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.

Diary Dates

18 April  Produce Market 3/4B 3-4pm
19 April  School Photos (whole school)
21 April  EDEC Athletics grades 4-6 (cost: $8.50)
22 April  Curriculum Day: no students required at school
25 April  ANZAC day (public holiday)
27 April  EDEC Cross Country (grades 3-6) (cost: $8.50) School Council 7pm
28 April  PFA Food Day
30 April  Open Morning 9am-11am
4-6 May  PFA Mother’s Day Stall
10-12 May  NAPLAN
13 May  PFA Disco
19-20 May  Gilwell Camp (Grade 2) (cost: $125)
23-27 May  Education Week
25 May  School Council 7pm
26 May  PFA Sushi Day
1 June  EDEC Lightning Premiership (grades 5-6) (cost: TBC)
1-3 June  Camp Coolamatong (grades 3-4) (cost: TBC)
6 June  Produce Market 1/2H
9-10 June  The Big Samba (Performing Arts-whole school)
13 June  Queen’s Birthday—Public Holiday
14 June  EDEC Soccer (cost TBC)
14-17 June  eSMART Week
24 June  Last Day Term 2

Notes that have gone home

- ANZAC Day expression of interest (whole school)
- Grade 2 Camp (permission & deposit due 18/4)
- EDEC Cross Country (3-6)
- 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
Tuesday 19 April

Order forms for school photos have been sent home. Contact the office if you have misplaced your form.

Exact money due to school by 9am on photo day & given directly to photographer.

Please be aware that the school office will not be able to change 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.

Book Club Orders Due
Wednesday 27 April
No late orders
Dear families & friends
Welcome back to Term 2!
The teachers have planned an exciting and challenging learning program for all students. There are many school events and programs planned for this term. Please check the Tiqbiz app regularly, the school website or newsletter for details.

We want our students to tell us what they think!
Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual survey for Years 5 to 12 students offered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and will be conducted over the next few weeks. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students’ perceptions and experience of school. We will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child’s experience at school. All responses to the survey are anonymous. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child’s class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of July. Last year we used the survey results to plan elements of the student leadership program. Please speak to your child’s teacher if you would like more information.

Premiers Reading Challenge 2016 -
Inspiring children and young people to read more books

We have some fabulous readers at Gembrook and are very proud of them. I am always delighted to present awards at the weekly assemblies to acknowledge reading achievement. This year we are encouraging all students to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Parents with children who are new to the Challenge will soon find out that this program provides an easy and fun way for students in years Prep to 6 to record their reading as they try to reach the set reading targets.

Those of you with children who have participated in previous Challenges will know that, as well as the personal rewards reading brings, there are also certificates of achievement for students who reach their reading targets.
For more information please refer to website: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Murrundindi @ Gembrook in Term 2
Wurundjeri leader, Murrindindi will be visiting Gembrook Primary School this term. All students will participate in his workshops and he will be at the school assembly on Friday 29 April.

Trainee Teacher Placements
In term 2 we will once again have trainee teachers in the learning centres at Gembrook. They are wonderful to have in our school and will assist the students with their learning.

Curriculum Day Friday 22 April
Please note there is a curriculum day on Friday 22 April. All staff will update their First Aid training and teachers will be ensuring that the mathematics program at Gembrook Primary School continues to be of a high standard. In recent years the school has updated the science program which is an outstanding program. This year the school will consider ways of improving the teaching and learning of mathematics at Gembrook.

2017 Enrolments – Saturday 30 April Open Morning
I invite families with children starting school in 2017 or 2018 to the Open Morning on Saturday 30 April from 9:00am – 11:00am. Student leaders will provide tours of our school. Information about enrolment, transition and school programs will be available. Gembrook Pre School will also be having their opening morning on the same day.

Sister School in China Exchange Visits 2016
Keilah, grade 3/4, visited Kunshan Pieban Experimental School, our sister school in China, during the holidays with her grandparents. She had a wonderful experience and will be sharing her experience this week at assembly. The school in China has indicated that they are able to send a group of grade 5/6 students to Gembrook in August. If you are interested in hosting a student please contact the school office.

Congratulations Hayley Tregidga and Shannon on the safe arrival of Ruby Nancy!

Have a great week.

Kym (Principal)
PRODUCE MARKET

Host grade: 3/4B

Monday 18 April

3:00 - 4:00 pm

- Variety of Fresh Produce
- Baked goods
- Cut Flowers and Plants
- Honey and Jam
- 2nd Hand Uniform Items

Donations of fresh produce or baked goods are VERY welcome and can be left at the school office

Our produce markets are a great community event. Please come and support the enterprise of our wonderful students

Hope to see you there!
GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

School tours
Saturday April 30
9:00am—11:00am

Learning Together

Gembrook Primary School
50 Main Road
Gembrook
5968 1313
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Thank you to all of the staff and students for welcoming me back to school after taking some time last term to welcome my baby son, Harrison. Harrison wants to say a BIG thank you to all of the staff for all of the wonderful presents he received today. He will surely make a visit to Gembrook Primary School soon.

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
Chaplain
Matters discussed at the March School Council meeting:

- Finance - monthly operating statements
- OSHC extend hours to 6:00pm Monday to Friday
- Policies - Visitors in School, Animals in the School Playground, Student Engagement and Wellbeing.
- PFA Fundraising Proposals.
- Principal’s Report.

Claire Coffen
School Council Secretary

Introducing our school councillors:

Jonathan Hevern

1. **What is your association with Gembrook Primary School?**
   I teach in the JLC. 1/2H students work exceptionally hard and are respectful.

2. **Tell us about yourself**
   I assist in running Kids Matter, help organise HPV, teach 1/2H and am now on school council. I love football and play seniors for Upwey / Tecoma

3. **Why did you decide to become a school councillor?**
   To get to know our parent community more and get a different perspective on school related matters.

4. **Why are you proud of Gembrook Primary School?**
   Because G.P.S is simply awesome in all areas!
DO NOT WASTE WATER!!

Environmental Science

Be W smart
Make Water your Friend
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
Chill Out Sessions...  
with Little Gems!!

You should bring:
Your Fave CD / Music
You should be ready to:
HAVE FUN!!!!

Start off the day at the centre for a special morning tea (we will surprise you!). We will head over to the Gembrook Community centre for a movie experience on the big screen with popcorn and other yummy snacks before starting our party!!

We will have a party themed lunch, which you can help make if you choose to! We will then have a fun filled afternoon of chilling out to our fave music, dancing and partying the afternoon away!!

FRIDAY APRIL 22ND 2016
(School Curriculum Day!)

ONLY $50
(from $5 with rebates!)

Bookings Essential!!

Liz 5968 1008 or admin@littlegemslearning.com.au
Friends of Kurth Kiln
2016 Heritage Festival
Sunday 17 April

Start at 10.00am, with Official Opening at 11.00am
by the Mayor of Cardinia Shire, Cr. Jodie Owen
and featuring the "The Willie Wagtails" Band

Come and join in the fun at the picturesque historic Kurth Kiln site
where there will be much to do, to see and hear, amongst other things:

Historic and Heritage Events
  Vintage Cars
  Blacksmith demonstrating his art
  Axeman demonstrations
  Historic and Heritage Machinery Displays
  Craft Stalls
  Environmental Displays
  Sheep Shearing
  Games & Face Painting for the Children
  Meet the Huskies
  and much more,
  including short and long bush walks for walking enthusiast.

Refreshments will be catered for by the
Hoddes Creek Red Cross

The Festival will be at the Kurth Kiln Picnic
Ground in Kurth Kiln Regional Park, corner
Beenak & Soldiers Roads, 7km north of
Gembrook  (Melway Reference Page 14 R-10).

Free Entry and Parking

The Festival is supported by Parks Victoria and by the Shire of Cardinia Council

Produced by the Friends of Kurth Kiln
Please remember to label your children's school clothing. Unnamed and unclaimed lost property will be sold as 2nd hand uniforms!

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 contact the office with details of any medical condition your child may have.

WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS WHO LOVE TO WRITE

with Pauline Hosking
author of Cinnamon Stevens - Crime Buster

for ages 9-12 years

Thurs. May 12 - June 16
The Gem Theatre, Emerald
and
Wed. July 20 - August 24
Belgrave Library, Belgrave

4.15-5.15pm

'Let your imagination fly!'

WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS WHO LOVE TO WRITE

Cost: $70 for either Belgrave or Emerald
To book contact: pmhosking45@gmail.com

These workshops are practical and fun. Students will receive feedback on their stories and poetry while learning more about the editing and writing process. Areas covered include getting started, building a structure, editing and creating characters.

The sessions are facilitated by Pauline Hosking, a local playwright and author. To pay the bills Pauline’s worked as a teacher, teacher-librarian, journalist, theatre publicist, TV script assistant and lecturer in the Diploma of Arts (Professional Writing and Editing) at Chisholm Institute of TAFE. She has run creative writing workshops as part of Arts Victoria’s Artist in Schools initiative and tutored in the G.A.T.E.WAYS programs for talented and gifted children.

'Imagination is more powerful than knowledge'
– Albert Einstein