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

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...

25 November 2015

Diary Dates

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Notes that have gone home:
- 2016 School Contributions
- Kids Run Gembrook (whole school)
- JLC Science Excursion to Phillip Is Chocolate Factory—Grades F-2
- Edendale Farm excursion—Grades 3 & 4
- Swimming (SLC) Grades 4/5A & 6FE

All notices are available on the school website: www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au

**SLC SWIMMING PERMISSION & PAYMENT ARE DUE BEFORE TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER**

PAYMENT & PERMISSION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SWIMMING PROGRAM

**NO ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER**

Scholastic Bookclub orders
**Due Thursday 26 November**
No late orders
Dear families & friends

Wonderful reading @ Gembrook!
Gembrook Primary School students are passionate readers! Congratulations to the many students who participated in the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. Certificates were distributed to students last week.

HPV teams @ Maryborough
What an awesome effort by the two HPV teams at Maryborough last week! Our Teams came 4th & 9th. Thank you to the parents for supporting the teams. Thank you to the teachers-Tina, Christian and Johannah for organising the training, the presentations, the cart constructions and ensuring the event and program was successful. This is a real team event with students, parents and teachers working together. Great Effort!! Well done to the two teams- The #Bat Mobile and The Pink Panther. Thank you to our many sponsors for supporting this important program. Well done to: Ash, Jett, Will, Megan, Angus, Jeremy, Samuel, Bregie, Mitch, Charlee, Callum, Rhyce, Chloe, William, Harper and Giorgia for their fantastic efforts and team work as part of the 2015 HPV Maryborough RACV Challenge!!

Senior Student Leadership Program at Gilwell Park
The senior student leadership program is an important part of the social development programs on offer at Gembrook Primary School. The ability to make wise decisions, work together as a team and lead in the playground and learning spaces are the aims of the program. Below are some of the comments by student leaders:
‘Gilwell was a lot of fun and many people achieved their goals.’ Kimberley
‘Everyone enjoyed the activities at Gilwell. My favourite was abseiling.’ Jacob B
‘The leadership program was fun and I enjoyed it. I enjoyed archery and I found the high ropes course challenging. I felt proud when I had completed it.’ Alyssa
‘It was a good experience and everyone had a really good time at Gilwell.’ James

Gembrook kids are Great kids!
Once again I have received a note to say how respectful and polite our students are...

Hi there,
I wasn’t sure who to address this email to but I am out on a walk with my 2 month old baby in a pram and was walking past your students on their bikes. I have to say how polite and well mannered every single one of your students were. They all said hello and were complimenting my daughter. They all moved to the left of the footpath and were very courteous and careful when riding past. As a primary school teacher on maternity leave I just wanted to commend the teachers and the school on developing these wonderful and kind students and am looking forward to the future when my daughter attends your school.
Kind regards,
Emma

I am very proud of all our students. They continually demonstrate our school value, RESPECT.

Produce Market and Sustainable Day Programs
Our school is a five star sustainable school and the monthly produce market is an integral part of the learning program. The last market, run by FH, was a huge success! Thank you to everyone for your support. Than you to Angel and Stuart Watson for supporting the students with the cooking and gardening endeavours!

Story Dogs
Thank you to the Water and Mullins families for taking their dogs along to be trained to become Story Dogs for our school. These dogs will assist students particularly in grade 2 next year with their reading. The mission of Story Dogs is ‘To make reading fun for children, so that they become confident lifelong readers.’ The program aims to develop student’s reading and confidence skills. More information can be found on the website: http://storydogs.org.au/

Cockatoo Men’s Shed
Thank you to all the men at Cockatoo Men’s Shed. In recent weeks they have made and donated some bird and bandicoot hides for our school grounds. These hides are a result of a biodiversity audit undertaken by the 2014 eco warriors.

Soccer Goal Net
Our soccer goal net has been returned. Thank you.

Enjoy your week.

Kym
Principal
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 emer-

Please remember to label your children's school clothing. Unnamed and unclaimed lost property will be sold as 2nd hand uniforms!

Thank you....
Thank you Bendigo Community Bank—Cockatoo—Gembrook branch for their generous donation of $2000. This will be used to support the iPads in classrooms program at Gembrook Primary School.

Newsletter Advertising
The School Council discussed Newsletter Advertising at the March meeting and came up with the following recommendations:

- $10 per business card per term (businesses belonging to school families only)
- $25 quarter page for 2 weeks (for businesses outside school community)
- $25 quarter page per term (school families only)

Please contact the school office if you would like to place an add in the school newsletter

Phoebe, Katyn & Oscar at work on the iPads
NB: change of date

Friday 4 December

Volunteers are needed to run stations on the day

Start: 9.30am (straight after assembly)
Last lap starting: 10.40am
Finish: 11.00am
Foundation-Grade 2: Will do laps of the school property (on school grounds)
Grades 3-6: Will walk/run laps of the Gembrook Rd / Station St Block

A notice and sponsorship form has been sent home

Trash and Treasure
For the Enterprise Market
Our Trash and Treasure stall needs lots of second hand goods like books, movies and toys etc. Please take donations to grade 6/FE
Thank you, Piper & Steph

ANNUAL VIP SALE
UP TO
20% OFF*

GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL
December 3 - 5
*Conditions apply. See in-store for more details.
Enterprise Market Grades 5 & 6

To be held at: Gembrook Primary School - Tuesday the 1st of December

**CAPELA SONGS**
Chlee and Charlee
Singing songs

**PELT-A-BOY**
With Water Balloons
Blake Josh

**Dutch Pancakes**

**Daffy Dutch**

**DDP**

Location: 50 Main Street, Gembrook
Made from scratch by Hamish, Jett and Jack

**BLINGS 'N THINGS**
Meagan and Rachelle
Bracelets, Key Chains, Pencil Toppers and Christmas Decorations!

**The Petting Farm**

Where?
Mini Oval
Gembrook Primary School

Ponies, donkeys and other animals to pet.
Kimberley, Georgia and Megan

**SIZZLING SNAGS**

**BEST SNAGS IN TOWN!**

**Snags in Bread**

Bacon and egg sandwiches

Selling pizza, drinks and garlic bread

**PIZZA PALACE**

GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL ENTERPRISE!

SAMUEL, WILL AND JACOB

**SuruPalicious**

50 Main Street, Gembrook.
There will be fresh slushies with lots of different varieties of flavours to choose from.
Tom Callum William
Enterprise Market Grades 5 & 6

**Spooky Spiders**
By Ruby and Rick

**Sweet Tooth Bakery**
Cupcakes, gingerbread and lots more!!!!!!
Come one, come all for the best sweet treats in the whole Enterprise Market.
By Jessica and Georgie

**The Art Express!!!**
- Posters
- Painting
- Pet rocks
- Drawing
- FUN!!!!!!!!!!
We want everything and then create.
We welcome all to come and have fun & express their feelings in art!!!!

**Milkshakes**
Alyssa and Estella

**Sweets N Treats**

**Slices**

**TWO Scoops**
One scoop is never enough.

**Trash and Treasure**
A Second Hand Store
Piper and Steph

**Toys**

**Yummy!!**
Sonia & Grace
Yummy Scrummy Creations

**Jelly Topper**
Rhyce Goodman
Harper Jones

Top your favourite flavours of jelly with an array of delicious treats, that enhance the already mouth watering jelly!
**STARS OF THE WEEK**

November

26  Dylan B
27  Jed B
28  Will B

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<td>Mrs Tregidga</td>
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<td>Zac B</td>
<td>You really know how to write a call to action. Stand up! Enjoy yourself and go get your star of the week award!</td>
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<td>Zac</td>
<td>You are making a big effort in reading, asking questions to help you understand the story. Well done Zac!</td>
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<td>Charlie</td>
<td>You have made a big effort in reading, using different strategies to work out the words. Well done Charlie!</td>
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December is just around the corner signalling the end of the 2015 school year and the big changes that the new year brings. Next year our school will proudly welcome new students into Foundation and other grades. This years’ Grade 6’s are getting ready now for high school.

A reason that Peter Pan will resonate with many of us is simply because—who wants to grow up and change, as it is fun to be a kid. Change is inevitable and we all have to grow up. As your child gets ready to transition from one year to the next make sure that you are looking out for them and are available to talk about issues that may come up. I can still remember my transition from Primary to High School—it was a big deal. I was nervous and excited.

I know I’ve only been here a short time so far but I know that I will miss many individual amongst this years Grade 6’s as they are a fun and very energetic group.

I am available to support members of the school community. If you would like to know more about the Chaplaincy Program or would like your child to have an appointment with me to discuss any issues, please contact the school office.

Kind Regards,
John Chambers
Chaplain
Outside School Hours Care

**Term 4**

**Gembrook Kids Before School Care**

Every day 7.30-8.45am
Cereal & toast served.
Fun activities to start the day!
$10 per session
Sessions begin Tuesday 6 October 2015
There is no OSHC on curriculum days and public holidays

**Gembrook Kids Art & Craft**

After school Mondays 3:30-5:00pm
A great opportunity for kids to develop their creativity
$20 per session
Commencing Monday 12 October 2015
There is no OSHC on curriculum days and public holidays

**Gembrook Kids Martial Arts**

After school Wednesday 3:30-5:00pm
A great opportunity for kids to grow in respect, confidence & fitness through Taek-won-do
$20 per session
Sessions begin on Wednesday 7 October
There is no OSHC on curriculum days and public holidays

**Gembrook Kids Tues & Thurs After School Care**

After school Tuesdays & Thursdays
3:30-6:00pm
Fun activities and snacks with Caitlin Carter
$24 per session
$26 per casual session
Sessions begin Tuesday 6 October 2015
There is no OSHC on curriculum days and public holidays

**Gembrook Kids Cooking**

After school Fridays 3:30-5:00pm
Come and create delicious food with Tanya
$20 per session
Commencing Friday 9 October 2015
There is no OSHC on curriculum days and public holidays

Please note:
All families, irrespective of income, are eligible for a 50% reduction.
Please ensure you have registered through Centrelink for the Childcare Rebate (CCR) & Childcare Benefit (CCB) to enable you to claim a fee reduction.
OSHC Activities for Term 4

Come and have fun with us and learn new skills in our Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program. All students are welcome—come along and enjoy the activities and spend time making new friends. Collect an OSHC enrolment pack from the school office or download an enrolment form from the school website: www.gembrookps.vic.gov.au. Register with Centre Link for a child-care rebate.

- Come and join Tanya at Gembrook Kids Before School Care for breakfast and fun activities.
- Create exciting masterpieces with Jess in Gembrook Kids Art & Craft on Monday afternoons.
- Join Kaitlyn at Gembrook Kids Tuesday & Thursday After School Care for fun & games.
- Develop resilience, respect and fitness with Dylan at Gembrook Kids Martial Arts / Taekwondo on Wednesday afternoons.
- Enjoy developing creative cooking skills with Tanya at Gembrook Kids Cooking on Friday afternoons.

New for Term 4
OSHC ART

We have been looking at Environmental Art and Australian Indigenous Art. We took advantage of the weather and made our own paint and painted outside with tools from nature. We told our own stories through ephemeral art making that will wash away with the weather.
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 DET 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 and SMS message, Tizbiq and email. 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.

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 www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au 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.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.
- For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.
What's on at the Emerald Community House
Emerald Community House
356 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald 3782
Tel: 03 5968 3881
emhouse@inet.net.au
www.emeraldcommunityhouse.org.au

Child Care
Emerald Community house is offering childcare on Monday, Wednesday & Friday during Term 4 & is now taking enrolments for Term 1, 2016. Kinder Play runs every Tuesday and Play Group runs every Thursday – bookings essential with spots still available for Term 4 & New Enrolments Term 1, 2016.

Job Ready – Get ready to Work!
Saturday 28th November, Saturday 5th December & 12th December
10am to 3pm
This course is designed to assist people who want to upgrade their resume, get back into the workforce or have a career change, also suitable for young people who are looking for part time work or looking to enter the workforce with their first job. The course will cover job seeking skills, knowledge and practical exercises including resume writing, cover letter, addressing selection criteria and interviewing skills.

First Aid Level 2 & CPR Refresher Training
Saturday 5th December 9.30am – 1pm
How to deliver First Aid whether it’s for work purposes or so that you can recognise an emergency and give basic first aid until professional help arrives. Renew your CPR qualification or gain a qualification by completing the First Aid Level 2 Workshop which includes CPR.

Christmas Twilight Market
Friday 11th December at the Puffing Billy Park 3pm to 4pm
The Annual Emerald Twilight Christmas Market in once again a upon us. Enjoy the festive atmosphere with a special visit from Santa and enjoy the late night shopping. Stalls, music, food and fun for the whole family and is held at the Puffing Billy Park, Kilvington Drive, Emerald.

Emerald Sunday Market
Next Market on Sunday 20th December – 9am to 3pm. Emerald Market is a large vibrant street market that extends into the Community House Hall and garden. Tourists and locals enjoy the bustling community village feel of the market.

Free Dental Care is not just for Children of Health Care Card Holders.

Children and youth who attend public dental clinics will NOT incure out of pocket expenses with the Child Dental Benefit Schedule
No fees – You will be bulk billed!

On January 1st 2014, the government introduced the new Child Dental Benefit Scheme. Families who receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or a relevant Australian Government payment will receive a letter advising them of their eligibility.

It entitles all eligible children aged 2-17 years old to general dental care up to the value of $1000 over 2 years.

Our normal dental care continues to operate for all 0-12 year old children and eligible 13-17 year old youth (must be a holder or dependant of a health care or pensioner concession card holder, in out-of-home care provided by Department of Human Services or in Custodial Care).

Following their treatment, your child will be placed on our patient recall system and receive a reminder letter when their next appointment is due.

Please do not hesitate to phone the reception staff on 9757 6200 at Knox Social and Community Health if you require any further information about our dental services.

Thank you for your assistance.

Knox Social and Community Health
1061 Burwood Hwy, Ferny Creek, 3156, Phone: 9757 6200

The Emerald Twilight Market
Friday 11th December 2015
3pm to 8pm
Puffing Billy Park
Kilvington Drive, Emerald

Emerald's Largest Christmas Market
Enjoy the festive atmosphere with a special visit from Santa and stalls, music, food, fun for the whole family.

Gembrook
Community Christmas Carols
Sunday 13th December 2015
Gembrook Community Centre
Gembrook-Pakenham Rd, Gembrook VIC

5-6pm
Free Family Activities
Jumping Castle, Popcorn, Face Painting, Fairy Floss!

6-7pm
Community Carol Singing

St. Luke's Cockatoo

Bring your friends and family!
GEMBROOK-COCKATOOP FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
JUNIOR PRE-REGISTRATION DAY
for budding footballers for all juniors from Under 8s to 14s ($20 registration deposit) and XMAS Break-Up for all junior teams With great on-field numbers and success last season with teams from under 9s above being fielded, the under 14s being premiers and the under 12s runners up, this event will help the Club identify numbers and teams for next season, as well as having a wonderful family get together Join us for a sausage sizzle, kick with the junior coaching staff and senior players, and maybe even Santa will pop by
DATE: Wednesday 2 December 2015
LOCATION: Cockatoo Mountain Road Sports Ground
TIME: 5-7.00pm
Note that for the season jumpers for all players provided, and helmets for age groups under 10s and below provided
Any enquiries or if you wish to pre-register but can’t make it call Chris Bourne on 0417506690