# Diary Dates Term 2

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<td>3 May</td>
<td><strong>NO ASSEMBLY TODAY</strong> House Sports Grades Prep—2. 2-3.30pm Complete camp payment due—grade 2 Part payment for camp due-grade 3/4</td>
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<td>6 May</td>
<td>PFA meeting. 9am in staff room All welcome</td>
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<td>7 May</td>
<td><strong>ADIDAS Fun Run</strong></td>
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<td>8-10 May</td>
<td>Mothers Day Stall</td>
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<td>9-10 May</td>
<td>Stringybark Lodge Camp (grade 2)</td>
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<td>11 May</td>
<td>Open Morning 10am—12pm Working Bee 9am-12pm</td>
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<td>15 May</td>
<td>School Council 7pm</td>
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<td>14-16 May</td>
<td>NAPLAN</td>
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<td>20-24 May</td>
<td>Camp Woorabinda (grades 5/6)</td>
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<td>22-24 May</td>
<td>Camp Manyung (grades 3/4)</td>
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<td>24 May</td>
<td>Walk Safely to School Day</td>
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<td>27-31 May</td>
<td>Education Week</td>
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<td>28 May</td>
<td>agIdeas for selected students</td>
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<td>28 May</td>
<td>Produce Market hosted by 56A</td>
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<td>30 May</td>
<td>District Cross Country</td>
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<td>31 May</td>
<td>Disco</td>
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<td>4 June</td>
<td>Lightning Premiership Grades 5 &amp; 6</td>
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<td>10 June</td>
<td>PUBLIC HOLIDAY Queens Birthday</td>
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<td>12 June</td>
<td>Soup Day</td>
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<td>13 June</td>
<td>Coach Approach Grades Prep—6</td>
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<td>18 June</td>
<td>Produce Market hosted by 56F</td>
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<td>26 June</td>
<td>Gembrook Market BBQ</td>
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**Notes that have gone home:**
- House Athletics Grades Prep —2
- Mt Burnett Observatory (MLC)
- Sister school hosting (whole school)

All notes that have gone home are available on the school website: [www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au](http://www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au)

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**Working Bee**
11 May 9-12
Bring your own tools and gloves
Come & enjoy a vigorous workout in the school garden and have fun with other school families
Morning tea provided

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**House Sports Prep—Grade 2**
Friday May 3rd
2-3pm
Students can wear house colours.
- Tynong—yellow
- Beenak—green
- Kurth Kiln—blue
- Redwood—red

Parents and family welcome to come along and cheer. Parents who would like to help run activities are also welcome. Please let the office know if you would like to volunteer.
Dear families and friends

Thursday May 2 _ Autumn Harvest Festival
Today was a perfect day for harvesting from the school vegetable garden. The grades visiting the eco learning centre today harvested various vegetables and herbs to create a selection of muffins, scones and frittatas. Everyone was very excited! Everyone will be able to sample these delicious items tomorrow.

Many thanks to Ann Hoff for her enthusiastic organization of the day.

Curriculum Day
Wednesday May 1 - Introducing Asian Education

The National Curriculum is being introduced to schools throughout Australia. This process will continue for the next year or so. At Gembrook Primary School the main focus of education will continue to be the fundamental education of literacy and numeracy. The national curriculum has three threads developing through the curriculum from Prep to Year 10. These are Indigenous education, Asian Culture and Understanding and Sustainability.

The teaching team spent the day attending a conference with teachers from many schools at the Melbourne Zoo yesterday as an introduction day to the national curriculum, with a particular focus on Asian Culture and Understandings.

The whole school excursion this year will be at the zoo later this term.

China Sister School – Kunshan Peiben Experimental Primary School
Thank you to the families who have already indicated willingness to host a Chinese student. A group of seven students and a teacher will be visiting our school in late July. The information session about the Sister School visit will be on Wednesday June 5 at 6:00pm.

Thank you
Thank you to the many parents who have been into the learning centres assisting in the classrooms. Your time and commitment is truly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Working Bee Saturday May 1 - 9:00am - 12:00pm
After today’s harvesting the vegetable garden requires some weeding in preparation for more planting. I invite families to come along to the next working bee on Saturday May 11 at 9:00am. We will be weeding the vegetable garden and spreading more sand in the sandpit and generally tidying the school grounds. Please come along if you are able as many hands make light work. A delicious morning tea will be provided.

Enjoy your week!

Kym

Please complete the form below if you are able to come along to the working bee.

I am able to assist at the working bee on Saturday May 11

Name:__________________________________________
Child’s name:_____________________________________
Grade:__________________________________________
Congratulations to all those children who have reached 25 nights of home reading. We are proud to publish your name in the newsletter when you achieve this reading milestone.

At 50 nights we applaud your success with a certificate at our weekly assembly.

When you reach 100 nights, Mrs Peterson will invite you to join her on a special visit to the park.

Happy reading everyone

2B Hollie K, Jamie, Mackenzie

We are very proud of you all!

25 Nights Reading

Birthdays for this week!!

May
2  Tye
4  Thomas B
6  Natalie Mc
7  Ashley M, Amelie W

Parent Information Sessions – Term 2

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<td>Friday 3 May</td>
<td>Dale Bigwood: Reading - Strategies to assist your child with reading comprehension skills.</td>
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<td>Friday 17 May</td>
<td>Coffee with Tim Dewar, the school Chaplain</td>
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<td>Friday 31 May</td>
<td>Tabitha O’Brien: Using ipads at home and at school for learning</td>
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<td>Friday 14 June</td>
<td>Kym Peterson: A School Walkabout. Walk around the school and discover what is happening in the learning centres.</td>
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Star of the Week

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<td>Ashley</td>
<td>You have been writing wonderfully this week! Fantastic effort!</td>
<td>Prep 1/ B</td>
<td>Miss Bowden</td>
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<td>Erin</td>
<td>You are persistent during writing time! Well done and keep up the brilliant effort!</td>
<td>Prep 1/H</td>
<td>Miss Hutchison</td>
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<td>Jackson</td>
<td>You have shown great enthusiasm during reading! Keep up the great work!</td>
<td>1/2S</td>
<td>Mrs Smith</td>
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<td>Mitchell</td>
<td>You have shown terrific stamina during independent reading sessions. A brilliant effort Mitchell!!</td>
<td>2B</td>
<td>Mrs Bigwood</td>
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<td>William</td>
<td>What a fantastic oral presentation, William! You engaged your audience and spoke clearly and confidently. Well done!</td>
<td>3/4S</td>
<td>Mrs Stevens</td>
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<td>Amelie</td>
<td>Your research skills are excellent, Amelie. You know where to find information and how to use it. A wonderful effort.</td>
<td>3/4E</td>
<td>Mrs Everett</td>
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<td>Jack B</td>
<td>For being a quiet achiever with excellent Getting Along Skills. Great work ethic Jack</td>
<td>5/6A</td>
<td>Mrs Alsop</td>
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<td>Emma</td>
<td>For your terrific research skills during our inquiry unit. Well done Emma</td>
<td>5/6F</td>
<td>Mr Fraser</td>
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<td>Mahli</td>
<td>Well done on keeping focused and coming up with great ideas for your project. You are great at keeping on task. Keep up the great effort.</td>
<td>Ecolearn-ing</td>
<td>Mrs O'Brien</td>
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<td>Joel</td>
<td>A great session Joel. It was great to see you smiling and enjoying practising your tennis skills.</td>
<td>PE</td>
<td>Mrs O'Brien</td>
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<td>Molly (12S)</td>
<td>For being a great help during the LOTE lessons. You are fantastic!</td>
<td>LOTE</td>
<td>Mrs Mitchika</td>
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3/4 E
learn about capacity in maths
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 MAVELLOUS!!

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<td>Netball court</td>
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<td>In the classroom</td>
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1. Count the tallies for each place and write the total.
2. Where do most children play? ____________________________
3. Where is the least popular place to play? ____________________
4. How many children play outside? ___________________________
5. How many children were in the survey? _______________________
6. Survey some friends. Write the places where you like to play.
   Draw tallies and write the totals.

Mt Burnett Observatory

Ever wondered what star that was? Mount Burnett Observatory is the Dandenong Ranges own community astronomical observatory at 430 Paternoster Road, Mount Burnett. We are open every Friday night from 8pm and visitors are most welcome. We have a packed calendar of events and even a Young Observers Group.

See our webpage (http://www.mtburnettobservatory.org) or email info@mtburnettobservatory.org.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

WEDNESDAY 8
THURSDAY 9
&
FRIDAY 10 MAY

(LUNCHTIME & AFTER SCHOOL)

LOTS OF ASSORTED GIFTS
$1-$15
Applications are now available for conveyance allowance for Term 2. This allowance is available to Gembrook Primary School students who use a private car to travel to school and who live 4.8k or more by the shortest practicable route from the school or last stop on the school bus route and attend the nearest appropriate school at which admission is possible.

If you applied for the allowance in Term 1 you do not need to do anything. Your application is valid for the entire school year unless you have moved house.

Application Forms are available at the school office and should be submitted to the school by Friday 24th May. More information about the Conveyance Allowance Program is available at http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/safety/pages/transportscas.aspx
OPEN DAY

GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Saturday 11 May
10:00—12:00

LEARNING TOGETHER

Gembrook Primary School
50 Main Road
Gembrook
0359681313
Principal: Kym Peterson
Helmets protect your brain

Ensure children wear correctly fitted Australian Standard helmets when riding a bike or wheeled toy.

All cyclists in Victoria, and their passengers, are required by law to wear bike helmets when riding in public places such as roads, bike paths, bike lanes, shared and separated footpaths, recreational parks and car parks.

Research shows bike helmets greatly reduce the risk of head injuries, which are the major cause of death and injury to cyclists.

For more information contact Kate Beveridge, Active Children’s Officer at Cardinia Shire Council on 1300 787 624.
Auditory Processing and Learning
What could your child’s behaviour be trying to tell you?

Information session & question forum with Laila from Blue Horizon

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Understanding Auditory Processing
Cost $20

Tuesday 14th May 2013  7:00pm – 8:30pm
At:  The Remedy Group  1st Floor, 172 Main Street, Lilydale

We help children with:
Concentration and short attention span
Development and language delay
Learning and reading difficulties
ADD, ADHD, Autism, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia,
Sensory Integration,
Auditory and Visual processing difficulties

Using art, movement and music, we can help transform hindrances that will enable your child to discover their true potential.

Bookings essential
Please contact Blue Horizon on 5967 2335

Active 2013

March:
22 March: Mobile March
Ride to school day

1 May: Active Wednesday
24 May: Walk safely to school day
5 June: Active Wednesday

Term 1

Term 2

Term 3

Term 4

7 August: Active Wednesday
4 September: Active Wednesday
17 October: Walktober
13 November: Active Wednesday
4 December: Active Wednesday

Come on children, teachers and families! Be part of Active 2013!
To participate, all you need to do is ride, scoot, skate or walk to school.
It is recommended that kids spend at least an hour a day being active.
Remember to wear your helmet when riding your bike, scooter or skateboard.

Walk Skate Scoot Ride Walk Skate Scoot Ride Walk Skate Scoot Ride Walk

For more information contact
Council’s Active Children’s Officer, Kate Beveridge on 1300 787 624
Emerald and District Lions Club are running the Tool Trader & Garageless Garage Sale at the Emerald Hall 19 May, 10 am to 3 pm.

Bring along your unwanted tools or goods to sell or swap. Entry by gold coin donation. Chain saw sharpening demonstrations and actual sharpening for $5 donation.

Electrical tools must be tested and tagged but this can be done for a $5 donation on the day. For those with a lot to sell, tables can be hired for $5 for each of the morning or afternoon sessions. Otherwise just turn up with your goods.

Enquiries 0428 683304 or
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!

Further enquiries:
Natasha, phone: 0412183329
**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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Carol Tokley
Registered Marriage Celebrant

Please phone for a no obligation chat

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 contacted in case of illness / emergencies.