# Diary Dates

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**Extra Curricula Activities for this week**
- Produce market Tues 6/8/13
- Step into prep Tues evening 6pm
- Footsteps

**Staff PD this week**
- Writing-Introducing Writer’s Notebook
- Regional Principal’s Conference (Thurs & Fri)
- Supporting School Age Students on the Autism Spectrum.

**Notes that have gone home:**
- EDEC Basketball (Gr 5/6 volunteers)
- Head lice (JLC)

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 and friends

Kunshan Peiben Sister School Visit
The visit by five students and a teacher from our Chinese sister school last week was a great success and a rich experience for our school community. The visit provided an insight into the lives of Chinese children and their families and an insight into Chinese culture. Asian Literacy is part of the national curriculum and assists students to gain an understanding of Asian societies and cultures. The Chinese students’ presentations to each of the learning centres were a highlight of the week. Warmest thanks to the Goodie, Candy, Thomas, Jarrett and Fisher families who kindly hosted the students. Kunshan Peiben Primary School presented some gifts to our school-a silk poster and a calligraphy set. These will be in the display cabinet in the foyer. Tim Dewar and Tabitha O’Brien are looking forward to visiting our sister school during the September school holidays.
Intervention programs
A number of students across all grades are gaining extra support with intervention programs. Presently at Gembrook these programs include: Quicksmart Numeracy (students 3-6), Quicksmart Literacy (students 3-6), grade 1 reading program for selected students, a reading support program (students Prep-4) and an extension program for a small group of writers in the Middle Learning Centre. There are a number of Educational Support Staff that support individual students or support the classroom teacher in different classrooms. A social worker, psychologist and speech pathologist visit the school regularly. The students at Gembrook Primary School are well supported. Intervention programs for students are discussed with parents.

Step into Prep Night - Tuesday
A great session for our future 2014 prep students and their parents was held in the JLC on Tuesday evening. Future prep students were able to explore the Junior Learning Centre and have a go at some of the classroom activities. Parents came along to the information session. Step into Prep is an integral part of the transition to school program.

After school activities
The after school activities program has proved to be very popular with many students. There are casual vacancies for sessions until the end of term for some sessions. Please contact the office for more details.

Computer programs for use at home
Matheletics, Tumblebooks and Reading Eggs are available for use at home by all students. These can be accessed through the school website. The school website has a link to notices sent home.

Produce Market
Grade 3/4S hosted a wonderfully productive produce market yesterday. Many members of the school community were able to purchase fresh produce and delicious baked goods. The produce market is a creative part of our student’s learning—incorporating maths, literacy, organizational, gardening and cooking skills. Thank you Ms Stevens and grade 3/4S for all your hard work. The pasties were delicious. As always many thanks to Jo Mills and Ann Hoff for the gift of their time and skills to the market. Our gratitude goes to the many contributions of fresh produce and baked goods from members of the school community.

Principal Conference
Later this week on Thursday and Friday, I will be away at a conference for all Dandenong Ranges and Knox Principals. The topic of the conference is Leadership; and Developing Structures for School Improvement. Continuous improvement in the teaching and learning program is something that we strive for at Gembrook - I am looking forward to the conference presentations and the exchange of ideas with other principals. Tabitha O’Brien and the teaching team will be able to assist you while I am away.

Take care and enjoy your week. Kym Peterson
Yay! It was Tuesday afternoon and it was my turn to help out my class with the Produce Market. We set up stalls outside the JLC to raise money for the school.

I walked with excitement into the performing arts room. I politely said hello to Ann and Jo and got to work.

First, we carried all of the delicious cupcakes, produce and other slices to the stall. Next we set up the items neatly on the tables.

By three o’clock we had customers rushing to buy before all of the fresh produce and cupcakes ran out.

‘Ding dong’ the bell rang. By the time it got to 3.40pm all the cupcakes and vegie pasties were gone. It was very busy and everyone was rushing up and down to put coins in the money box. Lastly, it was time to pack up. I carried about five tables into the eco learning centre. I was exhausted but proud of everyone’s effort. It was a wonderful day and everything worked out the way we planned. I can’t wait to run another produce market.

By William D 3/4S
ANNUAL SHOPPING TOUR
SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

- Departs 7.30am from Gembrook Primary School car park
  Returns 6.30pm to GPS
- Cost: $55 per adult; $27.50 per child (under 16)
  (includes two course hot lunch, coach travel, bag of snacks and drinks for the journey)

BOOK NOW at www.schoolinterviews.com.au (use the code AA7AW)
Pay at the school office

Outlets in Order
1. Ms Devine—scarves, hats, jewellery, resort tops, homewares and more
2. Taking Shape—women’s clothing, gifts and homewares
3. Breville Kambrook—electrical appliances ie; juicers, coffee machines, toasters etc
4. In Essence—aromatherapy products, pure essential oils, skin and body care, therapeutic creams, candles and more
5. Social Club Books—novels, sports and hobbie books, children’s books, cook books
6. The Linen Factory—Manchester including: table cloths, throw rugs, towels, sheets, quilt covers, tea towels and lots more
7. Classica Kitchen—cookware, kitchenware, frypans, cake tins, utensils, mugs, glassware and giftware etc
8. Beaches—Women’s, men’s and children’s clothing, sleepwear, underwear (brands include: Forever New, Target—huge outlet)
9. Rudolphins—Christmas decorations, lights, trees, napery, wreaths, ribbons etc
10. Natio—cosmetics, skin and body care for women, men and teens. Beautiful products, gift packs; available very cheaply (as seen in Myer)
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!!

Work with a friend. Have your friend lie down on a large sheet of paper.
Trace your friend's outline. Use handspan to make body measurements on the tracing.

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Parent information sessions

Friday 9 August  Dale  Read aloud strategies
Friday 16 August  Tabitha  Using ipads with your child
Friday 6 September  Kym  Coffee and chat

Birthdays!!

August

9  Aaron F  Connor M-W
10  Emma H
12  Liam R
13  Paris K
14  Sarena C

Wanted

Small glass jars with lids for jams and preserves for Produce Market (pasta sauce jars are too big)

Please leave at the school office
Thanks!
Enrolment forms for all after school activities for term 3, run by Gembrook Primary School, have been sent home.

The enrolment forms are also available on the school website [www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au](http://www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au)

Places for each after school activity are limited so enrol early to avoid disappointment
**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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**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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**Centrepay**

Centrepay is a free service for centrelink customers to pay bills as regular deductions from their Centrelink payments.

Gembrook Primary School is now a registered recipient of Centrepay payments.

If you are eligible and interested in making payments to the school through Centrepay, please contact the office to find out our recipient number.


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**Chaplain’s Chat**

Maturation is the biological process of growing up. I can see the different stages happening now with my little girls because I have seen my older girls go through them. I also have the privilege of spending time with lots of children their age. I find it is a good idea to have milestones to commemorate the growing up steps. We expect our children at different ages to do certain things. There are also privileges associated with these expectations. It is different in each house. However, the idea is the same. The aim is to help them grow up by teaching responsibility with clear expectations. For example working with mum or dad to make something from wood with power tools, or cooking a special recipe or meal.

Please feel free to contact me through the school office if I can be of any assistance or support to your child and / or family.

Tim Dewar  
School Chaplain

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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.
I walk down the stair case in silence. All eyes are laid on me but instead of looking at them, I stare at my feet. The smell of Peking duck fills the air. There is no way the duck is going in my mouth. I take a seat next to Aunt Ba Ba and stare out the window. The sun is shining and Jackie is playing with a bone. The food is placed on the table as Niang and Father walk in. I try to stick the duck under the table when Niang looks at me suspiciously, so I place it in my mouth without chewing and swallowing. I ask to be excused and run up to the bathroom and spit it in the toilet. I try to wash out the taste.

By Natalie 5/6F
Introducing Mr Bailey

One of Gembrook’s newest staff members is Mr Bailey! He started as a substitute teacher earlier this year and now teaches in the JLC regularly. For some of you that don’t know him very well, I talked to him to help you guys learn more about him!

Mr. Bailey decided teaching was his career choice in 2008 and has taught at four schools around the area. His favourite part of teaching is connecting with the kids and getting to know them, especially in maths. He’s been overseas and can speak a little bit of Spanish. Beyond teaching, some things he wants to accomplish in his life is to go paragliding again, wants to fix his four wheel drive, travel to Europe and many of his other goals in life include travel and adventures around the world. Also, his favourite food is steak, but he has many other favourites!

I hope you now know Mr Bailey a little better. We all look forward to seeing the fun activities Mr Bailey has for the rest of the term/year!
By Tess  (5/6F)

Parent helpers wanted!!!

We are looking for parent helpers to assist us in caring for our wonderful vegetable garden on Thursday afternoons from 3.00 to 4.00 pm. All equipment supplied.

Miss Kean (Ecolearning Teacher)

Lost Dog

Black female staffy.
If sighted or found please phone Tony on 0407 022 649
Community Notices

Huge pre-loved Toy and Kids’ Clothing sale!

Saturday 7th September 2013
9am—12:30pm

- Toys
- Children’s books
- Baby goods
- Kids’ clothing sizes 0000 to 12
- Kids’ shoes
- Maternity wear

St Mark’s Church
1 Church Street, Emerald

To sell toys, contact Gill
0418 597 089
To sell clothes, contact Tanja
0413 487 211

Also St. Mark’s Garage Sale 9—12
Same day, same place

Uniforms for Sale

Polo Tops
Size 8 x1 @ $8.00
Size 14 x1 @ $8.00
Size 14 x 1 @$5.00 – Has mark on front

Track Pants (Reinforced knees)
Size 10 x 1 @ $15.00 (New)
Size 12 x1 @ $8.00

Boy’s navy pants
Size 8 X4 @ $10.00 each
Size 10 x 5 @ $10.00 each
Size 12 x4 @ $10.00 each

Windcheaters/Jackets
Size 6 x1 @ $10.00 (buttons up at top)

Size 14 x1 @$5.00(Button up at top)- old
Size 14x1 @$10.00.Buttons up at top)

Shorts
Size 6 x 3 @ $5.00
Size 8 X3 @ $5.00
Size 10 x 8 @ $5.00
Size 14 x1 @ $5.00

Polar Fleece Vest Size 10 x2-$10.00 each

Long sleeved tee – Size 12 $5.00

Blue Parker – Size 8 - $10.00

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

Wanted

School Windcheaters - Size 16 x2
Contact: Suzanne 0438028022

Telephone recycling available at the school office.

All funds raised support your school.

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_________
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