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.

20 April 2016

Diary Dates

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)
          March & Ceremony from 10.30am
27 April  EDEC Cross Country (grades 3-6) (cost: $8.50)
          School Council 7pm
28 April  PFA Roll & Drink Combo Day ($5)
30 April  Open Morning 9am-11am
4-6 May   PFA Mother’s Day Stall
10-12 May NAPLAN
12 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 Pasta Day ($5)
1 June    EDEC Lightning Premiership (grades 5-6) (cost: TBC)
1-3 June  Camp Coolamatong (grades 3-4) (cost: $300)
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
2 September Premier’s Reaching Challenge ends

Notes that have gone home
•  PFA Roll & Drink Combo order form (whole school)
•  MLC Camp
•  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

A big THANK YOU to Liz from Little Gems Early Learning Centre for washing all the spare Art smocks. We are all now ready to paint!

Book Club Orders Due
Wednesday 27 April
No late orders
Dear families & friends

Parents Welcome in our classrooms......

Parents helpers are always welcome in the learning centres. Please contact your classroom teacher to arrange a time if you would like to be involved. Thank you to the many parents who already regularly assist around the school. Your support and time is greatly appreciated by everyone.

Homework

On the school website you will notice a copy of our homework policy (www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au) which is presently being reviewed by School Council. Students from all learning centres are encouraged to read every night and we encourage parents to find a few moments to share this reading at home. Parents in the junior grades will find a question card in their child’s book bag which you may find useful in guiding the discussion about the book your child is reading. The school website provides links to homework grids which include a number of tasks that can be done at home throughout the term. The website also provides links to valuable resources such as Mathletics, Tumble Books and Reading Eggs. These resources provide rich learning opportunities for all students. Please have a look at these with your child.

Gembrook Primary is a 5 Star sustainable school

We are very proud of our 5 star rating as a sustainable school. We are one of only about 20 schools across the state with the 5 star rating. This rating is due to the daily management practices which include: timers on electrical appliances, harvesting rainwater for the vegetable garden and toilets, recycling of waste and paper and having solar panels on the roof. The 2016 student team of eco warriors continue to educate our school community about the importance of caring for the environment for today and for the future. Well done everyone! Great job! Mrs Everett in Environmental Science educates the students about sustainable practices with water, energy, biodiversity and waste management.

Streets Ahead

Kate Beveridge, from Cardinia Council, joined us once again and visited each of the classrooms to educate the students about safe use of bikes, skateboards and scooters on our roads and streets. Road Safety is an important life skill. The school appreciates Cardinia Shire’s support for this program. Kate will be back for another Streets Ahead program in term 4. Please encourage your child to use their ‘wheels’ safely around our local roads. We encourage all students to use their wheels to get to school.

Open Morning on Saturday 30 April 9:00am-11:00am

Gembrook Primary School will be open for school tours for prospective families on Saturday 30 April. I warmly invite families of 2017 or 2018 students to come along and have a look at our school. Please invite your friends and neighbours. Gembrook Kinda will be open at this time too.

Curriculum Day – Friday April 22

Next Friday, 22 April, will be a curriculum day. This will be an opportunity for all staff to update their First Aid qualifications as per the Department of Education and Training requirements. The teachers will also review the teaching of mathematics. This is a student free day.

ANZAC DAY

Gembrook families are invited to meet on the corner of Redwood Rd and Main Street at 10.30 am on Monday 25 April, to participate in the ANZAC Day march and ceremony. A notice has been sent home to the eldest child of each family.

Enjoy your week.

Kym (Principal)
OPEN DAY

GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

LEARNING TOGETHER

Gembrook Primary School
50 Main Road
Gembrook
5968 1313
Open Day
Saturday 30th April
9 - 11am

Come and see our beautiful facilities, meet the staff and find out about our wonderful 3 and 4 year old kindergarten programs and Bush Kinder program.

19-21 Main Rd Gembrook

For more information call 59681320
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and we are excited to be participating.

What is it?
Our Premier Mr. Daniel Andrews has set all schools in Victoria a challenge to read more and to read more widely. The challenge aims to promote and develop our love for reading.

Students in Foundation to grade 2 will complete the Challenge in class and read 30 books together.

Grades 3 to 6 are required to read 15 books independently. They can read these books in class and at home and record their reading on Victorian Premiers’ Challenge (passwords will be given out in class this week).

The Challenge closes Friday September 2nd (students in grades 3-6 need to log their reading by this date).

To view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Good luck everyone and please encourage and support your child/ren in this Challenge.

Did you know...
* Children who read and are read to every day do better at school
* Reading helps to make you smarter
* Reading books build imagination  
* Books provide a safe place; an escape from boredom, loneliness and a door to another world
* Choosing your own books helps you to discover the pleasure of reading
* Books transport us to different worlds, take us on spine-tingling adventures and teach us exciting new things
* Try to spend at least 10 minutes every day having fun reading aloud.
PFA Mother’s Day Stall

Wednesday 4 May &
Thursday 5 May
at lunchtime and after school

Parent Helpers Needed for Mother’s Day Stall
Wednesday 4 May @ lunchtime & after school
Thursday 5 May @ lunchtime and after school
Please contact the school office if you are able to help

PFA Disco

Thursday 12 May
5.30-6.30 JLC & MLC
6.30-7.30 SLC

Helpers needed to set up, sell goodies on the
night, and clear up afterwards. Please contact
the office if you can help
April
23    Eric L
25    Emily A
26    Jamie M
27    Tobias G

STARS OF THE WEEK

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<td>you are showing great persistence with your writing. Well Done!</td>
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<td>Eric</td>
<td>You demonstrated persistence in maths this week. Well done!</td>
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<td>Jet</td>
<td>Your effort in reading, writing and maths this week has been awesome!</td>
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<td>You have been trying hard to make good choices for your learning. Well done!</td>
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<td>India</td>
<td>Well done using initial letters when reading and checking if your reading makes sense. What a star!</td>
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<td>Fantastic listening &amp; co-operation skills Phoebe. Thank you</td>
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<td>You persisted when you had writer’s block. Well done!</td>
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<td>For the use of inner voice in your story writing. Well done!</td>
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<td>Emma B</td>
<td>Your persuasive writing about ‘Country vs City’ was outstanding! Well done Emma.</td>
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25 nights reading

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Term 2
Week 2

WOW!
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
Chaplain

Junior Rockers

APPLY FOR MUSIC LESSONS NOW!

Junior Rockers runs instrumental music lessons right here at school.
To find out all about our music lessons, head to our website. From there you can check which instruments are available at your school, get up to date pricing and apply for lessons online.

www.juniorrockers.com

Rather chat in person? We’d love to speak to you.
Call us on 1300 GO ROCK
(1300 46 76 25)
Students in Grades 3 – 6 are researching the Australian Pop Artist, Howard Arkley.

He has a very distinctive style that Grade 5/6 H tried to emulate in Art Classes this week.

What fantastic work!
Biodiversity is our focus in Environmental Science this term. Students took photos of trees in our school grounds using iPads. They will use an app to identify whether they are indigenous or introduced species.
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
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.

FRIDAY APRIL 22ND 2016
(School Curriculum Day!)

Yarra Ranges Athletics
LILLYDALE LAKE FUN RUN

Join the Yarra Ranges Athletics club for a great morning of running around the Lillydale Lake parklands. This is running at the lake, but not as you know it!

Sunday MAY 15th 2016 from 9am

2km - Family Event, run/walk
From $12.00 online entry, Or $20.00 on the day.

5km - Bakers Delight Dash
From $30.00 online entry, Or $45.00 on the day.

10km - Active Feet Lake Challenge
From $35.00 online entry, Or $50.00 on the day.

Fully marked and marshalled courses, over gravel, grass and hills.
ENTER NOW at www.yarrarangesathletics.org.au
MORE INFORMATION on the website or e-mail events@yarrarangesathletics.org.au

ALL 5km and 10km entrants will receive
$20 voucher to spend at Bakers Delight Lillydale
$40 discount redeemable at Active Feet
ALL FINISHERS receive a custom YRA medal