### Mission Statement

**A view to the future**

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

**Vision:** To provide every student with every opportunity to be the best they can be.

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### Notes that have gone home
- House Aths (gr 3-6)
- JLC House Sports
- eSmart Cyber Safety Incursion (gr 3-6)
- Family Movie Night
- HPV (Wonthaggi)Parents Info Session (Grade 6)
- Parent Volunteers Needed (whole school)
- Mother Goose Pre-school Program (all families)

WANTED A COUPLE of DADS to assist with preparation for the new playground equipment. THIS SUNDAY March 1 @ 10:00am

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**GPS House Colours**

- Tynong
- Beenak
- Redwood
- Kurth Kiln

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**Science Circus incursion**
Dear friends & families

Gembrook Swimming Carnival
Last week we had a great day at the pool. It was wonderful to see so many students having a go and doing their best in the events. The novelty events were a lot of fun and enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to the members of our staff team who jumped into the pool – Tabitha, Johnathon, Glenn and Dylan.

Swimming Carnival Results
Beenak 100  First  
Tynong 95   Second
Kurth Kiln 86  Third
Redwood 76  4th

On Monday the swimming EDEC trials were postponed due to bad weather. A group of our students participated in the EDEC swim trials today. Congratulations to all these fantastic swimmers. We have a number of swimmers who will compete at the zone competition. We wish them the best of luck!

2015 PFA Team
The 2015 PFA team met for the first time last week and are already planning a number of events and activities. Congratulations to all these fantastic swimmers. We have a number of swimmers who will compete at the zone competition. We wish them the best of luck!

PFA activities coming up include: the Café at the family movie night, hot cross bun orders and the Mother’s Day stall. If you would like to join the team or assist at any of these activities please contact the office or a team member. Last year the PFA team’s fund raising activities collected $5500. This money contributed to the new playground equipment.

New Playground Equipment!!!
New playground equipment is being installed in the senior playground this week. Late last year our students voted on the piece of equipment that they wanted for our school. Thank you to all in our school community who have supported fund raising activities in 2014 to make the purchase of this equipment possible.

BBQ @ Gembrook Market
The school runs four BBQs at the Gembrook Market each year to raise funds for our school. This money also contributed to the new playground equipment. Thank you to the Kee and Bourne families who organise the markets and to the following families for helping last Sunday: Susan Taylor, Denise Anile, Belinda Wright, Steve Candy, Penne Asling, Cath O’Connor, Peta Candy, Jeremy Keysers, Hollie Kee, Ann and Issy Liston.

Esmart – using technology safely & wisely
Our school is in the process of becoming an esmart school. At Gembrook Primary School we teach students the skills to use technology in a safe and appropriate way. Students are participating in programs to develop cybersafety skills and to further develop the school and home partnership.

Parent Cyber Safety Session
You are invited to a parent session on cyber safety on Wednesday March 4 @ 6:00pm. Notices have been sent home with further information.

Cyber Safety is an important issue for everyone. Here are a few tips to share with your children:

What to do if somebody is being mean to you online:
The internet lets us watch videos, play all kinds of games and find out interesting stuff. But sometimes people can be mean on the internet, just like some people are mean in real life.
If someone is being mean to you while you are on the internet or on a mobile phone:
1. Tell one of these people: your mum or dad, your teacher, an aunty, an uncle, a grandparent, your brother, your sister or a friend. Keep telling them until they help.
2. Don’t answer any of their mean comments. Save them and show them to a parent or teacher.
3. Get a parent or teacher to help you block them so they can’t contact you any more.
4. Report them to the game/video host so they get blocked.
5. Remember it isn’t your fault if someone is mean online. Nobody should be bullied.
NB: Please ensure you have registered through Centrelink for the Childcare Rebate & Childcare Benefit to enable you to claim a 50% rebate.

CASUAL BOOKINGS AVAILABLE ALL SESSIONS
Term 1, 2015

‘What has been happening in after school art club?’

We have been exploring weaving this term. We discussed weaving in everyday life; ie fabric, school uniforms, baskets etc. Children began the term by making a simple rectangular and/or circular woven piece with a cardboard loom.

We moved on to constructing ‘mexican goat’s eyes’. Here we looked at the history of ‘goat’s eyes’ and why they were made.

We will continue to look at contemporary textile art images and discuss what is art and what is craft and why. Are some woven pieces made for a purpose in everyday life or are they made to conduct meaning? Are traditional Fijian baskets or Indigenous dilly bags made to convey meaning or are they made for the purpose of being ‘useful in daily life’ (a craft)?

Now that the children have established their weaving skills we will discuss where to take our ‘weaving from here’. Some suggestions of where to go next have come from the children and myself; they are:

- Take weaving outside—nature weaving with raw materials and/or between branches of trees/shrubs in the school ground (collaborative weaving)
- Weave in between fallen found branches; these could be displayed (exhibited) in the school foyer.
- Weave a whole class woven piece using a traditional loom (collaborative weaving)
- Begin to convey meaning in woven pieces, planning before weaving, ie: use of certain colours and shapes
- Make a woven painting from paper
- Make a ‘woven’ clay basket
- Weave with rags and hooler hoops

The after school art club has a display in the performing arts room if any parents and children would like to see what we have been up to so far...

Jessie Irvin (OSHQ Art teacher)
OHSC News

It has been an exciting start to the Outside School Hours Care school program.

A healthy breakfast of cereal and toast is provided as part of the before school care program.

**Hours of Operation and Programs:**

Before School Care.... Monday to Friday: 7:30am -8:45am

After School Care.... Tuesdays & Thursdays: 3:30pm-6:00pm

Art.... Mondays.... 3:30pm-5:00pm

Martial Arts .....Wednesdays .....3:30pm-5:00pm

Cooking....Fridays....3:30pm-5:00pm

All before school and after school programs are supported by Child Care Benefits allowances.

Bookings can be made at the office. For more information please contact the school office.

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**SCHOOL APPS**

The school uses two apps to help with the communication flow (tqibiz) and to enable quicker, hassle free school payments. (qkr). Both apps are easy to download to your phone, computer, tablet. If you need assistance or further information, please contact the school office.

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**February**

28 Daniel G

**March**

2  Zara

   Eva

4  Sebastien

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Cybersmart is a national cyber safety education program managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) as part of the Australian Government’s commitment to cybersafety. The program is specifically designed to meet the needs of children, young people, parents and teachers.

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**4th March 2015**

**Student online safety session grades 3-6 @ 2pm**

**Parent online safety session 6pm**

Notes have gone home
Gembrook Primary School Presents Family Drive–in Night

Screening “Big Hero 6” Rated PG

ALL WELCOME!

Drive on to the school oval to watch our outdoor screening.

Just like the Drive-In tune your car radio for sound!

Snacks available at the PFA Movie Cafe

To pre-purchase tickets at discounted price return the form below to the school office by Monday 8th March.

Tickets $30 on the night

I would like to purchase ........family movie tickets at $25 per car.

I would like to purchase .......... individual walk-in tickets at $7.50 each

Family Name: .................................. .................................
What's been happening in Science this week?

Foundation students are learning to be Scientists by observing the objects that move in their classroom, in the school yard and out in the street.
Dear Gembrook Primary School Parents,

Junior Rockers would like to wish all in the Gembrook Primary School community a very Happy and Safe Holiday period.

Farewell to our Grade 6 students. We wish you all the best at High School.

For all our other students, we look forward to seeing you back in 2015.

To anyone who is not involved with Junior Rockers, we currently offer lessons in guitar, singing, keyboard/piano, and drums. The lessons are run weekly around the specialist timetable.

For more information or to apply for lessons go to:

www.juniorrockers.com/apply

or contact us on 1300 46 7625.

MEDICAL INFO!

- Please inform the school office if your child suffers from a medical condition.
- If medicine is required at school please ensure it is supplied to the school office with clear instructions. Eg Asthma puffer, Panadol, antihistamine etc.
- A medication authority plan (available from the school office) must also be filled in.
- All asthma plans must be updated every year. If your child is due for an updated plan please contact your doctor for a new assessment and give a copy to the school office.

School Banking for Students
Will be processed on Thursdays.
Drop bank books at the office or put in the class room tub.

Accident Insurance & Ambulance Cover

This is a reminder for school families that the Department does not provide accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. The cost of any medical attention or ambulance for a student will be borne by the parent/guardian. Parents are liable for all medical expenses incurred because of student injury, including transport costs such as ambulance or air ambulance costs.

Contact Details

If you have updated your contact details, please let the office know. It is important the school is able to easily contact you in case of an emergency.

Working with Children Check

All parent volunteers need a working with children check. Forms are available online from the Victorian Department of Justice.

REMEMBERING THE 32

EMERALD

ANZAC WALK
&
ANZAC PLACE
OPENING CEREMONY

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GALLIPOLI

Project to be officially opened by:

HIS EXCELLENCY
GENERAL THE HONOURABLE
SIR PETER COSGROVE AK MC (RETD)

11:30am Wednesday March 11th
Memorial Avenue, Emerald

WE NEED YOU!!
Come along in Period Costume
and be part of a Unique Event

Register at the Post Office
or email terry.geddes@hotmail.com
or ken@kenpurdyham.com

Australian Government
State Government of Victoria
EMERALD RSL SUB BRANCH
Cardinia
Rotary EMERALD & DISTRICT
Primary: That’s risky stuff

Having secrets can seem fun or exciting but if you hurt the people around you it’s not worth it.

What’s the issue?

The online world can be an amazing place to explore and experiment with being different to how you are in the physical world but sometimes you can end up doing things you wouldn’t normally. Pretending to be a person who doesn’t really exist is lying, and pretending to be someone else is illegal. Once you start doing these things it can get complicated because you might not want to get caught and that can lead to lying to people or bullying them to try to cover up your actions.

Why does it matter?

- When you pretend to be someone else online you are breaking the law. You also risk their personal information being shared with people they wouldn’t want it shared with, or even stolen and used for illegal activities.
- The online world is a part of the real world and what you do in one affects the other.
- Your family are the people who have known you the longest and to whom you are most closely connected. When you lie to them, you are affecting some of your closest relationships.
- You feel better about yourself when you make choices that you feel are the right thing to do—if you’re not a liar, or a bully, make that obvious by what you do and don’t do.

Advice

- Draw the line between ‘pretending’ & ‘lying’
  - When you create an avatar for yourself in a game you can experiment with how you look. When you are on social media, you might use a pseudonym (a fake name) to protect your personal data, but you are still you—sharing thoughts, ideas and opinions with other people who you expect to be honest too.

- Respect other people’s personal information and trust in you
  - Little white lies start out pretty innocently but they can get out of control. If you do something that makes you feel ashamed, then try to sort it out quickly so that you can rebuild the relationship.

- ‘Online’ doesn’t mean ‘out of this world’
  - Having secrets can seem fun or exciting but if you hurt the people around you it’s not worth it. It is amazing how what you do on social media or in other online situations can suddenly become exposed.

- You create your self worth
  - Even if it is only you that knows about it, if it makes you feel bad about yourself, don’t do it.
Streets Ahead
design competition

Design whatever you like to do with Streets Ahead: e.g. scooter, skate deck, bike, bus or runners

and win one of x5 $50 gift vouchers to Sports Power

Any student can enter
All designs are due on Friday 13 March to the front office
Judging panel will include Kate Beveridge and teachers
Winners will be announced at assembly
Designs can be drawn on A4 or A3 paper

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

Everyone rides to school on

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Let’s see how many bikes we can get to school!

BEAT Beaconsfield Upper Primary- they had 58% of students ride to school last year on their challenge day.

If you can’t ride, still join in by walking, scooting or skating.

Remember to wear your helmet!

This is a Streets Ahead initiative. For more information contact Council’s Active Children’s Officer, Kate Beveridge on 1300787624.
Mobile March

During March be as active as you can!

- Walk, ride, scoot or skate to school
- Remember to wear your helmet
- Meet friends and actively come to school

Make sure your school is in the running for most active school in Cardinia Shire prize – the ‘Streets Ahead Cup’.

Every school that registers to participate AND completes its class tallies, will receive one scooter and one helmet to use as a prize. The winning school will also receive free scooter lessons for up to 100 students, to be held at their school.

The winning school will be announced in Term 2.

For more information contact Council’s Active Children’s Officer on 1300 787 624 or email k.beveridge@cardinia.vic.gov.au
Emerald Secondary College

Open Evening

Tuesday 17th of March

Tours and Exhibition Classes

6pm – 8pm
School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DEECD Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days' notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter, email [and on [website]]. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1:00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.
- Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan — on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website [website] and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website – see [website].

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at [website] or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 887.
Study local, qualify National at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre. Learn in a supported, small class with trainers. We will help get you qualified.

ONLY 3 PLACES LEFT – ACT NOW
Phone 03 5944 3484

CHC30213   Teachers Aide
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EDUCATION SUPPORT
Begins Friday 6th March
Classes: Friday 9.30 to 2.30

CHC50113   Diploma of
EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION & CARE
Begins Monday 2nd March
Classes: Monday and Tuesday
6.30 to 9.30pm

CHC30113   Certificate III in
EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION & CARE
Begins Monday 2nd March
Classes: Monday and Tuesday
6.30 to 9.30pm

Every Tuesday 10am - 1pm
Community Health Centre
16 McBride Street, Coodaioo

Training Provider is Mentula Park
TOD 3952

Lost @ the Swimming Carnival
The missing speedo brand goggles look like the pair in this picture, and were a very new pair 😊, and I would greatly appreciate their safe return 😊. Please return to the school office.

Work available:
Vacuuming Monday to Thursday for an hour and a half each day. Please contact
Marg 0427 412 149

Gembrook Primary School warmly thanks Andrew & Gembrook IGA for their continued support of the school with their generous donation of fruit for Free Fruit Fridays.
Need help with EOFY Books?
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