A view to the future

19 June 2013

Diary Dates

19 June | School Council 7pm
21 June | PFA Disco (whole school)
22 June | Lantern Festival in Belgrave
23 June | Gembrook Market BBQ
25 June | Z00 excursion (whole school) ($25)
28 June | Dress up day—Zimbabwe colours 
          | LAST DAY of TERM 2 
          | 2.30 PM FINISH
15 July | FIRST DAY of TERM 3 
        | PFA Meeting 3pm
29 July | Sister School visitors arrive from China
31 July | School Council 7pm (B&G 6.30pm)
6 August | Produce Market
19-23 August | GemBook Week
23 August | Special Friends’ Day
28 August | School Council 7pm (Buildings & Grounds 
            | 6.30pm)
3 September | Footsteps Concert (more details later)
10 September | Senior Hooptime (TBC)
17 September | Produce Market
20 September | LAST DAY OF TERM 3 
              | 2.30 PM FINISH
7 October | FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
9 October | Prep-4 Swimming
11 October | Prep-4 Swimming 
           | PFA Disco
11 October | PFA Disco
14 October | Prep-4 Swimming
16 October | Prep-4 Swimming
18 October | Prep-4 Swimming
23 October | School Council (B&G 6.30pm)
29 October | Produce Market
5 November | Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
10 November | RUN Gembrook
20 November | School Council (B&G 6.30pm)
26 November | Produce Market
4 December | 5/6 Swimming (TBC)
5 December | Enterprise Market
6 December | 5/6 Swimming (TBC)
9 December | 5/6 Swimming (TBC)
11 December | 5/6 Swimming (TBC)
12 December | Christmas Concert
13 December | 5/6 Swimming (TBC)
18 December | Grade 6 Graduation
19 December | Grade 6 Big Day Out
20 December | LAST DAY OF TERM 4 
            | 1PM FINISH

Gembrook Market BBQ Sunday 23 June

Helpers urgently needed 

to run the school sausage sizzle. 

Sign up sheet at school office
Dear families & friends

Streets Ahead
*Wheels Day* on Tuesday was part of the Streets Ahead program provided by Cardinia Council to our students. The program aims to encourage our students to actively come to school by walking, or riding their ‘wheels’. Kate Beveridge from Cardinia Shire has facilitated this program. I believe that the council will set up Drop and Ride points around Gembrook for students to use. Due to the wet weather yesterday afternoon, two grades did not have their wheels session. These sessions will be held at a later date.

Produce Market
The July Produce Market was a wonderful success, thanks to a great effort from Grade 5/6F! The grade did a wonderful job at advertising the market around the school and at assembly. Then there is the harvesting from the garden and the cooking. In the afternoon there is the setting up of the produce and the selling. This is truly a real life learning experience. Each grade will have a market this year. There are two markets each term. Please come along and support this wonderful learning experience. Thank you to Jo and Ann who are assisting with this program.

You may have noticed the Giant Pumpkin in the foyer! This week’s maths competition is ‘Guess the weight of the pumpkin’. Thank you to Lara and the Jones family for providing us with this amazing pumpkin.

Congratulations to Liam and Frankie!
Liam and Frankie competed at the regional cross country this week. Both boys performed brilliantly at this level of competition. Well done boys! We are all very proud of you!

*Lantern Festival Saturday June 22*
The eco warrior’s frog lantern will be unveiled at school on Saturday at 3:00pm before it is transported to Belgrave for the Lantern Festival at 5:00pm. Everyone is welcome to either join the parade or come along and watch. It is a great family festival.

*Gembrook Market Sunday 23*
The school has four markets a year at the Gembrook Market. This Sunday is one of our markets. We are in need of assistance with the BBQ on Sunday. If you are able to help at the market please contact the office. Tracy Kee does a magnificent job organising the market and the market is a valuable fundraising activity for the school. All funds raised this year through fund raising activities will be contributing to additional playground equipment.

**China Sister School – Peiben Experimental Primary School News Update**
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 – three boys and two girls 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.

Thank you to the families who have generously offered to host a student – Jarrett, Candy, Goodie, Thomas and Fisher. I am sure that they will find hosting an international student a wonderful experience. The week will be a busy one for our visitors. They will spend time with all our students in our learning centres and visiting some of the local sights, as well as a trip to Melbourne city.

**Woolworths Stickers**
Thank you everyone for sending in the stickers. The Earn & Learn Program is ending. Please send your stickers to school before the end of term.

**The great community car raffle**
The school is selling raffle tickets in the great community car raffle. This is a fantastic fundraiser for the school as all money raised by the school through ticket sales will be donated directly to the school. If you would like a booklet please contact the school office.

**Car Park – Make it Safe for our kids!**
Thank you to the PFA for ensuring that the students are safe around the car park. Thank you to the many parents who are using the drop off and pick up zone safely.

**Run Gembrook**
The Run Gembrook fun run team are meeting regularly on Tuesday afternoons at 3:00pm to plan the 2013 Run Gembrook event. If you would like to assist please come along to the meetings. Alternatively if you are able to assist with gaining sponsorship for this event please contact the school office.

**Whole School Excursion to the Zoo**
Next Tuesday, 25 June, the whole school will be going to the zoo. This excursion is a culmination of the passion projects all of the students have been working on this term. A notice regarding this excursion has been sent home and is also available on the school website. **ALL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY!** This excursion requires a lot of planning and preparation and all details must be finalised by the end of the week. Many thanks.

**Welcome**
This week we welcomed Tom Budin and Kathleen Kean to the teaching team at Gembrook Primary School. Please read the interviews by Mahli and Lainey about these two new staff members.

Enjoy your week.

*Kym*
Mahli & Lainey interview Miss Kean

Miss Kean has joined our school and teaches 1/2S and Eco. We are now going to interview her to get to know her better.

LW & MS: Miss Kean, if you weren’t a teacher what would you be and why?
Miss Kean: I would be a park ranger because I like working outdoors and I’m passionate about protecting the environment.

LW & MS: What is your favourite colour?
Miss Kean: Yellow

LW & MS: What’s your favourite sport?
Miss Kean: Horse riding

LW & MS: Do you have any pets?
Miss Kean: Yes, I have a pet dog called Sammy

LW & MS: How long have you been a teacher?
Miss Kean: This is my first year of teaching.

LW & MS: Where’s your favourite place to go and why?
Miss Kean: Anywhere in South East Asia because I like the wildlife the food and the culture

LW & MS: What is your favourite food?
Miss Kean: My favourite food is lasagne, ice-cream and fruit

LW & MS: What grade would you like to teach?
Miss Kean: I like to teach all grades

LW & MS: What is your favourite animal?
Miss Kean: I like African elephants

Thank you for the interview. Welcome to Gembrook Primary School.

Mahli & Lainey interview students about Mr Budin

Mr Budin (Mr B), our new PE Teacher for Gembrook Primary School, has a lot of awesome skills!

We are interviewing Katyn and Charlotte from P/1H about Mr B.

We like the games he taught us. The games that we played were Bridges, Bulldozes and Fixes! We like him because he was nice, friendly and helpful. He can whistle so loud and he doesn’t even need a tin whistle or his fingers. He calls it the Magic Whistle!!!!

We are now interviewing Luka and Natalie from P/1B

He was kind. He was fun because he had some fun games and he taught us in a fun and exciting way. We played with the Parachute. We played bridges. We also played a basketball sort of game. His whistle was loud and really cool.

By Lainey and Mahli
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.

1/2S Lily, Sam
3/4S Mitch, Jacob, Kristan, Rhyce

We are very proud of you all!

Notes that have gone home:
- 5/6A Staffing
- HPV Maryborough Expressions of Interest Yr 6
- Zoo Excursion 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)

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 ORANGE box in the foyer near the office.

Have you seen the gigantic pumpkin in the foyer of the school office?

Guess the pumpkins weight in kilos and place in the orange box in the school office.

Thank you to the Jones family for providing the impressive pumpkin!!
Active Tuesday’s at Gembrook

Students are encouraged to actively walk, ride, scoot, or skate to school **every Tuesday**.
The SRC will hand out raffle tickets to those students who have actively come to school on the Tuesday.
If you can’t actively come to school, x6 laps of the basketball court or 2 laps of the oval is OK.
Term 3: prize is a **scooter & helmet**
Term 4: prize is a **skateboard and helmet**
All raffle tickets go in the draw to be held at the end of term at assembly.
Good luck & have fun!

This is a Streets Ahead initiative. For more information contact Council’s Active Children’s Officer, Kate Beveridge on 1300 787 624.

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Art Smocks Available

Gembrook Craft Cottage has art smocks available for $14.
The Cottage is open Thursdays to Mondays and everyday during the school holidays.
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.

P.F.A. DISCO
FRIDAY 21st JUNE
5.30-6.45 JUNIORS
7.00-8.30 SENIORS
$5.00 PER PERSON
GLO STICKS, SNACKS AND ICYPOLES FOR SALE

Birthdays for this week!!

June
14  Grace McI
17  Jessica McC
19  Lynton H

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

Dress up in Zimbabwe colours on Friday 28 June
Gold coin donation

Support Felistas, our World Vision Child
Casual bookings are now being taken for all after school activities.
**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—while 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.
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.

Gembrook Primary School uniforms can be purchased from Beleza in Pakenham.

**END OF FINANCIAL YEAR SALE!!!**

**20% OFF**

ON ALL BELEZA BRANDED ITEMS

**10% OFF**

FOR NON-BELEZA BRANDS

17TH JUNE TO 28TH JUNE

*Some exclusions apply. Please check in store for more details
*20% sale is club membership discount inclusive
*No further discount applies *No Laybys available
**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 Parkville 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 $20-$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.
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

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

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