**A view to the future**

**EDEC Cross Country**

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**5 June 2013**

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## Diary Dates Term 2

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**Notes that have gone home:**
- The Great Community Car Raffle (whole school)
- 1/2S staffing
- PFA Soup Day
- Zoo Excursion

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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**Scholastic book club orders are due on Friday 7 June**

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**Parent Information Sessions – Term 2**

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<td>Kym Peterson: A School Walkabout. Walk around the school and discover what is happening in the learning centres.</td>
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**PFA Hot Soup Day**

**Wednesday 12 June**

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**Please Help**

Parents / Carers needed to cover new books. Please see Tabitha O’Brien if you are able to lend a hand.
Dear families and friends

Car Park – Make it Safe for our kids!

Last week we had a very near miss in the school car park. We don’t want this to happen again! The school community has developed protocols on using the car park and these are once again attached in this newsletter. Only the drop off and pick up zone is available for parent use. All other car park spaces are reserved for the staff of the school or for visitors, such as the speech therapist or student teachers. We do not want children walking in or through the car park. The students will be reminded to use the path around the car park and the drop off and pick up zone. Please look after all our children by only using the drop off and pick up zone in the school car park.

EDEC Lightning Premiership

It was a fantastic day at the EDEC (Emerald District Education Community) Lightning Premiership Sports Day on Tuesday. The senior students enjoyed playing football, netball and volleyball. It was another great day spent with our EDEC friends – the students and teachers from our neighbouring schools. Thank you to our teaching staff members and to our fabulous parents who came along and supported our teams, especially Kath McLennan and Cath Trott for coaching the netball teams. We are proud of all our students for their outstanding behaviour and for being great sports!

EDEC Cross Country

Well done to all the students who competed last week at the cross country. We were again lucky with the weather. There were some outstanding personal efforts on the course and a number of these students received awards at assembly. Congratulations to the following students who will be competing in the regional cross country next Tuesday, 11 June – Samuel, Liam, Frankie, Jemma, Chloe and Emma.

China Sister School – Peiben Experimental Primary School

Last year when we began our sister school relationship with Peiben Experimental School in China we were not sure what the future relationship would be for our schools. It is very exciting news that we will have five students and a teacher from our sister school visiting our school for a week starting July 29. We will also have two Gembrook staff members visiting our sister school in China with a group of Australian teachers during the September school holidays.

The sister school relationship is one part of the Asian Literacy Program at Gembrook Primary School. Asian Literacy is part of the new Australian curriculum. As a primary school the main focus in the teaching and learning program is literacy and numeracy. However, woven through the curriculum are three strands – Asian literacy, Sustainable Education and Indigenous Education. Gembrook Primary School has achieved very well in the area of Sustainable Education, achieving a five star rating a few years ago. The school will continue to consolidate this strength in its curriculum. As always the teaching and learning program will continue to improve in line with directions from DEECD. (The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.)

Thank you to the parents who were able to offer their homes for the sister school visit and thank you to the parents who were able to attend the information session about the sister school visit. If you would like more information about Peiben Experimental Primary School please follow the links on the school website.

Lantern Festival Saturday June 22

The eco warriors are creating an amazing frog lantern. This will be the Gembrook Primary School’s lantern for the Lantern Festival at Belgrave on Saturday June 22. The parade will begin at 5:00pm at Belgrave. All students are invited to join the parade. Students will have the opportunity to make simple lanterns at school.

Student teachers @ Gembrook Primary

This term we have had a number of student teachers working around the school in the three Learning Centres. It is wonderful to have these trainee teachers in our school assisting our students in the classrooms.

Staffing

This week we welcome Kathleen Kean who will be teaching in the eco learning centre on Wednesdays and Thursdays and Tom Budin who will be teaching physical education on Thursdays and Fridays. On Friday we farewell Taryn and we wish her all the very best for the arrival of her baby.

Enjoy your week!

Kym
**STUDENT SAFETY IS THE KEY**

1. Students are not to cross the car park even with an adult. Please help your child to learn that using the footpath around the edge of the car park is the safest choice.

2. Students can be dropped off in the Main Rd Car Park Drop Off Zone. Please do not use the Staff Parking in the Centre of the car park, the Disabled Car Park or the Visitor Parking for dropping off children. Help your child to learn to remain on the footpath once they have been dropped off.

3. No double parking or overtaking cued vehicles is allowed in the Drop Off Zone as children are at risk if they have to go around other vehicles to get to or from your car.

4. Parking is allowed on the Main Rd and the school can be accessed from Heroes Avenue and Station Street. Please park outside the school grounds if you will be remaining at school for a period of time or are accompanying your child into the school.

5. Students being dropped off along Main Road or walking from home who need to cross Main Rd should use the School Crossing. Please help your child to learn that using the School Crossing is the safest choice to cross Main Rd.

6. Students catching the school bus are to wait behind the safety fence at the bus zone and move behind the railing once they arrive at school. Please help your child understand the safety rules if they are travelling by school bus. Enquiries about the school bus service can be made at the school office.

**WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW:**

**Drop Off Zone in the Main Rd Car Park:**

- The Drop Off Zone aims to keep traffic flowing smoothly through the car park at peak times for the convenience of everyone. There is space for 3 cars in the drop off zone. Children should only get in and out of their car when the car is safely parked in the drop off zone—not while it is still in the queue.
- Do not park in the Drop Off Zone. If you need to come into the school to meet your child or for any other purpose please park outside the school grounds.
- Do not leave your car unattended in the Drop Off Zone.

**The Bus Drop Off Zone:**

This zone is used by the school bus at peak times and emergency vehicles in the case of an emergency.
- Please do not park in the bus zone.
- Please do not drop off children in the bus zone.

**The Disabled Car Park:**

- The Disable Car Park is reserved for Vehicles displaying an authorised Disabled Parking Label.

**Staff Car Park:**

- The centre of the car park is reserved for staff.
- It is essential that staff arriving at varying times have access to the staff car park.
- It is unsafe for students to cross the traffic to reach the centre of the car park so please do not drop off or collect students from the staff parking area.

**Collecting Sick or Temporarily Disabled Students:**

- Parking in the Main Rd car park is allowed for parents collecting sick or temporarily disabled students by arrangement with the school.
LIGHTNING PREM!!!

BANG! I’d smothered the dudes kick. Uh-oh, new problem, now I’m on the ground with about three other footy players squabbling for the ball! I’d better get rid of it…FAST! Oh nuts! Holly you IDIOT why in the world did you not handball it? I’m still lying on the ground with the mud and grass plastered all over my legs. This is SO much fun!!!

Oh, I still haven’t told you what SO much fun is. I am at my first Lightning Prem day! WOOOO! Oh, I’d better get up. The whistle blows and it’s the other team’s free kick. I brush myself off and get back into position. Lightning prem is where you play Netball or Volleyball or Footy. It’s only for grade 5/6’s and it is GREAT!! It is so much fun! Wait, I’ll get back to you. RUN SHEP RUN!!! All good. Anyway here I am playing footy because I…dislike volleyball and netball. Just a minute sorry, DON’T YOU DROP THAT BALL ELLA!!!! Ok I’m good. This is awesome!!!

Anyway I’d better get in there for the ball! SEE YA!
Holly Osborne 5/6A
25 Nights Reading

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!

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. Fill in the missing numbers on this number chart.

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2. Fill in the missing numbers on these pieces of the chart.

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**Star of the Week**

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<td>Natalie Your writing has been fantastic! Super star effort!</td>
<td>Prep 1/</td>
<td>Miss Bowden</td>
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<td>Thomas</td>
<td>A fantastic week of Maths Tom! Well done!</td>
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<td>Miss Hutcheson</td>
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<td>Emily</td>
<td>For great effort with everything that you do. You always try hard to improve and challenge yourself. Great work!</td>
<td>1/2S</td>
<td>Mrs Smith</td>
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<td>Jake R</td>
<td>You made an excellent camp picture with carefully chosen words. What a wonderful &quot;Show, Don't tell.&quot;</td>
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<td>Paige</td>
<td>You are always determined and persistent Paige and you showed this at Camp Manyung. Thank you for being a positive role model on camp.</td>
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<td>Mrs Stevens</td>
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<td>Grades</td>
<td>You were all enthusiastic participants in all camping activities. You showed persistence and confidence when faced with challenges. Thank you everyone for making Camp Manyung memorable.</td>
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<td>Mrs Stevens and Mrs Everett</td>
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<td>Tom</td>
<td>What an excellent role model you are Tom! At Camp Manyung you were respectful, cooperative and happily included others, making the time enjoyable for everyone. Thank you!</td>
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<td>Mrs Everett</td>
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<td>Ronan</td>
<td>For being patient and friendly towards others.</td>
<td>5/6A</td>
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<td>Jack M</td>
<td>For getting along and supporting his classmates.</td>
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<td>Natalie</td>
<td>For showing great persistence and courage up on the high ropes course... all with only one shoe! Well done</td>
<td>5/6F</td>
<td>Mr Fraser</td>
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<td>Steph (34S)</td>
<td>For consistently showing a great attitude in learning Japanese. You are a good role model.</td>
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<td>LOTE Mrs Itchikawa</td>
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**PFA News**

**PFA Hot Soup Day**

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**PFA Dates**

12 June  Hot Soup Day  
21 June  School Disco

**Thank you**

Many thanks to all those who were able to attend the Girls Night Out at the Cameo Cinema last week. Everyone enjoyed the evening and we raised over $180.

**Welcome**

The PFA warmly welcomes new members. Come along to our monthly meetings, enjoy a cuppa, meet other people from the school community and help plan for activities and fundraising events throughout the school year.

Meetings are advertised in the diary dates on the front page of the newsletter.
Term 2

Footsteps Dance
After school Tuesday 3:30-4:30
A great opportunity for kids to have fun and develop confidence through dance!
$88 per child per 11 weeks term
Commencing Tuesday 16th April

Gembrook Kids Sports Club
After school Wednesday 3:30-5:00
A great opportunity for kids to have fun and develop confidence through sport!
$100 per child per 10 weeks of activities
Commencing Wednesday 17th April
Please Note: There will be no session on Wednesday 3rd May due to staff absence at camp.

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

Gembrook Kids Cooking Class
After school Friday 3:30-5:00
A great opportunity for kids to have fun and develop confidence in the kitchen!
$100 per child per 10 weeks of activities
Commencing Friday 19th April
Please Note: There will be no session on Friday the 24th May due to staff absence at camp.
The final session on the last day of term will run from 3:30-5:00pm.

Get ready to Earn & Learn
Check your school is registered today
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.
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 25 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 fee would be around $25-$30.

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

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.

Mt Burnett Observatory

Enquiries: James Murray
0409 703929
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 fit-
ness including advanced resistance training, person
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 / op-
erator.

How fit do you need to be:  come as you are.  I en-
courage everyone to work at a safe level for them-
selves 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

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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