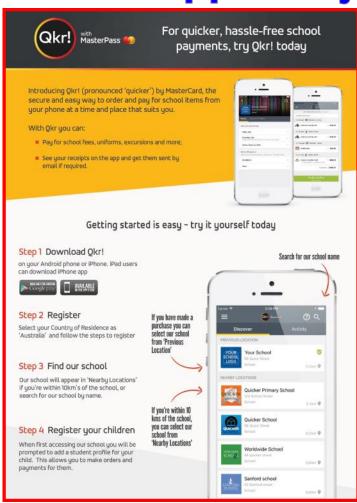
- 9 11am at the Emerald Library (400A Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Emerald)
- 12 2pm at the Pakenham Library (Cnr John St & Henry St, Pakenham)
- 3 5pm at the Hewitt Eco House Community Room (215 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup)

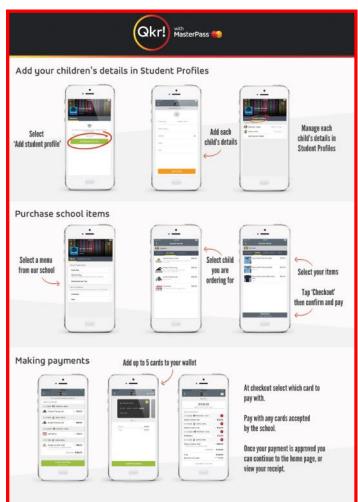
These drop in sessions are open to anyone and will provide you with an opportunity to ask questions.

Any questions please phone 1300 787 624.

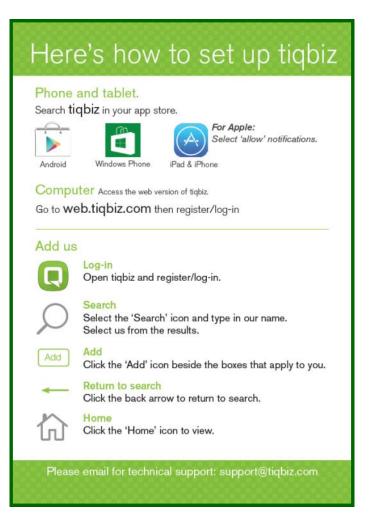


# School Apps for your convenience









# OSHC

Come and have fun with us and learn new skills in our Outside School Hours Care Program (OSHC). All students are welcome—come along and enjoy the activities and spend time making new friends. Before school care begins at 7.30 (earlier start available on request). After school care ends at 6pm. Collect an OSHC enrolment pack from the school office or download an enrolment form from the school website: www.gembrookps.vic.gov.au

# Register with Centrelink for a 50% child-care rebate. You can

do this by logging into your Centrelink online account through the myGov site. Select the *Approved child care* service to reduce your fees option and it will be set up for you. For more details on Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate call the Department of Human Services on 13 61 50.



# **Community Notices**



Mum's Exercise Class (dads welcome too)

Join Tarsh in the Multi
On Tuesdays & Fridays @ 9.30am
Boost Metabolism
Increase fitness, strength
& overall health

\$10 per class

Bring a bottle of water, a towel & a mat (if you have one)

For more information phone Tarsh 0412 183 329



# 2017 Gembrook Junior Netball Club Season Registration

Interested in being a part of the Gembrook Netball Club this season?

We are looking for player's aged 7+, coaches and umpires

We'd love for you to join us for a sausage sizzle and a chat at our registration afternoon/evening.

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 3.30pm onwards

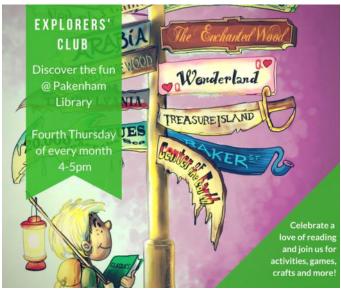
Where: Gembrook Netball Club Courts. Lot 1
Orchard Rd, Gembrook

For more information please contact

Lisa: 0405 402 716 Karen: 0409 259 172



# **Community Notices**







## **Newsletter Advertising**

- \$10 per business card per term (businesses belonging to school families only)
- \$25 quarter page for 2 weeks
   (for businesses outside school community)
- \$25 quarter page per term (school families only)

Please contact the school office if you would like to place an add in the school newsletter



## Little Lakers

Term 1, 2017
Emerald Primary School
Sports Stadium
Heroes Avenue, Emerald
Mondays 4.15 to 5pm



# Learn to play basketball Monday 13th February to Monday 27th March \$30 per term

6 week clinic for kids aged 4-6 years of age.

Kids will learn basketball through playing lots of games & activities.

A fun way to get ready to play junior domestic basketball.

join@emeraldlakers.com.au

Call Lisa: 0438 900 611 for all enquiries.

