Gembrook Primary School

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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.

16 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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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)
- HPV Wonthaggi (SLC)
- Parent Helpers (whole school)

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

SRC Fundraiser

CRAZY HAIR DAY
Thursday 17 March
Gold coin donation

All funds raised by the SRC will go to the Leukaemia Foundation

Easter Raffle Tickets
Are Due back Today, 16 March
If you still have tickets at home
Please return to the school office as soon as possible
Dear families & friends

SLC @ City Camp
I was very proud of our students in the SLC last week when we were on camp in the city. The students were respectful, attentive and worked together well at all the activities. The camp provided many exciting and interesting learning experiences including a visit to The Shrine, The Eureka Sky deck, MSAC, MCG, and the Immigration Museum. They also enjoyed many other sights as they wandered around our state capital. Well done SLC students.

Congratulations to all our student leaders!
It was a great privilege to present students with leadership badges and Year 6 jackets at assembly this morning. Gembrook is fortunate to have a number of teams working together to make Gembrook Primary a great school. We have two parent teams – the PFA and School Council. Our teaching team contributes to our school in various smaller teams. The SRC (Student Representative Council) work together to improve our school and to raise money for charities. The eco warriors remind us to care for the environment. The eSmart team remind us to care for ICT equipment and to use it wisely. The House Captains organise and support school sporting events. The year 6 team have shown us already that they are great buddies for our Preps and great role models for the younger students. Congratulations to all our student leaders! Best wishes to all our teams for working together to make Gembrook a terrific school!

Produce Market
Earlier this week we had our second produce market and sustainable education day for 2016. The produce markets provide a wonderful learning opportunity for all our students. It gives them real life experiences about growing food, healthy eating, cooking, planting and finding out about ways that we can make a difference to the environment. Each grade will run a market this year. Each grade will also spend a day exploring how our school is a five star sustainable school. Thank you to Angel, Stuart and all who supported the markets this term.

HPV Wonthaggi
Gembrook Primary School will have two teams competing at the Human Powered Vehicles (HPV) challenge at Wonthaggi this week end. This is a great team event that requires students, parents and teachers to work together. Thank you Johnathon and Christian for supporting and organising our two teams. We wish both teams success!

Trainee teachers @ Gembrook
We have a number of trainee teachers visiting our school over the next few weeks. We welcome them to our school community and wish them well in their future profession as a teacher.

Tumblebooks
Please use the school website to access Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Tumblebooks. Tumblebooks have some great new resources especially for older students. Please check the school website:
Username: sunshine
Password: login

Story Dogs
Next term we welcome Rod and Suzanne and Bucky, the Mullins family dog, to our school each week as part of the Story Dogs program. This is a support program for some of our young readers. Rod, Suzanne and Bucky have been in training for this program for quite some time. Students involved in this program will require a signed permission slip. Parents will be notified if their child is part of this program. If you would like more information please follow the link - http://www.storydogs.org.au

Keilah is visiting our sister school in China!
We wish Keilah a safe and exciting time in China with her grandparents. Keilah and her grandparents will visit our sister school in China – Kunshan Peiben Experimental Primary School.

Warmest congratulations to our chaplain, John Chambers and his wife, Rebecca on the birth of their first child, Harrison. All doing well.

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

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**Elephant Rock Pave Colouring / Design Competition**

Forms are available at the school office

Enquiries:
Ted Horton—Pave Committee
0405 505 858
info@pave.org.au

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**School Chaplain**

Congratulations to our School Chaplain, John, and his wife Rebecca on the safe arrival of their baby son, Harrison Josiah Chambers.

John is taking leave and will be back next term.

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

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**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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<th>Reason</th>
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<td>Will</td>
<td>Fantastic effort with your reading Will!</td>
<td>F/1B</td>
<td>Mr. Bigwood</td>
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<td>Matilda</td>
<td>You were fantastic at collecting and displaying your data you are a Maths star!</td>
<td>F/1L</td>
<td>Mrs. Liston</td>
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<td>Annabelle V</td>
<td>You have settled well at Gembrook PS and you are a great leader! Well done.</td>
<td>1/2H</td>
<td>Mr. Hevern</td>
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<td>Anabelle D</td>
<td>You are always organised and ready to help in the class. Thank you for being a great role model!</td>
<td>2C</td>
<td>Miss Cornell</td>
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<td>Mia</td>
<td>You are a great role model as you are able to get organised quickly and get on with the task. Well Done Mia</td>
<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Mrs. A</td>
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<td>Amelie</td>
<td>You take every opportunity to further your learning and make a great contribution to our learning community. Thankyou.</td>
<td>3/4B</td>
<td>Mr. Bailey</td>
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We are so lucky to have chickens at Gembrook Primary School.

Jess and Emma do a fantastic job making sure they are well cared for.

To stay healthy, chickens need:

- Fresh food
- Clean, cool water
- Space to peck around
- Fresh air and light
- Shelter from bad weather and foxes
- Clean nesting boxes

Please help our chickens to have a healthy, happy life by NOT:

- Chasing them or picking them up
- Putting sticks or rocks in their shed

If we care for our chickens, they will lay many eggs for us!
Wheels Day
Wednesday 13 April

Bring your wheels and have some fun!

Bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, rip sticks!

Remember to bring your helmet!

This is a Streets Ahead initiative. For more information contact Council’s Active Children’s Officer, Kate Beveridge on 1300787624.
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
Puffing Billy seeks input on Railway Master Plan

The Emerald Tourist Railway Board is in the process of producing a Strategic Master Plan for the Puffing Billy Railway and is seeking input from the community.

Public information sessions will take place on Saturday 9 April at Belgrave, Emerald and Gembrook to show the community what is planned for the railway into the future and provide an opportunity for people to provide feedback.

Puffing Billy Railway is experiencing increasing visitation from local and international visitors and the Railway is under increasing pressure to provide needed infrastructure, whilst protecting the values that make the Puffing Billy Railway special. The Strategic Master Plan will progress the potential for new investment and enhancements to the Railway’s visitor experience and aim to elevate the memorable experience of this area as a key part of Victoria’s tourism offer. It will identify key investment opportunities and precinct enhancements and include a market feasibility assessment for visitor accommodation as part of the Puffing Billy experience.

Public Information Sessions
In collaboration with Tract Consultants, the Emerald Tourist Railway Board will be holding three 2-hour information sessions/public workshops on Saturday 9 April at Belgrave, Emerald and Gembrook. The location and times for the sessions are as follows:

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<td>Location: Emerald Hall 400a Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald (cnr. Emerald-Beaconsfield Road)</td>
<td>Location: Puffing Billy Gembrook Station Main Street, Gembrook</td>
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At these sessions the public will have the opportunity to provide comments on a number of draft land use and development concept plans that will be integral to the Draft Master Plan. Members of the Emerald Tourist Railway Board and Tract Consultants will be present at these sessions to provide information and discuss key issues and opportunities with the public.

Following the public information sessions, the draft land use and development concept plans will be available for public comment for a period of two weeks and will be accessible from the Puffing Billy Railway website www.puffingbilly.com.au
Media Release

3 March 2016

Free family fun day at National Rhododendron Gardens

Parks Victoria is inviting families and children of all ages to the annual Free Family Fun Day at the National Rhododendron Gardens from 10.00am to 3.00pm on Tuesday 5th April 2016.

The National Rhododendron Gardens is a unique ornamental garden featuring a rare collection of exotic plants surrounded by a stunning mountain ash forest.

“The Family Fun Day at the National Rhododendron Gardens is a great and inexpensive school holiday outing for the family and will feature Andy’s Antics, Stax the Didgeman workshop, BirdLife Australia, Platypus Education Group and lots of hands-on activities for children,” said Parks Victoria Area Chief Ranger Rebecca Carland.

“There will be lots of fun, creative and educational activities for kids to engage in and it’s a great opportunity to immerse you in the sounds of the local bird life and the spectacular autumn colours of the National Rhododendron Gardens.”

The family fun day is a great opportunity to bring a picnic or you can purchase food and drinks on the day with profits supporting a local school and the CFA.

“The family fun day is a great opportunity to get you and your family into the great outdoors and enjoy one of Melbourne’s most beautiful mountain landscapes. It’s not only great fun, it’s good for you too.”

With such a wide range of flower and tree species, the National Rhododendron Gardens experience is different in each season making it a great place to visit at any time of year.

“There is plenty to explore in the National Rhododendron Gardens including the impressive new lookout at Serenity Point where you can experience scenic views across the Yarra Valley to the Warburton Ranges.”

The National Rhododendron Garden is located on The Georgian Road, Olinda. (Melway Reference Map 66 K6)

For further information visit www.parks.vic.gov.au or call 13 1963.

Media enquiries
Jarred Parsons
9995 9058 or 0407 509 958

Parks Victoria
www.parks.vic.gov.au
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.

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!

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 Turner on 0417705592 for Details

2016 TERM 1 EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS

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BELEZA PAKENHAM