Gembrook Primary School

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.

1 June 2016

Diary Dates

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There are extra Car Raffle ticket books available at the office

No assembly this Friday

Urgent: Host families needed for Chinese students and their teacher. The delegation, from our sister school in China, will visit Gembrook Primary from 18 July-24 July. Host families from all learning centres would be welcome. Further info in newsletter.

Scholastic Book Club
Orders due 3 June
No late orders

Notes that have gone home

* Chinese student host families (SLC)
* Hosting Chinese Students meeting (whole school)

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

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.
Dear families & friends

Art work @ Spencers Store Gembrook
Thank you Ryan and Scott at Spencers Store, Main St, Gembrook, for kindly displaying some Gembrook Primary School student artwork on the walls of the café. I’d recommend our families to drop in for a cuppa and have a look.

Grade 2 Camp @ Gilwell
I had a great time last week at the Grade 2 Camp at Gilwell Park. We are indeed fortunate to have such a wonderful resource so close to school. I was very proud of all our wonderful grade 2 girls and boys. It was great to see them all trying to do their best and having a go at some quite challenging activities. It was great to see them working together and having fun! Thank you Jono Hawes, our P.E. teacher, and class teachers Sam Cornell and Johnathon Hevern for their extra time to ensure the camp was so successful.

Education Week
Last week was a busy week at Gembrook celebrating Education Week with many activities. The senior students were outstanding with their organisation and presentations at the Expo last Monday. I am very proud of all our senior students.

Eco Warriors @ Yellingbo
The Helmeted Honey Eater is an endangered species and hard to see, though many of our senior eco warriors spotted one last Friday at Yellingbo Reserve. The students were there to learn about this species in our local area. Thank you everyone who sent along silver coins which were very useful in our Education Week maths activities and very much appreciated by the Friends of the Helmeted Honey Eater. The school was able to hand over a cheque for nearly $400. The eco warriors did a great job at the reserve with twelve eco warriors planting five hundred tube stock of indigenous plants in an hour and a quarter! Great work eco warriors!

SEAL- Select Entry Accelerated Learning program @ Emerald Secondary College
Congratulations to Jess, Jade and Charlee for being accepted into the 2017 SEAL program at Emerald Secondary College. Good luck to Jett who will be having his interview for this program later this week!

ESC Aerobics Team
It was a delight to see ex-Gembrook students perform at last week’s assembly as part of the Emerald Secondary College’s successful aerobics team. We wish them well in their future competitions!

The Car Park
Safety for our students in the school car park is a concerning issue. All parents should only use the allocated drop off and pick up zone in the staff car park at the front of the school. It is distressing to see our students crossing the carpark at the busy drop off and pick up times because parents have parked in the central car park. The Main Rd car park is for staff only. Several members of staff arrive at school after 9 and need any available spaces. Car parking for school families is available in Heroes Avenue, at the water tower, along the Main Road and at the back of the school near the Multi, entering from Station Street. I appreciate your support in helping our school car park to be as safe as possible for our students. I have included our safe access / car parking information sheet further in the newsletter.

Grade 3/4 Camp
Today I will be joining the students and teachers from the Middle Learning Centre at Camp Coolamatong on the Gippsland Lakes. The students and teachers are looking forward to the experience.

Chinese Sister School Visit 18 July – 24 July
We are very excited to welcome a delegation from our sister school in China. Thank you to the families who have offered to host some of our visitors. We urgently require more host families. There will be an information session next Thursday 9 June 9 at 3:45pm in the Senior Learning Centre. Please come along if you think you might be able to help out or would like to know more…

The Big Samba Friday 10 June
On Friday 10 June all the learning centres will be involved in an all-day musical event. There will be no assembly on this day. There will be a performance at 3:00pm and all families and friends are invited to come along and share the fun and excitement!

Enjoy your week!

Kym (Principal)
**STUDENT SAFETY IS THE KEY**

1. **Students are not to cross the car park even with an adult. Please help your child to learn that using the footpath around the edge of the car park is the safest choice.**

2. **Students can be dropped off in the Main Rd Car Park Drop Off Zone. Please do not use the Staff Parking in the Centre of the car park, the Disabled Car Park or the Visitor Parking for dropping off children. Help your child to learn to remain on the footpath once they have been dropped off.**

3. **No double parking or overtaking queued vehicles is allowed in the Drop Off Zone as children are at risk if they have to go around other vehicles to get to or from your car.**

4. **Parking is allowed on the Main Rd and the school can be accessed from Heroes Avenue and Station Street. Please park outside the school grounds if you will be remaining at school for a period of time or are accompanying your child into the school.**

5. **Students being dropped off along Main Road or walking from home who need to cross Main Rd should use the School Crossing. Please help your child to learn that using the School Crossing is the safest choice to cross Main Rd.**

6. **Students catching the school bus are to wait behind the safety fence at the bus zone and move behind the railing once they arrive at school. Please help your child understand the safety rules if they are travelling by school bus. Enquiries about the school bus service can be made at the school office.**

**WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW:**

- **Drop Off Zone in the Main Rd Car Park:** The Drop Off Zone aims to keep traffic flowing smoothly through the car park at peak times for the convenience of everyone. There is space for 3 cars in the drop off zone. Children should only get in and out of their car when the car is safely parked in the drop off zone—not while it is still in the queue.
- **Do not park in the Drop Off Zone. If you need to come into the school to meet your child or for any other purpose please park outside the school grounds.**
- **Do not leave your car unattended in the Drop Off Zone.**
- **The Bus Drop Off Zone:** This zone is used by the school bus at peak times and emergency vehicles in the case of an emergency.
- **Please do not park in the bus zone.**
- **Please do not drop off children in the bus zone.**
- **The Disabled Car Park:** The Disable Car Park is reserved for Vehicles displaying an authorised Disabled Parking Label.
- **Staff Car Park:** The centre of the car park is reserved for staff. It is essential that staff arriving at varying times have access to the staff car park. It is unsafe for students to cross the traffic to reach the centre of the car park so please do not drop off or collect students from the staff parking area.
- **Collecting Sick or Temporarily Disabled Students:** Parking in the Main Rd car park is allowed for parents collecting sick or temporarily disabled students by arrangement with the school.

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**Gembrock Primary School**

**Arriving Safely at School**

**Includes:**

- Access to Gembrock Primary School
- Safety Tips
- The Main Road Car Park Layout
INFORMATION SESSION ABOUT HOSTING A STUDENT
FROM SISTER SCHOOL IN CHINA
THURSDAY 9 JUNE @ 3:45 IN THE SLC

May 31, 2016

Dear Parents,

Our school community is excited and pleased that our sister school from China is visiting Gembrook Primary School. The group consists of one teacher and 12 students. The students are in grade 5 and 6.

Thank you to the families who have already agreed to host one or two of these students. We still require more families to host our visitors.

The Chinese delegation will arrive at Gembrook midday on Monday July 18 and will depart on Sunday July 24.

The Chinese students will participate in school activities during the day. Some excursions have been organised by the school during the school week.

I invite you to the information session in the SLC on Thursday June 9 @ 3:45 to find out more about the Chinese delegation visit and homestay arrangements.

We hope to see you there.

Kind regards,

Kym Peterson (Principal) & Jess Hutcheson (Chinese Delegation Coordinator)
Steve harnesses the talents of the students (dance, music, theatre, etc), and his own unique conducting style, to bring together a 60-70 minute concert full of variety and sound, taking the students to a new performing level in a show that is fantastically unique!

The Big Samba will be at Gembrook Primary on Friday 10 June
Concert @ school at 3pm
All welcome!
Grade 2 Camp at Gilwell Park
**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

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<td>INDOOR GAMES AND SPORTS MARATHON</td>
<td>ROBERT GORDON POTTERY</td>
<td>CAMEO CINEMA RELGRAVE</td>
<td>GILWELL PARK RUSHMAN’S DAY</td>
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<td>DISCO STYLE</td>
<td>Come dressed in your team colours. Spend some of the morning painting faces in team colours before heading over to the hall for our marathon of sports and games. Wind down in the afternoon with a movie and popcorn!</td>
<td>Bring out your creativity and paint your own ceramic craft. Enjoy a delicious picnic lunch and a play at the Park!</td>
<td>Watch a movie and enjoy some yummy popcorn. Back to the centre for lunch and a fun afternoon of dancing and craft!</td>
<td>After a yummy Morning Tea head down to Gilwell Park where we will light a campfire to cook our lunch on – bushman’s style, build some bush huts, and do some exploring!! Bring your gumboots and warm coats!!</td>
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<td>SWEET TREATS AT SPENCERS STORE</td>
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<td>PIZZA AND MOVIE PARTY</td>
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<td>Explore the farm, feed the animals, and enjoy a train ride, educational show and do some produce gardening. We will enjoy a Picnic lunch and a play at the park</td>
<td>Take a walk to Spencers Store for some hands on cooking fun! Put your creative skills to work at decorating some sweet treats to enjoy yourself or take home for your family</td>
<td>Spend the day bouncing, flipping, rolling and sticking yourself to the wall at Inflatable world. Don’t forget to bring your socks!!</td>
<td>Enjoy a morning movie then head down to the Pizza Shop to make our own Pizzas for lunch. After a play at the park we’ll head back to the centre for another movie, we will make some popcorn to enjoy!</td>
<td>Head down to the independent for a “hands on” cooking experience with Mauro the head chef!! We will cook a yummy lunch and head over to the park for fun and games!!</td>
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**EcoWarriors visit Helmuted Honey Eater Reserve**

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**OR VISIT US AT 103 MAIN STREET GEMBROOK**

www.littlegemsmlearning.com.au

$60 per day

*From $10 with Rebates!!*
June
5       Billy A

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

Walk, ride, scoot & skate to school

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 1300787624.
OSH C 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.
This term we have been exploring textile art, embroidery and stitching. It all began with an object that I bought from an opshop. Students explored this object through an art appreciation activity and discussion around the following questions:

- What do you see?
- What questions do you have about the piece?

It turns out, after a little special knowledge and outside help, that the object was Russian, and over 100 years old. A Russian girl learnt to stitch through this beautiful activity.

Building on from there, students have explored various ways to express their likes, stories and interests through textile art mediums. Student's art work will be exhibited in the school entrance at the end of term.
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

Christmas in July at Chateau Wyuna, Mt Evelyn

Fernlea House Inc.
Invites you to attend their annual Gala Fundraiser on the 9th July at 7pm

Door prizes, raffles, silent auctions, live auctions, music and dancing.
Tickets $70 per person
($60 for Fernlea Volunteers)
For a 3 course Christmas dinner with beer, wine and soft drink included.
All proceeds go toward providing day respite for carers of people with life limiting illnesses.

Tickets are available online at
www.trybooking.com/196923
or please phone our friendly staff at Fernlea House on 03 5968 3895
www.fernlea.com.au

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