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.

25 February 2016

Diary Dates

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<td>4 March</td>
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<td>HPV Wonthaggi (selected senior students-cost $80)</td>
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<td>Whole school Circus Rehearsal at ESC (all day)</td>
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<td>Circus Performance at 6pm Emerald Secondary</td>
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<td>24 March</td>
<td>Puffing Billy Whole School Incursion</td>
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Athletics Carnival for Grades 3-6
Next Wednesday 2 March
Students are encouraged to wear T Shirts in their House Colours, blue school sports shorts and runners
There will be no canteen available.

Redwood
Kurth Kiln
Tynong
Beenak

Notes that have gone home
- Bookclub (whole school)
- School Nursing Program (Foundation)
- District Swimming Carnival (selected students)
- House Athletics (grades 3-6)
- Family Sports Night (whole school)
- HPV Wonthaggi (SLC)
- Parent Helpers (whole school)
- SLC City Camp

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

Bookclub Orders
Due Thursday 10 March
No late orders
Dear families & friends

Congratulations EDEC swimmers!

Congratulations to the Gembrook Primary School swimmers who represented our school at EDEC this week:

Ashley M  Nathan K  Jaimie M  Jackson A
Jake R  Harvey McK  Callum B  Hamish K
Samuel G  Lauren M  Mackenzie B  Vanessa M
Taylor M  Georgia F  Abbey W

AWESOME EFFORT!!

Thank you to Dale Bigwood, Hayley Tregidga and Jackie McLean for their terms on the Gembrook Primary School Council. Their time, energy and commitment to ensuring that Gembrook is a GREAT school is appreciated by fellow school councillors and our school community. If you would like to be part of our school council please contact the school office.

Thank you to a number of parents and teachers who have laminated new books for our students to read.

Thank you Emerald Gardens Nursery for a donation of plants to our school.

Thank you Stuart Watson for ensuring our grounds and gardens look terrific!

Thank you to Tanya and the OSHC students for a colourful mosaic for the Senior Learning Centre!

Thank you to the many parents who came along to the recent 3 way conferences...a great way to start the school year!

Trainee Teachers
Gembrook Primary School hosts trainee teachers throughout the year. The trainees will be in all learning centres.

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.

Gembrook Primary School is an accredited eSmart school.

The major focus for this accreditation is caring and using technology wisely and respectfully. Gembrook will continue to encourage everyone to care and use technology in the classroom and at home in a wise and respectful manner. For more information please access the Department of Education and Training (DET) website: http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx

Emerald Secondary College SEAL program
If you have a child in year 6 a notice regarding the Seal Program at Emerald Secondary College has been sent home. Please read the information and I recommend that you attend the information evening.

For more information please contact Emerald Secondary School on 59685388 or visit the Emerald website: emeraldsc.vic.edu.au

Reminders:

Gembrook Athletics Day ...Wednesday 2 March

Foundation Family Night ....Wednesday 2 March

Junior Sports after assembly.... Friday 4 March

School Council AGM ....Wednesday 16 March @ 7pm

Family Picnic Sports Night ..Tonight!!
...come along and join in the fun

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 emergency. If you have not already done so, please also contact the office with details of any medical condition your child may have.
Today

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.
PFA Easter Raffle

3 Hampers to be won

$2 per ticket or 3 for $5

Money & tickets must be returned by 16 March

Tickets drawn at assembly on 18 March

Easter donations for hampers welcomed & can be left at school office.

Tickets will be sent home to each school family

Anaphylaxis

There are a growing number of children who suffer from a variety of allergies. Most serious are those allergic to nuts and nut products, and their severe reaction is known as anaphylaxis. At Gembrook, we have a child who is in this category.

The teaching staff have a number of procedures in place to ensure that appropriate precautions are taken. Parents are requested to be very conscious of the danger that nuts and nut products (e.g. peanut butter, nutella chocolate spread) pose for these children.

We ask you to support the health of these children by, where possible, not sending peanut products to school in your children’s lunches. Peanut butter for breakfast and dinner but not for lunch! And please wash hands thoroughly if handling these foods before coming into the school. If you are sending food for sharing, perhaps for a birthday, we ask that we are informed prior to the time, so that the parents of these children are given the opportunity to provide a special treat for them on the day.
Please remember to label your children’s school clothing. Unnamed and unclaimed lost property will be sold as 2nd hand uniforms!

The Chronicles of Johnicles
Kids love collecting different things, including stamps, toys, shells, marbles, coins and books to name a few. Collecting fits in with children’s growing intellectual abilities by providing practice in thinking skills, including attributing value to objects, recognising distinctions and differences and encouraging a sense of wonder. Woolworths is once again offering a collecting campaign for Disney Movie Stars including 42 collectors cards & stickers. I will be collecting the cards and stickers and would be glad to receive any stickers or cards you will not be using so I can help some of our students complete their collections. Please leave any unwanted stickers and cards at the school office.

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

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.

Max, Zac and Sam develop skills in OSHC Cooking on Friday afternoons
Grades 3 and 4 investigated the school's water sources and any misuse of this precious resource.
February
28 Daniel G
March
2 Zara S
Eva G

STARS OF THE WEEK

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<td>Ashlee</td>
<td>A wonderful attitude to helping your new classmates. What a star!</td>
<td>F/1B</td>
<td>Mr. Bigwood</td>
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<td>Jesse</td>
<td>You are a wonderful reader and a great role model in our class.</td>
<td>F/1L</td>
<td>Mrs Liston</td>
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<td>Emily</td>
<td>Your persistence and your smile are great assets to our school. Welcome to G.P.S!</td>
<td>1/2H</td>
<td>Mr. Hevern</td>
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<td>Rhys</td>
<td>For always trying your hardest. Keep up the great work!</td>
<td>2C</td>
<td>Miss Cornell</td>
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<td>Holly</td>
<td>For persistently working through her Maths tasks. Great job Holly.</td>
<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Mrs .A</td>
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<td>Tobias</td>
<td>You have set a high standard by persisting with your writing this week. Well Done!</td>
<td>3/4B</td>
<td>Mr. Bailey</td>
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<td>Taylor</td>
<td>Striving for accuracy with your maths. Well done!</td>
<td>5F</td>
<td>Mr. Fraser</td>
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<td>Molly</td>
<td>Your attitude and persistence is fantastic! Well done!</td>
<td>5/6H</td>
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Isabella 3/4A I loved how you applied your art skills to your environmental science acrostic poem. Clever thinking! Enviro Science Mrs Everett
Sonny J 2C For inspiring the students in his group to work well together while showing high levels of throwing skills P.E Mr. Hawes
Samual G 5/6H For being a leader in his activity group and showing strong athletic skills PE Mr. Hawes
Sam F/1B Your cutting and pasting skills are excellent. Your tree looks great! ART Mrs. Everett

School Apps for your convenience

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.
Wordles created from brainstorming ideas about Environmental Science
OSHC 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 week in After School Care on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the children have enjoyed building the new 100 and 200 piece puzzles. Children, as well as their parents, have proved their puzzle solving skills and congratulated each other on their achievements.

Kaitlyn Carter
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 755 013.

No prior experience is required just a willingness to learn and a can do attitude.

Gembrook Little Gems Playgroup

9:30am to 11:30am every Tuesday of the school term at Gembrook Community Centre.

*Family friendly environment
*Great place to meet people
*Suitable for ages 0-5 years
*Volunteer run
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Girl Guides Cardinia

Looking for a new adventure?
Fun and educational after school activity?

Opportunities to develop life skills!

Girl Guides provides a safe and supportive ‘girl only’ space to learn through new experiences, exploring the outdoors and having fun.

Girl Guides are encouraged to challenge themselves to develop:
• Social skills and new friendships
• Leadership and team work
• Organisation and time management skills
• Independence, confidence and self-esteem
• Outdoor and life skills

Girl Guides participate in weekly meetings and have the opportunity to attend day activities and camps as well as take part in community events.

Join the adventure now!

Pakenham Girl Guides
Emerald Girl Guides

We are looking for new girls and leaders.

Come along for a free trial!

For more information contact:
Heidi Gilbert
hgilbert@guides.vic.org.au
0434 008 563

Newsletter Advertising

- $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.