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.

27 April 2016

Diary Dates

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Notes that have gone home

- Chinese student host families (SLC)
- MLC Camp (Due tomorrow)
- Grade 2 Camp (Final payment due Thurs 5 May)
- Parent Helpers (whole school)

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

EDEC Athletics Day
Congratulations to all our students that competed at the EDEC Athletics day last week. I was very proud of the way you all had a go and did your best! You were all great sports! The EDEC events are fun days, shared with our friends from other schools. Thank you to the many parents who assisted on the day and thank you to our great team of teachers who ensured the day was a success. Thank you to Jono Hawes, our PE teacher, for his organisation of the day.

EDEC Cross Country
Today our students from grades 3-6 competed in the EDEC Cross Country event. We are all very proud of their amazing effort and stamina on the challenging course. Jono Hawes, our PE teacher, has written in further detail about the event.

Kids Matter
Gembrook Primary School is beginning the process of becoming an accredited Kids Matter school. The Kids Matter framework is about being a school that recognises the importance of mental health and wellbeing, and promoting respectful relationships, belonging and inclusion. It is well recognised that children who are mentally healthy learn better. Mental health is the way we think or feel about ourselves and what is going on around us, and how we cope with the ups and downs of life.

NAPLAN - Year 3 and 5
National NAPLAN testing will be held on Tuesday 10 May, Wednesday 11 May and Thursday 12 May. If you have any questions in respect to this and your child's involvement please see your child's teacher.

PFA Mother's Day Stall 4-5 May
Thank you to our wonderful PFA team. They have organised gifts for students to purchase next Wednesday and Thursday. If you are able to assist at the stall please contact the office. Please send your child/children to school with money in a secure container.

Open Morning Saturday 30 April & Enrolment for 2017
Enrolments for 2017 are underway. I invite all families with children starting school to come along to the Open Morning on Saturday 30 April from 9:00am-11:00am. Tours will be available. If you have a child starting school next year or you have interested friends, please come in for an enrolment pack or download a pack from the school website: www.gembrookps.vic.gov.au

Assembly this week....
This Friday Murrindindi will be visiting our school. He will perform the Welcome to Country celebration at assembly and will spend time in each of the learning centres.
Some of our Junior Rocker students will be performing at assembly this week. I warmly invite all parents to attend.

Enjoy your week

Kym (Principal)
GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Gembrook Primary School
50 Main Road
Gembrook
5968 1313
EDEC
Cross Country
On the 27 April, students from Gembrook Primary School competed at EDEC Cross Country held at Mountain View Reserve in Cockatoo. All students from grades 3–6 ran in the event and helped GPS to get 4th in the EDEC schools placing’s. All students did a fantastic job giving their best efforts against the strong competition from other schools. Gembrook Primary School would like to congratulate Katyn (9th), Nerina (8th) Taylor (10th), Charlee, (10th) Grace (9th), Jackson (10th), Georgia (9th) and Liam (4th) on their top 10 finishes. Medals were also awarded to the elite students who came in the top 3 of their age groups. A big congratulations to Emma (3rd), Samuel (3rd), Madelyn (2nd) and Mackenzie (1st) for their top 3 finish.

Jonathan Hawes
P.E Teacher
OPEN DAY
Saturday 30\textsuperscript{th} 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
29  Lily S
May
4   William K
     Tom B

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

Puffing Billy Excursion T1
Photos by Stuart Watson
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. Before school care begins at 7.30 (earlier time is available when requested). After school care ends at 6pm. Collect an OSHC enrolment pack from the school office or download an enrolment form from the school website: www.gembrookps.vic.gov.au

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

Register with Centrelink for a 50% child-care rebate. You can do this by logging into your Centrelink online account through the myGov site. Select the Approved child care service to reduce your fees option and it will be set up for you. For more details on Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate call the Department of Human Services on 13 61 50.
### Aussie Hoops

**Aussie Hoops is Basketball Australia’s official junior game development program for children aged 5—10 years.**

#### Program Details

**When:** From Saturday 30th April to Saturday 18th June. (8 weeks total)

**Where:** Cockatoo Reserve Stadium, Mountain Road, Cockatoo

**Time:** 10:00am until 10:45am

**Cost:** $70 for new players, $50 for returning players

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#### Further Information

Email: hoops@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au or juniors@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au

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**Junior Rockers**

Primary music education specialists

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

Batter chat in person? We’d love to speak to you.

Call us on 1300 00 ROCK (1300 467 625)

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**Puffing Billy Excursion T1**

Photos by Stuart Watson
Close encounter with Kookaburra. Puffing Billy Excursion T1