### Diary Dates Term 2

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<td>26 June</td>
<td>Gembrook Market BBQ</td>
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<td>29 July</td>
<td>Sister School visitors arrive from China</td>
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### School lunches from Charlottes

**Specials**

- Crumbed chicken strip wrap with lettuce and mayo: $3.50
- Ham & Cheese toasted sandwich: $3.50

### Notes that have gone home:

- The Great Community Car Raffle (whole school)
- EDEC Cross Country/Fun Run (grades 3-6)
- Lightening Premiership (grades 5-6)

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

Working Bee
The new chook pen and four chooks were certainly the topic of conversation in the classrooms on Monday morning after the working bee—especially as one of the chooks had already laid an egg! The naming of the chooks is underway. The eco warriors are organising the naming and hopefully the names will be announced at assembly on Friday. Other work undertaken on the day included: the removal of the old play equipment and weeding of the vegetable gardens. Thank you to Craig, from the Buildings and Grounds team for leading the working bee.

The play equipment will be replaced later this year. The students will be able to vote on the new play equipment. Thank you to the wonderful team of families who were able to come along and assist on the day—Billings, Hall, Jones, Koll, Morton, Wragg and Leah Campbell.

The chickens and pen were purchased through a Bendigo Bank grant and supplied by Avonsleigh Chickens.

PFA Mother’s Day Gifts
I am sure there were many happy mothers on Mother’s Day this year. Our PFA team did a great job sourcing some wonderful gifts. Thank you to Tash for her contribution of some lovely jewellery. The PFA team raised over $500 which will contribute towards the playground equipment upgrade.

Pampering mums in the prep/1 classes
What a treat! The mums in the prep/1 classrooms were treated to a hand massage, a splash of nail polish and hair brushing by the girls and boys. Thank you to all the mums who were able to attend this very special session.

Footy cards Season
It is footy cards season at the moment. We have discussed in class about fair swapping. However it must be remembered that football cards, like all belongings, are brought to school at the owner’s risk.

NAPLAN
This week is NAPLAN assessments for grade 3 and 5 students. If parents require more information about NAPLAN please follow the link below:


Next week the SLC students and teachers will be at Woorabinda Camp all week and then the MLC will go to Camp Manyung from Wednesday to Friday. I will be away all week firstly at Woorabinda Camp and then three days at Camp Manyung.

Enjoy your week.

Kym
Basketball
I’m on the court - all I can smell is timber laminate. The smell of dirty socks reeks! I’m proud - I just got my first goal. I hear the cheering of the crowd. Everyone is chanting. The sweat is dripping head to toe on Harrison. My coach yells half-time. I love the taste of water and lollies. Someone pushed me to the ground. Some kid twisted his ankle. The siren blows. The game is over.

Football
I start screaming as the siren blew. The crowd went wild with scarves and banners being waved everywhere. The smell of hot pies and sweat filled the air and I could taste tomato sauce and chips. Everybody sang Richmond’s song as they walked off the field after defeating North Melbourne by 86 points. I look at the T.V and realise I’m on it. I wave and yell ‘Hi Mum!’

Beach
Ten surfers in their wetsuits getting dumped by the waves. I hear the ice-cream van “Ding-Ding-Ding” and off go all the kids rushing to be there first. Oh-o somebody just got dumped by a humongous wave and isn’t coming back up. Life buggies driving to the water and off go the life guards on their special boards. They need back up, so off go the jet-skis into the water to save the swimmer. They chuck in the rope and pull him up and out of the water; they take him back to the beach to resuscitate him. He spits out some water and he’s back to life.

Theme Park
I am in the sky on a roller coaster with the metal bar feeling sweaty, as I grip tighter and tighter. My knuckles are turning white. We go down the big steep hill and people behind me start screaming, as my tummy starts turning.

Footy
The ground is very muddy to play on; all the players for Gembrook are calling for the ball. Someone from our team gets hit in the mouth and is taken off the ground. He smelt like old mud and dried blood, same as all of the other players on the team. They stunk out the club rooms.

By Layton

By Talisha 5/6F

By Emma

By Daniel
Archery
I pulled the string back far.  TWANG! Closer and closer it went.  "BULLSEYE" in the middle and I moved to the next activity.  By Liam.

Hut Building
I'm creeping through the thin bush and trying to find BIG SHARP sticks.  I made a big bundle of sticks.  I struggled to carry the sticks back to camp.  I got frightened by a foxes' ferocious screech.  I sprinted as fast as a cheetah back to camp.  I was safe.  By Matty C

The Big Hut
Quietly, I stepped through the thick, damp trees searching for long, crooked fallen branches to take back to our big hut.
By Jake R

Archery
I was CRAZY!  When it was my turn I picked up my arrow and pulled my hand back and my arms shook!  I hit the red and yellow.  I was excited.
By Billy A

Rock Climbing
My feet were going from rock to rock!  My muscles in my legs were pushing up.  Two hanging arms were pulling.  I got to the top.  I was surprised.  I slid down.  My arms were holding on.
By Nerina

Flying Fox
Am I going to be ok, I asked myself, but I climbed up.  Suddenly Steph left go of the safety rope and I was flying through the air.  I felt a big bang!  I crashed on a bouncy tire and I went backwards.  Mrs Bigwood let me down.  I had to bring the swing back in a rush.  The big metal ladder fell down.  Mrs Bigwood started to laugh.  I started to laugh too.  Still I rushed back "that was fun" I said.
By Jake K
**Star of the Week**

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<td>Fantastic effort! You are trying really hard with your writing! Well done!</td>
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<td>Mitchell</td>
<td>You are a brilliant writer Mitch! Keep trying to do your best. You are a star!</td>
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<td>Abbey W</td>
<td>You showed great persistence with your writing Abbey. Be confident!</td>
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<td>Miss Bigwood</td>
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<td>Samuel</td>
<td>What an amazing piece of persuasive writing, Samuel. You certainly convinced me that Zoos aren't the right place for a wild animal! Great job!</td>
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<td>Mrs Everett</td>
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<td>Issy</td>
<td>For an amazing book report and a super job with your English test! Well done Issey</td>
<td>5/6A</td>
<td>Mrs Alsop</td>
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<td>Chloe B</td>
<td>You have been an outstanding helper in the library and around the school all week. Thanks Chloe for all of your hard work!</td>
<td>5/6F</td>
<td>Mr Fraser</td>
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<td>Amy (2B)</td>
<td>For being well mannered and showing a positive attitude in learning. You are terrific!</td>
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**Mt Burnett Observatory**

**Young Observers Group**

Saturday 18 May
6-8pm
$5 entry fee

Enquiries: James Murray 0409 703929

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**Excel Music**

**GROUP KEYBOARD, GUITAR AND SINGING LESSONS**

Enrolments are still being accepted for group keyboard, guitar and singing lessons.

These lessons are held during school on school premises and cost $12.00 for a 30 minute group lesson.

If you would like to enroll your child in keyboard, guitar or singing lessons, please obtain an enrolment form from the school office or contact Excel Music, (03) 9801 8991.

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**Kids Teaching Kids Program**

To find out more about Kids Teaching Kids visit www.kidsteachingkids.com.au
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

We are very proud of you all!

Birthdays for this week!!

May
17  Gemma C, Jackson H
18  Cooper G
20  Jack M

Parent Information Sessions – Term 2

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<td>Friday</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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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!!

1. Write the number of blocks you see in each place.

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Maths Jokes

Why was the math’s book sad?

Because it had too many problems

What does the zero say to the eight?

Nice belt!
PFA News

PRESENTS

A Girls night out at the movies

The Great Gatsby

OPENING NIGHT

Dress to impress with a touch of 20’s flair

Only $22 Ticket

Includes drink and popcorn or choc top

Thursday 30th May 2013
@7:30pm

Cameo Cinemas Belgrave

Purchase tickets from the school office.
Gembrook Primary is participating in Woolies Earn & Learn program. Sticker sheets are available from the Woollies website. Please collect stickers to earn great rewards for the school.

Casual bookings are now being taken for all after school activities.

Joel with SOMETHING SPECIAL from 3/4E
READ LIKE A DEMON FAMILY NIGHT
Join favourite author Michael Wagner, illustrator Craig Smith and the Melbourne Football Club Ambassadors Colin Garland and Cam Pederson in a fun evening as they talk about bringing stories to life through writing and drawing!

Date: Thursday 30 May
Time: 7–8.30pm
Venue: Hallam Community Theatre
Hallam Senior College
16-84 Frawley Road, Hallam

Bookings - http://mfcfe.es/RLADfamilynight

Michael Wagner's work, quirky illustrations have amazed kids for more than three decades. With over 360 books to his credit, award-winning illustrator Craig Smith will talk about books and pictures, the role of the author and the illustrator, and about making things up by drawing.

Michael Wagner is one of Australia's most original and successful writers for children. His 48+ books successfully engage readers (even reluctant ones) with quirky humour, fast-paced action and unpredictable storytelling.

The Eastern Dandenong Ranges Project Group has been established to unify the area, strengthen community and facilitate the provision of social services.

PO Box 389 Cockatoo VIC 3783 e-mail: hillscommunityproject@hotmail.com

HANNAH'S TUTORING
Primary and Secondary Tutoring with the possibility of After-school care

Qualifications
Graduated from The University of Melbourne in 2010 with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Management) with Honours

Worked as an Integration Aide in 2011 with particular focus on NAPLAN assessments

Currently studying a Graduate Diploma of Teaching and Learning (Primary), I will graduate at the end of 2013 as a qualified primary school teacher

Worked extensively as a babysitter and tutor for all aged children

Current Situation
My name is Hannah. I am 23 and currently finishing my Graduate Diploma to become a Primary School teacher and am hoping for some additional relevant experience and work. I am especially passionate about early learning, development, positive reinforcement and age appropriate stimulus.

I am available all afternoons except Wednesdays and I am generally free on weekends too. I live in the Pakenham area so could meet at any convenient location. I am happy to negotiate lesson fees depending on duration and preparation required but generally my hourly rate would be around $35–$40.

I am contactable on hannahwalle@bigpond.com to discuss any further details especially duration of lessons, specific focus areas or goals and individualised learning requirements for your child.
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 ____________

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.

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