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.

11 May 2016

Diary Dates

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<td>PFA Pasta Day ($5)</td>
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<td>Camp Coolamatong (grades 3-4) (cost: $300)</td>
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<td>The Big Samba (Performing Arts-whole school)</td>
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<td>eSMART Week</td>
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<td>24 June</td>
<td>Last Day Term 2 Early Dismissal at 2.30pm</td>
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2017 Enrolments are now due

Please encourage family and friends to enrol their children by 25 May

Parent helper(s) needed to maintain 2nd hand clothing and lost property in sick bay. Involves:

- a weekly check of uniforms in the lost property box in the school office.
- Delivery of named uniforms pieces to classroom tubs
- and washing unnamed uniform pieces and adding to 2nd hand uniforms for sale.

Please contact the office if you can help. Many thanks

Notes that have gone home

- Eco Warriors field day
- Chinese student host families (SLC)
- MLC Camp (DUE NOW)
- Grade 2 Camp (FINAL PAYMENT OVERDUE)

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

Mother’s Day
Thank you so much everyone for your support. Tracey and the PFA team organised a wonderful array of gifts and the young shoppers were very excited and delighted with their purchases! I hope that all our mums enjoyed their big day! Thank you to our PFA team! Funds raised from the PFA fundraising activities will help improve our facilities and resources.

Chinese Sister School Visit
We have heard news from our sister school in China, Kunshan Peiben Experimental School, that a group of 12 grade 5/6 students and a teacher will be visiting us from Monday 18 July until Saturday 23 July. We are looking for host families—if you would like to host a student or students could you please contact the school office. The Chinese students will visit all the learning centres and will be at assembly on Friday 22 July.

Camping Program for MLC and grade 2
Next week, students in grade 2 will go to Gilwell Park for an overnight stay while in a fortnight the students in the MLC will head to Camp Coolamontong at Bairnsdale. Students at Gembrook look forward to the camps each year. The camps provide opportunities for students to further develop social and interpersonal skills and confidence through team and adventure activities. I am sure they will have a fabulous time enjoying all the great activities on offer with their friends! I will be at both camps.

Aboriginal flagpole in the Circle of Harmony
We are indeed fortunate to have a new carved flagpole in the Circle of Harmony. The pole was donated to the school by Rhys Collins, Regional Indigenous Facilitator of the Port Phillip Catchment Authority and the flagpole has been carved by Wurrundjeri elder, Perry Wandin.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Primary-age children are connected, mobile and social. We see the evidence of this every day with our own eyes—children appear to be going online younger and younger, with the rapid uptake of tablets and other touch screen devices.

What do primary-aged children do online?
Even at this young age children are avid social media users. Forty-five per cent of eight to 11 year olds use social networking sites. For the 8 to 11 year olds the top four sites are YouTube, Moshi Monsters, Club Penguin and Facebook, with the most popular activities being playing games, private messaging, posting comments and posting their own status updates. In other words, they ‘like’, they post, and they share just the same as their older counterparts.

Social media can be a useful tool to keep in contact with friends and family. However, we need to be mindful of what information is shared and with whom.

Some tips for parents include:
• talk to your child about staying safe as soon as they start becoming active in the online world, and keep the discussion open as they grow up, to make the dialogue part of everyday parenting life.
• monitor children’s time online, particularly younger children.
• set house rules—what’s okay to do and what’s not, how much time is ‘online’ time and what kind of personal information is okay to make public.
• consider using filters or other technological tools to help limit exposure to potentially harmful or distressing material.
• find out what children are up to; create your own accounts and play with the services they are using so that you become familiar with the privacy settings and reporting mechanisms.
• model the kind of positive online behaviour you would like them to use.

To stay safe online, children need to consider the following:
• Check the age restrictions; most social media sites are for 13 yrs plus.
• Make sure your profile is set to private on all social networking sites.
• Only accept friend requests from people you know and trust.
• Don’t upload personal information such as your address and birthday.
• Learn to block offensive users.
• Delete any unused accounts.
• Always sign out when you have finished.
• Avoid using public/shared computers.
• Talk with a trusted adult if you have any concerns.

More information can be found at: https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/health-and-community/enewsletter/kids-online-statistics

Gembrook Primary School is a Kids Matter school. The teaching and learning of social and emotional learning is integrated in the teaching and learning program and promoted through our daily social respectful interactions with one another.

Enjoy your week

Kym (Principal)
PFA Disco
Thursday 12 May
5.30-6.30 JLC & MLC
6.30-7.30 SLC

Fancy dress is optional

Helpers needed to set up, sell goodies on the night, and clear up afterwards. Please contact the office if you can help.

A beautiful silver bracelet has been found in the JLC
Please contact the school office if you think it may belong to your child

Student Leader Group Photo Orders
On school photo day, photos were taken of the school student leaders. These included:

- School Captains with Mrs Peterson
- House Captains with Mr Hawes
- Student Representative Council with Mrs Liston & Mrs A
- Ecowarriors with Mrs Everett
- eLearning team with Mr Bailey

If your child is a part of one of these groups they should have already brought home an order form. Spare order forms are at the office.

The photos are on display in the school office.
The photos are $25 each with additional copies $10
Delivery will take 3-4 weeks from receipt of orders.
Introducing school councillor: Jo McCrohan

What is your association with Gembrook Primary School?
I have two boys in the school. Tom is in Grade 4 and Liam is in Grade 1

Tell us a little about yourself...
My husband, Tim, and I have three boys and moved to Gembrook a little over four years ago. I work part-time and am also a member of the Gembrook Preschool Committee

Why did you decide to become a school councillor?
I like to be involved in the community and I like to be able to have a say about my children’s education and their environment.

Why are you proud of Gembrook Primary School?
The school has a great sense of community, is well resourced and has an interesting and varied program.
WATER posters by Grade 3/4B remind us to be ‘Water Wise’!

Posters created by Lauren, Zach, Bradley, Bella and Dylan

Are YOU wise with water?
May
17  Ziggy  
Gemma C  
18  Poppi D  
Cooper G

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

Did you know...
* Children who read and are read to everyday 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.

Stars of the week

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<td>Angus</td>
<td>You are making wonderful choices in class and helping others make the right decisions as well. Thank you!</td>
<td>F/1L</td>
<td>Mrs Liston</td>
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<td>Rushiya</td>
<td>You are an excellent reader, using pictures, letters and meaning to attempt unknown words. What a star!</td>
<td>F/1B</td>
<td>Mrs Bigwood</td>
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<td>Belle G</td>
<td>You worked so hard to work out the money value of your name in maths. Be proud of your effort!</td>
<td>1/2H</td>
<td>Mr Hevern</td>
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<td>Sonny</td>
<td>You demonstrated your magnificent skip counting skills during maths this week. Keep up the star effort!</td>
<td>2C</td>
<td>Miss Cornell</td>
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<td>Isabella</td>
<td>For your ongoing persistence in improving your maths skills. What a star!!</td>
<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Mrs A</td>
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<td>Zac A</td>
<td>Revised carefully to make a great improvement to your writing. Fantastic!</td>
<td>3/4B</td>
<td>Mr Bailey</td>
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<td>Matt C</td>
<td>For the detail you used in your writing. Well done!</td>
<td>5F</td>
<td>Mr Fraser</td>
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<td>Sonia</td>
<td>You are a kind and considerate friend Sonia. You ensure your classmates are never left out! Well done!</td>
<td>5/6H</td>
<td>Miss Hutcheson</td>
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<td>Matilda</td>
<td>For being a helping hand in setting up for P.E</td>
<td>PE</td>
<td>Mr Hawes</td>
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<td>Taylor</td>
<td>For her fantastic skill and effort shown in Netball</td>
<td>PE</td>
<td>Mr Hawes</td>
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<td>Jack M</td>
<td>Fantastic research about the Black Wattle, Jack. Your effort resulted in great work. Well done!</td>
<td>Enviro.</td>
<td>Mrs Everett</td>
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<td>Lacie-Joy</td>
<td>Thank you, Lacie for sharing your knowledge about mixing two primary colours to make another colour. You are correct, red and yellow make orange!</td>
<td>ART</td>
<td>Mrs Everett</td>
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Walk, ride, scoot & skate to school

Boost educational development with walking

Recent research reveals that walking to school is good for a child’s educational development. A study of nearly 20,000 Danish children found that children who walked or cycled to school were able to concentrate significantly better than non-active students for the first four hours of the day.

Walking to school is not only good for a child’s health and education, it is highly important to children’s independence and general development. Patterns and behaviours established during childhood tend to carry into adulthood. Those who adopt healthy behaviours, such as walking, when they are young are more likely to continue these practices as adults. Children are more likely to walk if their parents walk - and parents are best placed to teach them to negotiate their neighbourhood safely.

For more information contact Council’s Active Children’s Officer, Kate Beveridge on 1300787624.
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.
Please remember to label your children’s school clothing. Unnamed and unclaimed lost property will be sold as 2nd hand uniforms!

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.

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.