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.

23 March 2016

Diary Dates

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Early dismissal tomorrow
Pick up from Gembrook Puffing Billy
At 2.30pm

Notes that have gone home
- EDEC Athletics (grades 5&6 and selected 3/4’s)
- Parent Helpers (whole school)
All notices can be accessed from the school website:
www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au

School Photos
Order forms for school photos have been distributed from the classrooms. Each child’s order form has a unique code and they are individualised. If you misplace the form the office has a record of the code for each child. Orders for individual children can be made online up until 2 days after the photo day. If you wish to pay by cash you will need to enclose the exact money in an envelope and return it to school by 9:00am on photo day. This money will be handled directly by the photographer and not the school office. Please be aware that the school office has limited change for large notes. Sibling photos will only be taken if they have been ordered by 10:00am on photo day. This can be done online or the form is available at the school office or on the school website. Thank you.

Help Please!
School Chooks in need of Eggsellent Care
We are requesting volunteers to care for the school chickens over the school holidays. The school will provide the food. We are looking for a family who can take the chickens to their home. If you can help please contact the school office.
Thank you.
Dear families & friends

Gembrook Primary School Circus Performance!

Congratulations to all our wonderful performers! We are very proud of our students and their wonderful efforts on stage. They continue always to ‘have a go’ and ‘do their best’ with new learning experiences. Thank you Rebecca, our circus skills coach from Little Devils and thank you teaching team for ensuring our performers were well rehearsed and enjoyed themselves on stage.

School Council 2015

The Annual Report to the Community for 2015 was presented to School Council at the AGM / March meeting. I would like to congratulate our 2016 School Council team – Dan McCoey, Brad Whatman, Claire Coffen, Mary Too-good and Jo McCrohan & our teachers on school council, Ann Liston, Jessie Hutcheson, Christian Fraser and Jonathan Hevern.

Wonthaggi HPV

Congratulations to the students in our two HPV teams who competed in the challenge at Wonthaggi last weekend. This endurance event involves students, parents and teachers working together as a team and is a fantastic experience for everyone involved. Thank you to our wonderful team of parents who supported the girls and boys so enthusiastically, despite the challenging weather conditions. Well done to our two magnificent teams.

This term……….

Term 1 has certainly been a very exciting term for everyone at Gembrook Primary School and has been a fantastic start to the school year. In the learning centres the focus has been on literacy, science and numeracy. The prep students have made a fabulous start to school and are doing well with their reading and writing! The student leaders, School Captains, House Captains, Eco Warriors, e-Learning Leaders and SRC teams continue to be outstanding in their different student leadership roles. Our school captains, Abbey and Jett, are doing an outstanding job at leading our weekly assemblies.

There have been some outstanding personal achievements throughout the term by students and some of these were awarded with certificates at the weekly assemblies. Congratulations to all students. We are very proud of you. During the term there were many extra-curricula activities including:

- Whole School performance
- SLC city camp
- Futsal incursion
- Family Picnic and games night
- House Swimming Carnival
- House Athletic Day
- Prep Family Night
- HPV Wonthaggi
- Ride2school Day
- Puffing Billy Excursion

Next term………

Next term promises to be just as exciting. The teachers have been working together planning a fabulous array of learning challenges and activities.

Early dismissal on last day of term

We are looking forward to an enjoyable excursion on Puffing Billy tomorrow. Students will be dismissed from Gembrook Puffing Billy Station at 2:30pm. The school bus will pick up bus travellers from Puffing Billy. Students using OSHC tomorrow will be walked back to school and those children who walk home and need to cross the road will be escorted to the school crossing.

School will resume on Monday 11 April.

I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday.

Kym (Principal)
**Wheels Day**

*Wednesday 13 April*

Bring your wheels and have some fun!

Bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, rip sticks!

**Remember to bring your helmet!**

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**Easter Raffle Winners**

1 Toogood Family
2 Ashley Mills
3 Rhian James
CRAZY HAIR DAY

in the Art Room

Grade 1/2 H drew self portraits that showed their weird and wonderful hair styles.

Matilda,
Payton,
Jessie and
Harry

Eva,
Stellar,
Poppi and
Emily

Harrison,
Sammy and
Luke
OSHC Activities for Term 2

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. All sessions end at 5pm but care can be provided until 6pm on request.

- Join Tanya at Before School Care for breakfast and fun activities
- Create exciting masterpieces with Jess in After School Art & Craft on Monday afternoon
- Join Kaitlyn at Tuesday & Thursday After School Care for fun and games
- Have fun with Tanya on Wednesday afternoons at After School Care
- Enjoy cooking delicious food with Tanya at After School Cooking on Friday afternoon
Gembrook Primary’s School Council has submitted the following policy for response. Please submit your comments in writing to the school office.

GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

eSmart Policy

Rationale:
Gembrook Primary School uses the Internet as a learning tool to improve student outcomes by increasing access to worldwide information. The school embraces the benefits of technology and is committed to reducing students’ exposure to cyber-risks (such as cyberbullying, online sexual predation, sexting, identity theft and fraud) when using the Internet, mobile phones and other electronic personal devices. This policy should be read in conjunction with the ‘GPS eSmart Use of ICT Guidelines’.

Aims:
The aim of the policy is to:

- Establish an eSmart culture which is in keeping with the values of the school and the expectations outlined in the GPS Internet Use and Digital Technology Policy and the GPS Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy which includes actions and consequences for inappropriate behaviour.
- Educate students to be smart, safe, responsible and ethical users of digital technologies.
- Recognise that explicitly teaching students about safe and responsible online behaviour is essential to the lives of students and is best taught in partnership between home and school.
- Achieve and maintain accreditation as an eSmart school by meeting all criteria as outlined in the eSmart System Tools.

Implementation

- Staff will be trained in the philosophies of the eSmart program and will be provided with the information necessary for Cybersafety education.
- All students will undertake a Cybersafe program and will be required with their parents to sign a Gembrook Primary School Acceptable Use Agreement before they will be permitted to use any information and communications technology (ICT) at school.
- The school community will be provided with Cybersafety information on a regular basis.
- Safe and responsible online behaviour will be explicitly taught at our school and parents/carers will be requested to reinforce this behaviour at home.
- Staff will raise student awareness of issues such as online privacy and intellectual property including copyright. Students will be informed that some online activities are illegal and will be reported to police.
- Staff will supervise students when using digital technologies for educational purposes and provide a Department of Education filtered internet service whilst acknowledging that full protection from inappropriate content can never be guaranteed.

Ratified in 2016
The school will respond to issues or incidents that have the potential to impact on the wellbeing of our students.

All incidents of Cyberbullying must be referred to the Principal and the ICT/eSmart team for investigation and any action taken will be in line with the Student Engagement Policy and other relevant policies.

Parents will be notified and be expected to meet with school staff if students are involved in any incidents of cyberbullying.

Parents and students must comply with the conditions of use outlines in the ‘Mobile Phone and Digital Devices Policy’ and the ‘Internet Use and Digital Technology Policy’

The ICT Acceptable Use Agreement also applies during school excursions, camps and extracurricular activities.

Students are advised to report an incident to their teacher immediately if:

- They have experienced an incident of Cyberbullying.
- They feel the welfare of other students at the school is being threatened.
- They come across sites which they know or feel are not suitable for our school.
- Someone writes something they don’t like, makes them or their friends feel uncomfortable or asks them to provide private information.
- They accidentally do something which is against the rules and responsibilities they have agreed to.

Any student who does not follow the rules of the eSmart Agreement and the ‘Gembrook Primary School eSmart Use of ICT Guidelines’ will lose their ICT privileges for a length of time as deemed appropriate by the Principal or ICT/eSmart Coordinator. They may also be required to complete additional Cybersafety lessons before their privileges are returned.

References:
Mobile Phones and Digital Devices Policy
Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy
Internet Use and Digital Technology Policy
www.esmart.org.au

Evaluation:
Gembrook Primary School is an accredited eSmart school with a strong partnership between home and school and a has an eSmart culture where students are smart, safe, responsible and ethical users of digital technology.
All will be for 3 year review unless otherwise stated.

Ratified in 2016
Charlie Silly Pants presents:  Wednesday 30/3
We're all going on a holiday!
Help Charlie prepare to visit Magicland to find some new friends... But what he's looking for may be closer to home than he first thought.

2.00-3.00pm  Ages 3-8

Food Glorious Food!   Thursday 31/3
A delicious Storytime, filled with yummy and not so yummy surprises!  11.00-11.45am  Ages: 3-6

Lego Portraits   Friday 1/4
Make a portrait of youself or somebody else out of Lego!  3.30-4.30pm  Ages: 8+

If at first you don't succeed, fly, fly again! This heart-warming family film tells the story of a young boy's passion for flight and his journey to compete in the world paper plane championships in Japan. Stay afterwards to make your own paper planes.

BYO snacks.  3.00-5.00pm  ALL Ages

Mystery activity for ages 7-11   Wednesday 6/4
What craft will we make? Come along and find out!  2.30-3.30pm  Ages: 7+

A Monster Storytime!   Thursday 7/4
Stomp, growl and roar into the library for a Storytime filled with monster stories and songs. Make a monster to take home with you.  11-11.45am  Ages: 3-6

Pakenham Library
Cnr. John & Henry Streets
Melbourn: 317 E8

CD Art 7+   Wednesday 30/3
Let your inner artist shine in this hands-on scratch art session using recycled CDs. Create unique designs to take home and display.  2.30-3.30pm  Ages 7+

Ahoy Me Hearties...    Thursday 31/3
Come dressed as a pirate for some swashbuckling stories and make a pirate hat and treasure map to take home.  2.00-2.45pm  Ages 3-6

Wild Weather!   Friday 1/4
Rain, hail or shine - join us for some weatherly stories and make your own rainbow windsock to take home.  11.15am-12.00 noon  Ages: 3-6

5-4-3-2-1-Blast off!   Monday 4/4
Come into the library for some space-age stories and songs. Make your own space craft to take home.  2.00-2.45pm  Ages: 3-6

Rhythms from afar   Tuesday 5/4
Drummer "Little Fox" presents a show with rhythm, dance, songs and more.  11.00-11.45am  Ages: 4-10 years

Titlos' Fun   Thursday 7/4
Come into the library with your littlies for some fun rhymes, songs and books. 11.00-11.30am  Ages: 0-3

Cats vs Dogs   Friday 8/4
Cool cats or proud puppies - what's your favourite? Join us for some fabulous pet stories and make a cat or dog mask to take home.  11.15am-12.00 noon  Ages: 3-6

Mini Decorators
Come along for Felt Fun at our Finger Puppet Workshop
BEAUTIFUL ROOM
Shop 2 /77 Main Street Gembrough
Thursday 12th April 10:00am – 12:00pm $45 per child

Tuition & Finger Puppet Kits provided

Bookings required contact
events@beautifulroom.com.au
9830 4045
Ages 6-12
Kids will be hand sewing on the day and take home their handmade treasures!