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Notes that have gone home:
- Swimming carnival (grades 3-6)
- Swimming carnival race choice (306)
- New family email contact reminder
- Scholastic book club
- Prep homework visits

Subject contributions are now due.
For families paying by instalments, the first instalment is due on 15 February.

Contact Details

Please notify the school office if there are any changes to your contact details: email, mobile phone numbers, landlines, address, emergency contacts.

It is essential for parents/carers to be easily contactable in case of illness/emergencies.

Education Maintenance Allowance

EMA application forms for 2013 are available at the school office for temporary foster parents, and holders of a Pension or Health Care Card.

Please return to the office no later than 28 February 2013
Dear families and friends

Welcome 2013 Preps!

The 2013 preps have made a terrific start to school! Big smiles all round! They look wonderful in their school uniforms. Our wonderful senior students have been great Big Buddies ensuring that the preps are having a great time in the playground.

AEU Stop work Action Thursday 14 February

We commence the new school year with the continuation of work bans and planned Stop Work Action. Negotiations with the State Government & the Australian Education Union have resumed and hopefully, a resolution can be reached soon. The negotiations for a new Agreement have been very lengthy and we are very mindful of the impact any action may have on our school community. There are many issues being discussed and the outcome of these discussions will have a significant impact on the delivery and support for Government Schools – every child deserves the best education.

Please note that there is an impending AEU stop work day planned for 14 February. At this stage we believe that this will have a major impact on school programs and that classes will not operate for the day. Further information will be supplied early next week.

School Council

Our first meeting for 2013 will be held on Wednesday 20 February commencing at 7.00pm. The School Council has 15 members – 9 elected parent representatives, 4 elected DEECD (staff) representatives and the Principal (Executive Officer). Each year there is a half school council retirement (members serve a 2 year term). The School Council considers matters regarding education, buildings and grounds, fundraising and finance. As a member of the School Council you have direct input in the future direction of the school. Your opinions and ideas will be valued. The School Council meets twice a term. If you are interested in being part of the School Council or would like more information please contact me or the school office. Nomination forms are available from the school office.

Nominations will begin on Monday 11 February until close of business at 4.00pm on Monday 18 February. If a ballot is necessary, ballot papers will be available on Monday 25 February and the close of the ballot will be Wednesday 6 March 2013. The outcome of the ballot (if required) will be announced on 7 March 2013. There are 5 two year parent positions and 1 one year parent position.

PFA Team

The PFA team is an important parent team at Gembrook Primary School. Members of the team assist with facilitating many school social events. The team also raises money for particular projects and in the past some of these projects have included the recently covered cricket pitch, the new bike shed and the junior playground. Many hands make light work and in the past the team have had many people assisting at events. The next PFA meeting is on Monday 11 February at 2:30pm. A warm invitation is extended to all.

Grounds and Facilities

Thanks to the wonderful fundraising efforts of the PFA last year, two new recycled plastic seats were installed at the front of the school. Connor, from the Senior Learning Centre, made up a great steam train design for these seats. During the holidays the walls of the multi were painted and basketball and netball lines were painted onto the surface of the multi. The storage areas will be extended this year and roller doors will be installed. Thank you to Craig Billing and members of the Buildings and Grounds team for their contributions for this project. All building fund payments made as part of the parent contributions, will go directly towards the upgrade of the multi. This is a valuable school and community facility.

Emergency Management:

I'm sure all members of our school community are aware of the need to be Bushfire prepared. We have been reviewing and developing our school emergency management based on DEECD guidelines – a review of school plans occurs at the end and start of each school year.

We have an emergency management plan that covers a number of potentially hazardous situations including bushfire. More information can be accessed at:

HIP HOP classes

Hip Hop classes have started on Tuesdays. The classes are $8:00 and the class goes from 3:30-4:10.

Enjoy your week!

Kym Peterson,
Principal
**Family Maths**

Work as a family to solve the weekly maths puzzle and you could be rewarded with a [Computer Pass](#) to be used in your classroom. Put your entry in the box in the foyer near the office.

Have fun!

**MATHS IS MARVELLOUS!!**

What number comes next?

-1, 5, 12, 20, 29, 39, ?

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**Bookclub**

Bookclub brochures have been sent home. Please return any orders and payment to the school office by Friday 15 February.

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**From the School Chaplain**

I hope this will be a good start to a great year. For those who don’t know, I am the school chaplain. My role is to encourage and support children, families and teachers, especially as they face times of challenge and change.

I hope you have all had a really great break. My family and I spent some time in Port Albert which was very restful. We also had some projects on the go. We did some work on the house and tried to fix up our trailer!

As we head into the next year I am hoping for a great start for all my kids and am looking forward to being a little more settled. Naomi and I have worked over the holidays on being consistent with our expectations and we are working at re-instituting the routines that help our family run well.

I can be contacted through the school office. Enjoy your week.

**Tim Dewar**

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**January**

2 Riley
5 Dannie
6 Tyrone
7 Tom McC
10 William D, Daniel V
13 William Mack
15 Ayden T
18 Lachlan B
21 Phoebe McK
24 Eric B
25 Holly W, Patrick I, Charlee T
27 Isabella W

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**February**

2 Jayda D
3 Caitlin K
4 Mackenzie B, Mitchell C
7 Hollie K, Jacob B
10 Nathan K, Jeremy M
11 James L

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**LAST CALL FOR PAUL’S COLLECTOR CAPS**

Donations of second hand uniforms and school bags gratefully received. Please drop off at the school office. Many thanks!

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Art room request: could all students please bring an art smock / old shirt etc to art lessons. Preferably clothing that is easy to put on and take off. Thank you.
FELISTAS SHOKU

The students of Gembrook Primary School have been sponsoring Felistas Shoku through World Vision for 10 years. Felistas lives in a community not far from Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe. She is now 14 years old and in Form 3 at Secondary School.

Last year, with assistance from our sponsorship, her family was given sorghum seed which is grown to produce flour, couscous, porridge and animal fodder.

Her community participated in the National Tree Planting Day during which 70 fruit tree seedlings were planted at a local clinic, and assisted in rebuilding a classroom block damaged by a storm.

Felistas and her family benefit greatly from our ongoing sponsorship and your continued support of fundraising days organised by our SRC is greatly appreciated.

Grade 3/4E make a happy start to the new school year!

Grade 3/4 E had some visitors on Tuesday.

Bang! went the cage as Charlee put it on the floor in front of us. Our visitors had arrived!

We were amazed that the baby rabbits were only a month old and were no longer drinking from their mother. There was a grey and white one already named Jessica. Charlee suggested that we could help her name the black and grey ones. We thought Smokey and Shadow suited them. Charlee agreed.

We loved patting the soft, fluffy fur and stroking the rabbits ears. They seemed to enjoy our cuddles. Thanks Charlee!

- Did you know that baby rabbits are called kittens??
Welcome to another school year. With term one approaching it is time to get your children ready for return to school or attendance at a children’s service. While their asthma is just one of the many things to get ready, this checklist will hopefully make the process easier.

Throughout the year there are significant increases, or ‘spikes’, in asthma presentations to hospitals and emergency departments. Approximately 1 in 10 children and adolescents in Australia have asthma, and for children and adolescents with asthma these ‘spikes’ usually occur towards the end of holiday periods as they return to school or preschool1. A significant ‘spike’ in asthma presentations and admissions to hospital of children and adolescents experiencing severe asthma exacerbations, occurs throughout the first few weeks of February2. For this reason, we have compiled a quick checklist for parents and carers to go through to prepare their child for the school year.

Is your child ready for new school year?

☐ My child has had an annual asthma management review with their doctor and has had their Asthma Action Plan reviewed

☐ My child has up to date ambulance membership

☐ My child knows how to recognise early symptoms of asthma and knows when to seek help from staff if they experience asthma symptoms

☐ My child understands the importance of taking reliever medication when necessary and knows how to use their puffer and spacer, either independently or with assistance

☐ An updated Asthma Action Plan has been provided to my child’s school/children’s service. Even if their Asthma Action Plan has not changed from last year it is important that a letter is provided to the school/children’s service informing staff of this. It is vital that staff know what to do for your child in an asthma emergency

☐ A reliever puffer and spacer (and mask for children under 5 years old) has been provided to the school/children’s service for my child. With the change in infection control guidelines, spacers can no longer be shared between children and it is vital that each child has their own equipment

☐ I have read and understood the school/children’s services asthma policy

For more information, resources or assistance completing this checklist please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA (278 466) or visit www.asthma.org.au

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**Asthma Inhaler Recall (limited batch numbers)**

Asthma Australia has been advised that several batches of Ventolin and Asmol inhaler medication for the treatment of asthma have been recalled by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and Alphapharm, in consultation with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

This recall has been initiated due to a fault in the delivery mechanism of a small number of inhalers within each affected batch. This can lead to less than the full dose being delivered for each puff. Asthma Australia has been advised that a medical assessment has determined that the overall risk to patients is low; people should still act to replace inhalers that could be affected.

The only batches affected are as follows:

Ventolin Batch numbers KN7170, KN7173, KN7176, and KN7179
Asmol Batch Numbers KL6790, KL6795, KL6796, KL6797, KL6798, and KL6799

The TGA advice has more information:


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**Freelance Dance**

**Dance Classes in**

- Ballet
- Jazz / Contemporary
- Tap

**Enquiries welcome:**

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**0432383288**

**Pakenham and Upper Beaconsfield**
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- **Ladies** Shampoo, Haircut & Blow-dry $40.00
- **Ladies** Shampoo & Blow-dry from $25.00

**Pensioner Prices**

- **Mens/Ladies** over 55 with a pensioner card
  - Cuts only $15.00

**Kids**

- **Boys/Girls** Haircuts aged 4 & under $10.00
- **Boys/Girls** Haircuts aged 5 to 13 $15.00

**Family discounts on hair cuts**

- 3 or more at one time 10% discount

**Other Pricings**

- Full colour from $40.00
- ¼ to ½ Head foils from $100.00

Contact Michele for your appointment on 59681350 or 0409 384 452
8 Belvedere Court Gembrook

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**Uniforms for Sale**

**Polo Tops**

- Size 6 x 2 @ $5.00
- Size 8 x 1 @ $8.00
- Size 14 x 2 @ $8.00

**Windcheaters/Jackets**

- Size 6 x 1 @ $10.00 – (sold)
- Size 8 x 2 @$10.00 (buttons up at top)
- Size 8 x 4 @$10.00 (Jacket)
- Size 12 x 4 @$10.00 (Button up at top)
- Size 14 x 2 @$10.00 (Button up at top)

**Polar Fleece Vest**

- Size 10 x 2 - $15.00

**Long sleeved tee**

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**Blue Parker**

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**Blue Parker Size**

- 12-$10.00

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**Enquiries:**

**Natasha, phone: 0412183329**

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**Fitness Class for Parents**

**When:**

- Wednesday morning 9.30-10.30
- Thursday afternoon 3.45-4.45

**Where:**

Gembrook Primary School multi purpose room

**Cost:**

- $8 per session

**What does it involve:**

A mixture of fat burning cardio work, strength and toning work, core strength as well as stretching and strengthening to enhance healthy posture.

**Qualified instructor:**

Certified in many fields of fitness including advanced resistance training, personal training, group fitness, cycle and zumba. (And 1st aid, of course)

**Experience:**

20 years gym, aerobics, group fitness, personal training and 15 years fitness club owner / operator.

**How fit do you need to be:**

Come as you are. I encourage everyone to work at a safe level for themselves and I will guide you all the way.

**What to bring:**

- A drink of water, wear runners, bring a bath sized towel and….. yourself!

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If you are interested in purchasing these items please contact Suzanne on 0438028022

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**EMERALD COMMUNITY HOUSE**

**KIDS COURSES FOR 2013**

**MONDAYS**

**NATURAL SOAPS, BEESWAX CANDLES**

**TUESDAYS**

**LEARN TO MIX AND BAKE**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**STENCIL ART**

**THURSDAYS**

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Download forms from www.emeraldcommunityhouse.org.au
email echenrollments@iinet.net.au or Call 5968 3881
Please return to your child’s teacher on their return to school

**ABSENCE NOTE**

Date/s of Absence

Students Name

Grade

Reason for absence

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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