Gembrook Primary School

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

Value: Respect.

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 succeed in a global society.

10 February 2016

Diary Dates

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<td>Circus Performance at 6pm Emerald Secondary</td>
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<td>Puffing Billy Whole School Incursion</td>
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<td>Last day of term 1. Early pickup at 2.30pm</td>
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<td>Good Friday</td>
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Notes that have gone home

- Family Sports Night (whole school)
- SLC Newsletter & Homework grid
- HPV Wonthaggi (SLC)
- Parent Helpers (whole school)
- SLC City Camp
- ESmart Agreement (whole school)
- Grade 6 Jackets
- Book club (whole school)
- Anaphylaxis letter (whole school)

All notices can be accessed from the school website:
www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au
Kym’s comment

Dear families & friends
Welcome to our Foundation students and their families. The girls and boys have made a fantastic start! We have 24 students starting school in their first year. All school families are invited to share a cuppa in the Circle of Harmony after assembly this week.

Emergency Contacts
Please ensure that your up-to-date mobile number and email address are provided to the school office ASAP to ensure we can contact you in an emergency.

Communicating with school
The school aims to keep parents informed and for this reason newsletters will be emailed each week, information is posted on the school website and notices sent home can be accessed from the school website. Please download the Tiqbiz app as information is also posted on this app and allows you to communicate to the school. (If you require more information about Tiqbiz please contact the school office.)

Learning Centre Newsletters and keeping up to date with the many school events and activities
Learning Centre newsletters are available this week and are posted on the website. Learning centre newsletters are sent home at the beginning of each term. Students present information from each learning centre at assembly each week. Student diaries also have important information about what is happening at school.

3 Way conferences
Thank you to the many parents who have come along to 3 Way Conferences this week. The conferences are a valuable means of communication between parent, teacher and child. You will hear what your child has to say about their learning goals for the year and share information with the class teacher. If you have not made a time and would like to meet with the class teacher please contact the class teacher directly to arrange one at a mutually convenient time.

Before School and After School (Outside School Hours Care- OSHC) programs
Gembrook Primary School offers a comprehensive range of fun after school programs including art, martial arts and cooking. Before School Care also operates every day of the school week. If you would like to enrol your children either on a casual or permanent basis please contact the school office. All OSHC programs are eligible for fee relief. Students are supervised in the school grounds until 3.45 after which time there is no supervision. All families are encouraged to sign up to OSHC to cover emergency situations with no obligation to attend at other times.

Swimming Carnival Wednesday 9 February
The school swimming carnival at Belgrave Pool was a great day for the students in grades 3-6. It was terrific to see so many girls and boys having a go at the different events and encouraging others. Thank you to all the parents who came along and supported this event. Thank you to all the teachers who assisted and thank you to Mr Johnathan Hawes, our Physical Education teacher, for organising this fantastic school event!

Murrindindi Cultural Incursion
Wurundjeri Elder, Murrindindi, will be visiting Gembrook Primary School this week. He will be at assembly on Friday morning where he will do the Welcome to Country ceremony. All parents are invited along to this special assembly. Later in the day Murrindindi will be facilitating a session with all the grades. He will be talking about Wurundjeri culture and language.

Shannon & Skye settling happily into their foundation grade F/1B

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PFA – Parents and Friends
The PFA team is an important part of our school community. Last year the team raised nearly $5000. In the past, money raised by PFA has contributed to various projects around the school including new playground equipment and ipads. Not only does the PFA team raise money for improving school facilities, they also provide support for the students and the learning program by promoting healthy eating events, such as smoothie day, and community events, such as Family and Friends Day. The PFA team met after assembly last Friday and planned some terrific events for 2016. If you would like to be part of the team please contact the school office.

School Council Elections
It is time to call for nominations for Gembrook Primary School Council. Gembrook Primary School Council meets twice a term. The council consists of teachers and parents and oversees all aspects of the management of the school including finances, policies and facilities. Gembrook Primary School has parent vacancies for one year and two year terms. More information about the business of school council is included in the newsletter. If you are interested please contact the school office. Closing date for nominations is Monday 22 February.

Gembrook is a Health Promoting School
Healthy eating has a long-lasting and positive impact on a child’s growth, development and health. Foods eaten by your child at school contribute greatly to their daily nutrient intake. These foods considerably influence their eating habits, growth patterns, energy, concentration levels and ability to learn. Parents have an important role to play in helping to ensure their children eat well and stay active. Healthy school lunch ideas include:

- sandwiches or pita bread with cheese, lean meat or salad cheese slices, crackers with spread and fresh fruit
- washed and cut-up raw vegetables or fresh fruits
- frozen water, particularly in hot weather

Enjoy your week

Kym (Principal)
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 queued 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 rolling area 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—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 Disabled 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.
Applications must be received by June 24, 2016. To receive the earliest possible payment apply by 15th February

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
What is Environmental Science?

Grade 5/6H brainstormed their ideas and then worked with a team to categorise them. These words will be made in to an Environmental Word Cloud using the Wordle computer program.
Swimming Carnival grades 3-6

Well done Redwood for taking first place!
Well done everyone for trying their best!
### STARS OF THE WEEK

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<td>You have made great choices and have used our technology respectfully. Well Done!</td>
<td>F/1B</td>
<td>Mr Bigwood</td>
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<td>Kassie</td>
<td>You have been a wonderful friend to our new students and a wonderful example in our classroom. What a star!</td>
<td>F/1L</td>
<td>Mrs Liston</td>
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<td>Jet P</td>
<td>You have been sitting with the class and often doing your best! Keep up the good work buddy!</td>
<td>1/2H</td>
<td>Mr. Hevern</td>
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<td>Milla</td>
<td>For always being helpful, respectful and ready to learn. Keep up the great work!</td>
<td>2C</td>
<td>Miss Cornell</td>
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<td>Jack</td>
<td>His fantastic listening and co-operation skills</td>
<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Mrs .A</td>
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<td>Lily S</td>
<td>Setting an excellent example of organization for peers.</td>
<td>3/4B</td>
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<td>Jackson</td>
<td>You are a respectful and co-operative student! Well done Jackson.</td>
<td>5F</td>
<td>Mr. Fraser</td>
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<td>Mitch 5F</td>
<td>You made valuable contributions to our class discussion about our Environment. Clever thinking!</td>
<td>Enviro Science</td>
<td>Mrs Everett</td>
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<td>Zac B 1/2H</td>
<td>You explained how we can help to keep our Art Room clean and tidy so we can work happily. Thanks Zac!</td>
<td>ART</td>
<td>Mrs. Everett</td>
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**The Chronicles of Johnicles—Chaplain John**

Thanks to Jackson Acott & Harvey McKenzie of Grade 5 who gave me this great title for my weekly update.

It was great to get straight back into the swing of things today with BGT (Board Games Tuesdays). Board Games Tuesdays happens every Tuesday lunchtime in the library.

If any parents from the school community would like your son or daughter to meet with me for support, please fill out a permission form at the school office.

Kind Regards,
John Chambers
Chaplain

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**February**

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OSH C NEWS

OSH C Activities for Term 1

Come and have fun with us and learn new skills in our Outside School Hours Care Program (OSH C). 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.

- 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 afternoon
- Join Kaitlyn at Gembrook Kids Tuesday & Thursday After School Care for fun and games
- Develop resilience, respect and fitness with Dylan at Gembrook Kids Martial Arts / Taekwondo on Wednesday afternoon
- Enjoy developing creative cooking skills with Tanya at Gembrook Kids Cooking on Friday afternoons
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.

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

Gembrook Primary
Stop & Drop zone

All students and their families are invited to join in.

A Stop & Drop zone is a designated space, up to a kilometre away from the school entrance, at which parents are encouraged to drop off and pick up their children from. Children then walk, ride, scoot or skate to and from school. This will assist in increasing children’s activity levels and easing traffic congestion around the schools. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children if they wish. Permanent aluminium signage has been installed at these zones.

Your school’s current Stop & Drop zone is:
Gembrook Community Centre car park,
Gembrook Rd
Cross over Gembrook Rd and walk along Main St to the school crossing

It is suggested that students leave the zone by 8.30am to ensure they get to school on time.

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

Gembrook Netball Club
Registration Day

Registration for our Junior teams will be held on Thursday 11th February between 4pm and 5.30pm.

Please come along to the Netball Club rooms located behind the Gembrook Football Oval.

Any questions please contact Helen on 044 77 58 013
gembrooknetball@gmail.com

Looking for a Coaching or Umpiring challenge?

Gembrook Netball Club currently has coaching positions open for all age groups starting at Netta’s to Under 15’s for 2016 and would love to hear from you. We are also looking for Junior and Senior Umpires for our winter competition.

If you are interested in coaching or umpiring in a supportive and fun environment please email gembrooknetball@gmail.com or Call Helen on 0447 758 013

No prior experience is required just a willingness to learn and a can do attitude.
Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival

Sunday 21st February 2016

Come along and enjoy the sounds of our talented musicians, or browse the many stalls selling their home made delights, or just relax under a shady tree with a latte or iced cold drink.

This is a community event especially for families. Purchase a $10 wrist band, which gives the kids unlimited rides.

www.ubvillagefest.org.au

Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival

Celebrating Our Community!

The Tower Challenge Fun Run starts at 9am.
There will be a group warm up, at the Charing Cross Reserve starting at 8:30am, next to the starting line, so please arrive early to avoid missing out.
Register now, for your Free singlet (to the first 200 entrants).
If you haven’t already registered for the fun run, please visit Register Now and search for Upper Beaconsfield Fun Run or visit our Facebook Page which has all the details and links to keep you up to date.

Race Against Extinction
Fundraising Dinner and Auction

28th February @ 6pm Main St Gembrook

Enjoy a night of fine food, wine, auction and inspiring presentation on current projects by leading conservationist Leif Cocks

Tickets $110 - includes Six course menu, two drinks and donation to TOP

“To grab the opportunity to see Leif in Australia”
Book NOW phone Tiffany 0434146838 or tiffany.smith@orangutan.org.au

Free concerts
Summer Music Series 2016

Pakenham Blue Light Dance Party
Friday 19th February
9 to 14 years cost $5!
6.30 - 9pm

Blue Light! Pakenham Hall, John Street, Pakenham

Contact: Sharon Patterson or Cathie Emmett 03 5049 2500

Cardinia Blue Light Dance

2016 Concert dates

7th Feb - Lilydale Hall 1st Feb - Narre Warren Gardens 21st Feb - Templestowe Town Hall 28th Feb - East Malvern

Make your own summer concert

Blue Light! will run a short concert every week. The experience necessary – just bring your enthusiasm!

Come along and enjoy a place in beautiful local parkland with a variety of local musical entertainment.

How to 2016! A半个evening show will be held at the Cardinia Cultural Centre on 1 February. Entertainment starts at 4pm.


Posters Blue Light - Pakenham

Ask your parents to sign the page if you are under 14

www.BLUELIGHT.ORG.AU
Community Notices

Suns Basketballers Wanted
PLAYERS & TEAMS
SHERBROOKE BASKETBALL ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS OF ALL AGES TO JOIN OUR JUNIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITION.

The competition has grown from 8 teams to in excess of 30 teams in the last few seasons and we are looking to build on this growth by continuing to provide for families from the Yarra Ranges and Cardinia regions.

CONVENIENT LOCATIONS
All of our junior basketball takes place at Cockatoo Reserve Stadium and Moorabbin College Stadium Saturday mornings and afternoons.

ALL AGES
We currently run competitions for Rookies (first timers and/or 9 and under), Under 10, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16.

THE SHERBROOKE DIFFERENCE
We welcome participation and can accommodate any age group/gender. A competition can be included, so long as there are four teams entered.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
Pam Ball - pam@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au
James Carradice
juniors@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au

Freelance Dance
CONTEMPORARY BALLET
JAZZ BALLET
TAP DANCING
CLASSICAL BALLET
PRE-SCHOOL DANCE PLAY

Personal Attention
by Qualified Teachers

Outlook Centre
Toomuc Valley Road
Pakenham

Contact:
Gretta Urquhart
Ph: 03 59428277
Email: urquhart@internode.on.net

Walk, Ride, Scoot, Skate; burn your own fuel to get to school

Sorella Calisthenics
Come & try Calisthenics this year and get 2 FREE classes!
Call now or email to find out more information on class times and fees.

Sorella Calisthenics is located in Tynong.
Fun, Family, Fitness for all ages!

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