**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.

**25 May 2016**

**Diary Dates**

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**2017 Enrolments are now due**

Please encourage family and friends to enrol their children this week.

There are extra Car Raffle ticket books available at the office.

**Final MLC Camp payment must be paid this week**

**Scholastic Book Club**

Orders due 3 June
No late orders

**Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)**

Applications for CSEF will be accepted until 23 June

To be eligible for the CSEF payment a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian school must:

- Be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or
- be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder OR
- Be a temporary foster parent, and
- Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Notes that have gone home

- EDEC Lightning Prem (Grades 5&6)
- Eco Warriors field day
- Chinese student host families (SLC)
- MLC Camp (DUE NOW)

All notices can be accessed from the school website:

www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au

Happy grade 2 campers at Gilwell Park
Dear parents and students of Gembrook Primary School

I wish to inform you all that I will be retiring and my final day as Principal of Gembrook Primary School will be the last day of term – Friday 24 June.

It has been my privilege to be the principal of Gembrook Primary School for more than eight years and in this time members of our school community have worked together to achieve a great deal. I am very proud of our achievements.

I would like to thank the wider Gembrook community for their support of the school. Many local businesses support the school by sponsoring school events or donating goods.

I would like to thank the many parents who have assisted with the numerous events, special days and fundraising activities that a busy school like Gembrook has in the yearly calendar. Your time, energy and kind words have been very much appreciated.

Thank you to the parents who have kindly agreed to be on the school councils and have assisted me in the management of the school. I appreciate that it is difficult to come out on cold wet nights to a meeting.

Thank you to the many ladies that have been on the PFA teams. You have all been great to work with organising the fun fundraising activities that our children and parents have enjoyed. I will miss watching the younger children making their special Mother’s Day purchases!

Gembrook has a caring, dedicated and professional teaching team. Thank you teachers for your commitment and support over the years. I wish you all the very best in your careers. Thank you to our support staff assisting in the learning centres. Your good humour and amazing work has been appreciated - in the gardens, at Outside School Hours Care and in the learning centres!

The office in any school is the hub for the community. I have been fortunate to have worked with the best!

The reason I took on the role of principal is because I have a passion to work with children and support, encourage and nurture them to their full potential as learners and people. I am so proud of all of our Gembrook kids. We have great learners who have a go and do their best no matter whether it is reading, maths, performing on stage or at a sporting event! I am always especially proud when I see or hear how our Gembrook girls and boys show their great leadership.

Gembrook Primary School has seen many changes since 2008:

- The Middle Learning Centre and Outdoor Learning Centre have been built. The multi has been upgraded. The soccer pitch and Circle of Harmony have been surfaced in artificial turf. The bike shed and new playground equipment have been installed. The vegetable garden and fruit trees have been planted.
- There is a strong consistent teaching and learning program at all levels of the school.
- Technology is used in the form of ipads, big screens and computers with greater reliability, confidence and skill by all members of the school community.
- The Learning Centres are well resourced and are great leaning spaces for our students.
- Our professional team of teachers work closely together to plan, assess, teach and evaluate their teaching.
- Our students are respectful, kind and welcoming to new students to the school.
- Our students show great leadership through SRC, School Captains, Eco Warriors, eSmart and House Captains.
- Gembrook is a five star sustainable school; a health promoting school; an eSmart school and a Kids Matter school.
- The home/school partnership is an important one in any school and in the last few years this partnership has enabled great things to happen. Thank you everyone for your contributions and support.

Thank you everyone for making my time at Gembrook one that I will always cherish! I wish you all the very best for the future.

An Acting Principal will be appointed by the Department of Education and Training for term 3 and 4. The Principal position will be advertised late term 3 or early term 4 for a new substantive Principal to be appointed at the start of the 2017 school year.

Kind regards

Kym (Principal)
Education Week
Maths Parade

What do you get if you divide the circumference of an apple by its diameter?

Apple Pi
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

FOR SALE
2 BBQ's
(old but in working order-one with extra large hotplate)
Best Offer
Contact school office

The Art Room is in need of cardboard tubes from your cling film / Alfoil. Please drop off at the school office. Thank you
Jude Everett

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)

Why allowing children to get places on their own is so important-
Increased ‘independent mobility’ gives children the opportunity to:
• Develop self-confidence
• Get some exercise, including playing outdoors, which makes it easier for them to get the recommended one hour of physical activity a day
• Play with friends, including making new friends
• Learn responsibility and independence
• Get to know the neighbourhood
• Learn coping skills, which is very important to build resilience, a key factor in children’s mental wellbeing

For more information contact Council’s Active Children’s Officer, Kate Beveridge on 1300787524.
Grades 1 and 2 are discovering the beauty of Autumn colours in the Art room. These are called **warm colours** in Art terminology. They collected Autumn leaves in our school yard and then carefully traced them to make a pleasing pattern.
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.
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

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**TRIVIA NIGHT**

WHERE: MACCLESFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
WHEN: FRIDAY 3rd JUNE 7.00PM
$10.00 PER PERSON
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE
BYO NIBBLES AND DRINKS
AUCTIONS AND PRIZES GALORE....
**PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS AN OVER 18 EVENT 😊**

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Allcott's Mowing & Handyman Services
Contact Dean 0456877947
plehawk3@gmail.com

Lawn Mowing, General Garden Maintenance,
Rubbish Removal, Window & Gutter Cleaning,
Landscaping, Plastering, Carpentry, Small
Concrete Jobs, Painting, Tiling

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BELVEDERE HAIRDRESSING

Hi all
Belvedere Hairdressing has moved from Main Street Gembrook
BACK TO MY HOME SALON AT
8 BELVEDERE COURT GEMBROOK
COME IN FOR A PROFESSIONAL FINISH,
ONE ON ONE,
IN A CARING, HOME ENVIRONMENT
Opening the same hours
Mon 10:00 to 1:00
Tues Closed
Wednesday 10:00 to 5:30
Thursday 10:00 to 8:30
Friday 10:00 to 5:30
Saturday 9:00 to 1:00
Same contact numbers
59681090
0409384452
Covering all your family’s hairdressing needs

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Emerald Secondary college presents...

Legally Blonde
THE MUSICAL
Wednesday 25th May – Saturday 28th
Performing Arts Centre
Emerald Secondary College
Tickets available on Trybooking
Click here to book