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.

9 March 2016

Diary Dates

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<td>Whole school Circus Rehearsal at ESC (all day) Circus Performance at 6pm Emerald Secondary</td>
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Special Assembly
Wednesday 16 March @ 9am
At this assembly the Grade 6 Jackets and Student Leadership Badges will be presented. All welcome. Cuppa after assembly.

There will be NO ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 18 MARCH as a number of students and staff will be involved in the Wonthaggi HPV event.

Notes that have gone home
- Circus Rehearsal (whole school)
- Puffing Billy Excursion (whole school)
- Bookclub (whole school)
- HPV Wonthaggi (SLC)
- Parent Helpers (whole school)
All notices can be accessed from the school website: www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au

Bookclub Orders
Due Thursday 10 March
No late orders

Ash Mills from 3/4A progressed to the Eastern Metropolitan Region Swimming Carnival
He placed 15th in the U9/10 Freestyle and Butterfly.
Fantastic effort Ash. We are all very proud of you.
Dear friends & families

Gembrook Primary School House Sports
The weather was hot at the sports ground last week when the four Houses – Redwood, Beenak, Kurth Kiln and Tynong competed for the school athletics shield. It was great to see everyone having a go and doing their best! Thank you to the parents who were able to come along and cheer or assist on the day. Thank you to our PE teacher, Jonathan Hawes, for ensuring everything was organised for the day. Thank you to our team of teachers for supporting this great school event. Congratulations to Redwood for winning the House Shield.

Junior House Sports
What a great day! What fun everyone had participating in the events! The House Captains showed wonderful leadership in organising the activities and equipment for the junior students. Thank you again to Jonathan Hawes and the teaching team for their preparation for the day. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along and enjoy this event and help out.

Prep Family Night
It was great to see so many of our new prep families at school last Wednesday evening. It was an opportunity for our preps to show their families what we have been doing at school. Thank you to our prep teachers, Dale and Ann, for organising the evening and to John, our school chaplain, for being on hand to assist and meet our school families.

Special assembly on Wednesday March 16 @ 9:000am
All parents and friends are invited to a special assembly on Wednesday 16 March at 9:00 am. Our year 6 students will be presented with their jackets and eco warrior leaders, SRC members and elearning leaders will be presented with their badges. Parents and friends are invited to a cuppa afterwards. There will be no assembly on Friday 18 March.

School Council AGM@ 7:00pm 16 March
All parents and friends are invited to Gembrook Primary School Council’s AGM on Wednesday 16 March at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Thank you to our outgoing members Jackie Mclean, Dale Bigwood and Hayley Tregidga for their time and commitment as school councillors. Congratulations and welcome to the 2016 School Council – Ann Liston, Christian Fraser, Jessie Hutcheson, Jonathan Hevern, Jo McCrohan, Mary Toogood, Claire Coffen, Brad Whatman and Daniel McCoe. If you are interested in joining school council please contact the school office for more details.

I will be with the Senior Learning Centre on camp in the city later this week from Wednesday 9 March to Friday 11 March. Enjoy the long week end with your families.

Kym (Principal)
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

School Chaplain

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

Student Engagement Policy Review

The Student Engagement Policy is attached to
the email sending out the Newsletter. To those
families who do not have access to the internet
you can view a copy of the policy at the school
office. We appreciate your thoughts and
feedback. Please submit in writing to the school
office. The School Council will review this policy
next week.

Gembrook Op Shop

Our local op shop is asking for
volunteer staff. If you are able to
help, drop into the shop on Main
Street Gembrook near the
Independent Restaurant.

Gembrook Op Shop works hard to
support the local community and
recently donated $1000 to the CFA

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.
## STARS OF THE WEEK

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<td>Darcie</td>
<td>You are listening for, and using sounds in your writing. What a star!</td>
<td>F/1B</td>
<td>Mr Bigwood</td>
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<td>Bryan</td>
<td>Your writing from your schema was wonderful! Keep it up! :)</td>
<td>F/1L</td>
<td>Mrs Liston</td>
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<td>Finnley</td>
<td>You cracked the Place Value code in maths! Well done!</td>
<td>1/2H</td>
<td>Mr Hevern</td>
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<td>Aiden</td>
<td>You successfully made the biggest numbers you could using number plates, and also helped your class mates. Keep up the fantastic work!</td>
<td>2C</td>
<td>Miss Cornell</td>
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<td>Emily</td>
<td>Your caring attitude is a real support to your peers. Well Done!</td>
<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Mr Bailey</td>
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<td>Laura</td>
<td>For your fantastic listening skills and for contributing great ideas to our class discussions.</td>
<td>3/4B</td>
<td>Mrs A</td>
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<td>Jayda</td>
<td>For your positive attitude in learning new skills with your maths! Well done!</td>
<td>5F</td>
<td>Mr Fraser</td>
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<td>Cooper 5F</td>
<td>Thank you for sharing your excellent ideas about how we can save water. You know how to use water wisely!</td>
<td>Enviro-Science</td>
<td>Mrs Everett</td>
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<td>Lacie F/1L</td>
<td>For the helping hand she gave students learning new things in P.E Well done Lacie!</td>
<td>P.E</td>
<td>Mr Hawes</td>
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<td>Grace 5/6H</td>
<td>For the support and character she showed during the athletics day. You rock!</td>
<td>PE</td>
<td>Mr Hawes</td>
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<td>Jed 2C</td>
<td>You shared your knowledge about artists work confidently. Well done!</td>
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3/4A Produce Market

On Monday this week the grade 3/4A students cooked muffins and slices, collected tomatoes and organised the Produce Market stall for the end of the school day.

It was a fabulous market and students enjoyed cooking with Angel, raiding the vegetable garden for as much produce we could find and then organising everything on the tables to sell. Thanks to Lara and Angel for helping us during the day and thanks to everyone who purchased from us. Special thanks to those parents from the grade who baked home made goodies.

Mrs A.

FUTSAL SOCCER CLINIC

On the 8th March GPS had two soccer players come out and teach the grades some special soccer skills. Even though it was a hot day, grade 3/4A loved participating in the skill session. We had lots of fun with the two guys who ran the clinic. We competed boys against girls after we learnt some soccer skills and the boys didn’t win all the games!! Thanks to the Futsal group for coming out to Gembrook and showing us fun ways to learn about the modified soccer game.
For those interested, the **International Space Station** is visible above the Victorian sky over the next few days with the naked eye (until the 15 March). This could spark some interesting conversations with your children and is a great opportunity for children to engage with situations beyond their personal experiences. It might also prompt some humorous references to the Big Bang Theory (sitcom) for those who watch it.

Here is the link to more information with thanks to Dana Simpson-Walker for bringing it to our attention.

OSHCACTIVITIESFORTERM1

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
So far we have been to:

England and cooked bread and butter pudding
France - French apple tarts
Greece - pancakes
Mexico - tacos
Australia - ANZAC biscuits

Come and join us for an international cooking surprise this Friday afternoon at OSHC Cooking.
3.30pm-5.00pm
Contact the school office to make a booking.
2016
April 10th – 17th

PAVE Festival
Performing and Visual Arts in Emerald

FunFest
A great family day out!
Sunday April 10th
10am - 4pm

www.pave.org.au
info@pave.org.au

Over 50 events to enjoy!

Strengthening Community Connections

Sustainability through the Arts

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Gembrook Netball Club

Gembrook Netball Club is currently looking for new players aged between 6 and 10 to join our Netball Team. Games start on Saturday April 9th @ 9.30am at the Cockatoo Netball Courts.

If your child is interested please email gembrooknetball@gmail.com or Call Helen on 0447 758 013 to arrange for a registration form.

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**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.

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**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!

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**Emerald Community House**

- **Latest Workshops and Courses**
  - Food Handlers Certificate
  - Food Safety Supervisor
  - Felting Workshop
  - Developing your Writing Skills
  - Book Group with a Difference
  - CPR Refresher Training
  - First Aid (Level 2)

- **Community**
  - Emerald Market: Sunday 20th March
  - Dig in Café: Friday 25th March
  - FunFast: Sunday 10th April

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**ATTENTION JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS!**

**EASTERN RANGES SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRAINING CAMP IS HERE!**

Join our School Holiday Training Camp! April 1 9.30am - 3.00pm

The Eastern Ranges are holding a development and testing holiday program for all junior footballers, aged between 12 and 15. Registrations now open!

**PROGRAM INCLUDES**

- AFL Draft Combine style testing including AFL agility, 20m sprints, vertical leap and more
- Skill development session with Eastern Ranges coaches
- Individualised detailed fitness testing report
- Certificate of completion
- High performance nutrition advice
- Injury prevention & recovery session with Eastern Ranges High Performance team member
- Talent pathways to the AFL discussed with Eastern Ranges Talent Manager, Lenni Villani
- Lunch, snacks and drinks provided

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**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