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.

17 February 2016

Diary Dates

22 Feb  Produce Market hosted by grade 5/6H
23 Feb  EDEC Swimming 12.30-3pm (selected students)
24 Feb  SLC City Camp Information Night: 5:15 in SLC School Council 7pm
25 Feb  Family Sports Evening
2 March  Athletics day (grades 3-6) (Cost: TBC) Foundation Family Night 6pm
4 March  Junior Sports Carnival (after assembly)
8 March  Futsal Incursion (no cost—whole school)
9-11 March  Grade 5/6 City Camp (cost: $300)
14 March  Labour Day Public Holiday
16 March  School Council AGM 7pm
17 March  EDEC Athletics Grades 4-6 (cost: TBC)
18-20 March  HPV Wonthaggi (selected senior students)
22 March  Whole school Circus Rehearsal at ESC (all day) Circus Performance at 6pm Emerald Secondary
24 March  Puffing Billy Whole School Incursion Last day of term 1. Early pickup at 2.30pm
25 March  Good Friday

Presentation of Grade 6 Jackets & Leadership Badges
Grade 6 Jackets and Leadership badges will be presented at a school assembly in the very near future. Unfortunately there has been a delivery delay for the grade 6 jackets. The school community will be informed of the presentation date as soon as possible.

Apologies for any inconvenience

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 Jacket
- Anaphylaxis letter (whole school)
All notices can be accessed from the school website: www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au
Dear families & friends

Books and reading are vital to your child's language and learning development. Sharing books with your child encourages their language and listening ability as well as stimulating their imagination and learning skills.

Thank you to the many Gembrook parents who are sharing books each night.

Helping Your Child- Parent Information Session
Earlier this week Dale Bigwood, our literacy leader, facilitated a parent session especially for new school families on ‘Helping Your Child Read’. The main points were:

* Make reading a special time together with your child. It should be fun!
* Be patient!
* Make a regular time for reading
* Talk about the book before and after reading
* When your child makes a mistake ...Wait...ask (Does that make sense?)...Encourage self-correction. If not, tell them the word.

Murrundindi
Murrundindi is the Head Man of the Wurundjeri Clan of Melbourne. Last week at assembly we were fortunate to have Murrindindi speak and perform the ‘Welcome to Country’ ceremony. He then spent the day visiting the classrooms and talking to the students about local bush tucker foods and aspects of aboriginal culture and language. Murrindindi will be back at Gembrook throughout the school year.

Prep Home visits
Thank you to the Prep families we have visited during the first weeks of the school year. We appreciate your hospitality. When we shared the photos at school the next day, a rich discussion helped to create strong connections between home and school.

Policies in the newsletter
From time to time policies are included in the newsletter. Please have a read of these and send your comments to the school office for the education team on school council to review.

Farewell Mrs Hayley Tregidga
Mrs Hayley Tregidga begins maternity leave this Friday. We wish her all the very best. Thank you Hayley for your excellent and caring teaching at Gembrook Primary and we look forward to seeing you and your new baby in the coming weeks. Please join Hayley @ assembly next Friday.

Enjoy your week.
Kind regards

Kym (Principal)

A memo from the Department of Education:

Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to schools

Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance / ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance / ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents / guardians for individual students.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.
PRODUCE MARKET
Monday 22 February
3:00 - 4:00 pm

This market will be hosted by Grade 5/6H

Please consider helping your child’s grade by donating any of the following items:

- Variety of Fresh Produce
- Baked goods
- Cut Flowers and Plants
- Consider having your own stall

Parent Helpers will be needed on the day so please contact Jessie Hutcheson in the classroom or through the school office, on 59681313, if you are able to give some time.

Donations of fresh produce or baked goods can be left at the SLC

Hope to see you there!
Family Sports Night
Thursday 25th of February.

Time: 6pm - 7:30 pm

Where: Meet on the Gembrook PS Mini MCG

PFA BBQ Available

Join in the fun and games including:

* Backyard cricket (Mr Hevern umpiring)
* Hop Scotch
* Playground games
* Soccer

Get to know others in our school community

We hope to see you and your family there.

Parents will need to supervise their children on the night.
Gembrook Primary has two apps available for the convenience of our families. Tiqbiz and Qkr enable families to receive school communications and respond and also pay for school events on their Smart Phones, ipads and computers. Please contact the office if you need further information.

Please Help

Sausage Sizzle @ Gembrook Market
The school usually runs four BBQ's a year at the monthly Gembrook market. The BBQ's are a major fundraiser for the school. The Kee & Bourne families have done a magnificent job organising the BBQ's for the past five years. Thank you! Thank you!

If we are to continue to do the BBQs at the market we need a team of two families to take over the organisation. The two families will be supported by volunteers from the school community each month. If you are able to assist please contact the school office. Don't be shy!

Many thanks
Arriving Safely at School

**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 on 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 Disable 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.
3/4 A’s SUSTAINABILITY DAY

We worked hard on Thursday the 11th February and not just in the classroom!! It was Grade 3/4’s Sustainability Day and we had a list of activities to get through. Mr. Watson and Mrs. A helped us as we:

- mucked out the chook shed and
- wheel barrowed the old floor to the garden bed, where it was going to stay for a few weeks and break down before planting could be done
- removed the lovely soil from the bottom of one of the compost bins and
  barrowed it to the garden beds
- planted lots of different types of vegetables in the garden beds. Mr. Watson showed us how to plant them just the right depth
- walked around the school and looked at the different plants in the garden beds
- talked about what makes our school a 5 star Sustainable School and
- visited the MLC and looked at the program on the TV which showed how much energy we use, how full the rainwater tanks are and what months we use energy the most (it's July, August)
Our Foundation grades, F/1B & F/1L, enjoy their first weeks of school
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Back to School asthma spike
Every year there is a well-documented rise in asthma flare-ups and hospitalisations when students return to school after the Christmas break. Asthma Australia has information for parents of students with asthma to help them prepare for school. Asthma Australia’s website and social media provide the latest information, including a checklist of what to do to help your child and a survey to complete to determine the impacts for parents/carers. Asthma Australia recommends that you talk to school staff about your child’s asthma and the school’s medication policy, provide an Asthma Plan from the doctor and supply a spare reliever puffer and spacer for your child’s use at school.

Asthma Kids
Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it’s like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Watch one of the introductory videos then take Chester’s Asthma Trail. There are prizes to win too! [www.asthmakids.org.au](http://www.asthmakids.org.au)

The Chronicles of Johnicles
My wife & I have thoroughly enjoyed collecting the Dr Seuss books through the Herald Sun. They are filled with stories that are full of fun and imagination. Borrow a few Dr Seuss books and encourage your children to read them. They have great quotes for daily life.

If you would like me to support your child / children through any issues they may be experiencing, please fill out a permission form at the school office.

Kind regards,
John Chambers
School Chaplain
Students in the JLC are experimenting with drawing materials in the Art Room.

They have drawn with Textas, Crayons, Coloured Pencils and Oil Pastels.
Student school banking at Gembrook Primary School happens every Thursday. You can begin an account for your child online at the Commonwealth Bank

School Banking 2016 is set for the outback.

Since 1931, the School Banking program has been introducing interactive and exciting new ways to teach students lifecycle money skills. This year’s program invites your child to join the Doolamites on a wild outback adventure through the Canyon of Savings.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the gear you need to get started. If you haven’t received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Equipping smart savers with eight new reward items in 2016

The School Banking program continues to encourage good savings behaviour by rewarding students with thrilling reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, students can redeem a reward from our Outback Savers range. The first two reward items released in Term 1 include Flying Snake Tails and Wildlife Writer Sets.

You could meet Bindi and Robert Irwin at Australia Zoo

This year, we’re giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three kids to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin, plus:

- A full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, where you’ll get to pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, all while your personal photographer captures every incredible moment.
- Domestic return economy airfares to Sunshine Coast; 3-night, 4 nights’ accommodation, 5 days’ car hire and $1,000 spending money.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically receive an entry into the competition.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Meet Bindi and Robert Irwin!
School Banking is fuelling financial education.

Each term, the School Banking program will be sharing with parents, key articles and fun financial activities from the Beanstalk. The Beanstalk is our online resource designed to help parents bring money to life for their children. Check out this term’s articles and activity below.

**Money and maths**

Whether your child is or isn’t the biggest fan of maths, you can make sure their financial literacy develops strongly with fun money lessons. One tip is to get your child to sort a mixed pile of coins into individual $2, $1, 50c, 20c, 10c and 5c piles. Then, challenge them to make a dollar in as many different combinations of coins as they can think of.


**How to teach your kids to save**

Teaching your children to save is important, but what is the best way to go about it?

One tip is to help them set their own savings goal. By choosing their own goal they will be more motivated. Plus, it will help make it a fun experience for them. Read on for more tips at [commbank.com.au/savingsgoals](http://commbank.com.au/savingsgoals)

**Activity: Money Maze**

Help your child develop their addition skills with this fun maze. More Money Mazes can be found at [commbank.com.au/moneymaze](http://commbank.com.au/moneymaze)

Make sure you keep a look out for more fun financial education from the School Banking program in next term’s School Newsletter.

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Cred is saving for a new soccer ball. Find your way through the maze and add the numbers together to see how much money he has saved towards his goal.
Emerald Secondary College is a State accredited SEAL school. SEAL stands for Select Entry Accelerated Learning, and is a program which caters for high ability students through enrichment and acceleration providing opportunities beyond mainstream schooling.

Students who aspire to enter the SEAL program will be required to sit an entrance examination on either the 28th or 30th of April.

Applications for the 2017 intake of students open on 7th of March and close at 9am on the 25th of April.

For further information regarding this program and to request an application, please contact Mrs. Janine McMahon our SEAL Coordinator or Ms Estelle Alder our College Assistant Principal on (03) 59685388 or visit our school website www.emerlndsc.vic.gov.au

For a school tour please contact the College Principal, Mrs. Jodie Doble on (03) 59685388.
**STARS OF THE WEEK**

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<td>Your writing was wonderful Chel-C! You are a star! :)</td>
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<td>Charlie R</td>
<td>For always listening and trying your best! Keep it up Charlie!</td>
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<td>For being a wonderful friend to our new students!</td>
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<td>Your Getting Along skills are a credit to you. Thank you Keilah</td>
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- Chloe 5/6H: You worked hard on the front page of your Art Folio, Chloe. The addition of colour to your calligraphy was very creative. A wonderful effort.
OSH C Activities for Term 1

Come and have fun with us and learn new skills in our Outside School Hours Care Program (OSHC). 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
This term we are looking at 'Surrealism and it's echoes' in art (inspired from a recent exhibition at the Ian Potter Centre, NGV). We looked at artists Hannah Hoch and Max Ernist and how they made collages in the 1930's before digital technology and televisions! We 'juxtaposed' two or more different images in our collages to create alternative realities.
Sam & Zac get a close-up view of Before School Care fun & games.
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!

NEVER LEAVE KIDS IN CARS
NO EXCEPTIONS, NO EXCUSES.

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.
Community Notices

More info: Naomi Dewar 0418 382 857
A drug and alcohol free event
St Luke’s cockatoo activity which is supported by ECHO Youth & Family Services

Can you

Sew on a button
Take up a hem
Put in a zip

If not then come to the
Gembrook Craft Cottage
Monday Nights
7pm -10pm

bring your sewing projects
and learn to do it yourself
Phone Chris Timms on 59677002 for Details

Cockatoo Tennis Club

FUN DAY

Saturday
5th March 2-5pm

Meet Our Coach Deb Carr
Free Mini Lessons, Cardio workouts and fun activities
Watch demo matches being played
Inspect The Club Room and Facilities
Juniors @ 2-3pm
Seniors @ 3:30-5pm
Test your ball speed on court with our radar gun
Join in the fun for a chance to win prizes
Come and check us out

At
Cockatoo Tennis Courts
McBride St -behind the Bowls Club
Community Notices

SUNSHINE 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 10s, Under 12s, 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

Personal Attention by Qualified Teachers

Royal Academy of Dance

Contemporary Ballet
Jazz Ballet
Tap Dancing
Classical Ballet

Pre-School DancePlay

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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