### 11 September 2013

#### Diary Dates

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**Notes that have gone home:**
- Swimming (all grades)
- EDEC Girls Football Day (Snr girls)
- After & before school activities for Term 4

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

**Extra Curricula Activities for this week**
- Asian Festival
- Eco Warriors to Philip Island
- Kids Teaching Kids
- Water safety presentation (JLC)
Dear Families and Friends

Asian Festival
This term our students have been learning about Asia and the Asian way of life. The Asian festival on Monday was a culmination of this learning. Students from all the learning centres made their presentations with great enthusiasm. Thank you to the many parents who were able to join us for the presentations.

The dress up parade showcased some innovative costumes, including a scary Yeti. Thank you to members of the PFA team who created delicious sushi for us to enjoy for lunch. Thank you to Jude, Gaylene and Angel. Thank you also to Jacinta, Alison, Tarsh, Stacey, Bron, Mel and Mardi for the loan of the rice cookers.

Dance through time
We were very proud of our fabulous students at the Footsteps Concert last week. They danced with enthusiasm, confidence and skill on stage. Well done girls and boys! They all looked wonderful! Thank you to our fantastic parents for organising costumes and makeup.

Kids Teaching Kids
Gembrook Primary School will host the Kids Teaching Kids Day this Friday. Students and teachers from eight Dandenong Ranges schools will visit Gembrook and learn about what we do in the area of science. Our Eco Warriors will be presenting on the day. This day is a student led day with students from all the schools presenting at various times.

A small team of eco warrior leaders will join Mrs O’Brien at Philip Island on Wednesday. This visit follows on from a day earlier in the year when our eco warrior leaders spent a day meeting with other student leaders on environmental matters.

Shopping trip
Thank you to Angel and the PFA team for organising this year’s shopping trip. Once again this was a significant fundraising event for our school. This event raised around $850. Money raised from this event will contribute to the upgrading of the playground. The shopping day is always good fun so if you haven’t signed up in previous years, I encourage you to come along next year.

Work around the school
You may have noticed fencing around the portables and the back of the multi. The portables will be removed shortly and will be set up at another school by next term. This means that the students will have another play area.

The work on the multi will include enclosing the back corner. This area will be used for the storage of the Human Powered Vehicles, trailer and equipment. New roller doors will be placed on all the other storage areas. Most of this work will be undertaken during the school holidays.

The new turf has been laid at the front of the school. Congratulations to the students and teachers who created a film and entered the Victorian School Garden Awards and won $4500 worth of turf for our school. The school also contributed to the installation of the turf. The cool weather forecasted for the next week will ensure that the turf will settle and establish.

Working Bee Saturday September 14th 9:00am-11:00am
Please come along this Saturday morning for a working bee. Our wonderful PFA team will be providing a delicious morning tea. Jobs to be done:
• Top up soft fall around Junior Playground
• Weed around vegetable garden beds
• Plant small plants
• Install a shelf in the performing arts room

Have a great week!

Kym
Principal
Footyday

Dress up as your favourite football team!!!

There will be a march in the circle of harmony if parents want to come along and sing along with your football team song.

Don't forget to bring along a gold coin donation for Felistas

18/9 – Wednesday last week of school

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.

Kathleen Kean (Eco-learning Teacher)

Green Week

Last week we celebrated Green Week at Gembrook Primary School. Green Week is a time for us to celebrate our school's success as a 5 star sustainable school. Students took part in a variety of lunch time activities in the ecolearning centre and out in the school vegetable garden. On Friday students in 3/4E, 1/2O and P/1B planted a variety of indigenous plants and fruit trees around the school grounds.

Thank you to all the students who participated in Green Week!

Kathleen Kean
Eco-learning Teacher
PRODUCE MARKET

Hosted by Prep/1H!

Tuesday 17th September
3.00pm - 4.00pm

Try our wonderful....

- FRESH PRODUCE
- SLICES & CAKES (snack & family size)
- 2nd HAND UNIFORMS & CONTAINERS
- HONEY AND JAMS
- PLANTS
- JEWELLERY

Donations welcome to the office. Thank you!

Contact Jo on 0416 090 211 if you're interested in holding your own stall free of charge!
Footsteps Concert
Dance Through Time
**Walk, ride, scoot & skate to school**

**Reducing inactive time**
Limit screen time, including computers, television and electronic games, to no more than two hours per day.

- No more than 60 minutes should be spent sitting or lying still during the daytime.
- Walk instead of taking the car where possible.
- Create family rules around how much inactive time is allowed and enforce active time together.

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

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**4C’s Can Drive**
This term Gembrook Primary has been collecting cans for the 4C’s Food Bank and Crisis Centre in Pakenham. 4C’s supports residents of Cardinia who need help to cope with the “bumps”, big or small, that life throws at them. This help includes a food bank which is open to all shire residents. The food bank relies on donations of non-perishable items.

The collection of cans will continue at school until the end of term. The class who collects the most cans will receive an extra play time—so keep collecting!

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**School Banking Update: Redeem your tokens for a moneybox this year!**

In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (e.g. 10 deposits) and there will be two new reward items for students to choose from each term.

With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available next year. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this school year.

In an effort to ensure your child doesn’t miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. If your child is trying to collect the series of Dollarmite moneyboxes, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the school year. Please understand that the still need to redeem each moneybox for the required 10 tokens.

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**Wanted**
- Small glass jars with lids for jams and preserves for Produce Market (pasta sauce jars are too big)
- Egg cartons (the school chooks are laying very well)

Please leave at the school office
Thanks you!

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**Birthdays!!**

**September**

12 Olivia B  
14 Lachie S  
16 Ayden G  
17 Steph L, Cody Mac  
18 Joel H, Francis N, Alexia M

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**Gembrook Primary School is a SunSmart School**

School hats must now be worn for all outdoor activities.
Hats are available for sale ($10) from the school office
## Star of the Week

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<td>Patrick</td>
<td>For your consistent positive attitude. You always put in a great effort and finish your work to a high standard. Keep it up!</td>
<td>Prep 1/ B</td>
<td>Mr Bailey</td>
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<td>Lila</td>
<td>You have been trying so hard to be a respectful friend this week Lila! Well done!</td>
<td>Prep 1/H</td>
<td>Miss Hutcheson</td>
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<td>Jackson</td>
<td>You are always doing your best Jacko. You have really challenged yourself in maths and shown your creativity through your writing. You are a fantastic role model for your class mates. Keep up the great attitude.</td>
<td>1/2S</td>
<td>Mrs O'Brien</td>
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<td>Nerina</td>
<td>What a fantastic week of writing you have had Nerina. It is great to see your creative ideas coming to life.</td>
<td>2B</td>
<td>Mrs Bigwood</td>
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<td>Billy</td>
<td>Well done Billy. What a fantastic week of work you have had. You have stayed on task and completed some great work.</td>
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<td>Mrs Bigwood</td>
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<td>Piper</td>
<td>You are showing a persistent attitude towards your learning, Piper. Great effort and keep it up!</td>
<td>3/4S</td>
<td>Miss Stevens</td>
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<td>Harper</td>
<td>What a fantastic week you’ve had, Harper! Fantastic writing, excellent participation and awesome dancing. Well done!</td>
<td>3/4E</td>
<td>Mrs Everett</td>
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<td>Danyan</td>
<td>For your great work in maths and your persistence. Your 'Can Do!' attitude is fantastic keep it up.</td>
<td>5/6A</td>
<td>Ann Liston</td>
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<td>Dannielle</td>
<td>For your great attitude and ability to work independently! Fantastic effort Dannie!</td>
<td>5/6F</td>
<td>Mr Fraser</td>
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Conner A (56F) | You are always enthusiastic to take part in the weekly science experiments. You have been doing a great job in looking after our schools chickens. Keep up the great work!!! | Ecolearning | Miss Kean |

Rhyce (3/4S) | For an outstanding drop-punt. Not too high, not too low, just right. | PE | Mr Budin |

Riley (56F) | For being responsible to finish your group’s work. You are a great captain! | LOTE | Mrs Ichikawa |

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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!!**

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Find at least five solutions, using counters numbered from 1 to 9. The total you are aiming for is 999.
Asian Festival

Sushi

mmmmmmmm.....
The enrolment forms are available on the school website www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au. Places for each after school activity are limited so enrol early to avoid disappointment.

New!

Casual Bookings Available

Breakfast Club

Cereal and Toast Served
Fun activities to start the day

Every Day 7:30-8:45am
$5 per student per day

Term 4

Gembrook Kids Active Sports
After school Wednesday 3:30-5:00
A great opportunity for kids to have fun and develop confidence through sport!

$110 per child per 11 weeks of activities
Commencing Wednesday 9th October

Gembrook Kids Arts Club
After school Monday 3:30-5:00
A great opportunity for kids to develop skills in Arts and Crafts

$110 per child per 11 weeks of activities
Commencing Monday 7th October

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!

$10 per child per 10 weeks of activities
Commencing Friday 11th October
*NO CLASS ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM THE 30TH OF DECEMBER*

Dance: Hip Hop
After school Wednesday 3:30-5:00
A great opportunity for kids to have fun and develop confidence through dance!

$100 per child per 11 weeks of activities
Commencing Wednesday 9th October
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
Modern Celebrations from the Heart
Carol Tokley
Registered Marriage Celebrant
Please phone for a no obligation chat
03 59682910 or 0427 682910

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.

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 __________