Gembrook Primary School

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.

9 November 2016

Diary Dates

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Notes that have gone home

• PFA Fruit Salad & Yoghurt Day (whole school)
• SLC Swimming
• Orienteering (MLC & SLC)

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

SLC Swimming Program

Permission for the Grade 5 & 6 Swimming Program is overdue.

If you would still like your child to participate please return a note as soon as possible.

It would also be appreciated if you could inform staff if your child is definitely not participating.

TEST TEXT MESSAGE

This Thursday October 10th the school will send a test text message to all parents. **If you do not receive this text please contact the school office**

The test is of the system that the school would use in an emergency when the power is out.

The system has limited characters per text so in the event of an emergency we will keep messages concise. When the power is out we will be relying on the slow 3G network so be aware that we will be making every effort to send out timely information, may be hindered.

DRESS UP DISCO THIS FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 11TH

See Page 4 for details
Dear Families and Friends,

Gembrook Primary School is a dynamic place of learning. We are truly blessed with fantastic students and highly innovative and dedicated staff who give their all, day in day out in order to ensure excellent learning experiences for all of our students. It is no wonder then that our school is growing! I am proud to say that we will be running 9 grades in 2017 and I continue to conduct school tours on a regular basis for mums and dads keen to enrol their children in such a great school.

Rotary Club Public Speaking Competition

On Tuesday evening, two of our students participated in the Rotary Club Public Speaking Competition. Mr. Fraser, Miss Hutcheson and I had the absolute privilege of watching Charlee Tjepkema and Hollie Kee present their speeches to a large audience of Rotarians, teachers and principals from six local schools, mums and dads and family members. Charlee and Hollie represented Gembrook Primary School superbly (and bravely!) and their speeches were well delivered with passion and pride. Hollie’s speech was titled ‘I Like Daydreaming’ and Charlee delivered her speech on ‘The Never Ending Story’. Congratulations and well done Hollie and Charlee.

Emergency Management at Gembrook PS

Although it may seem somewhat hard to believe at the moment with our current spring weather, the heat of summer really is on the way and therefore we all need to ensure that we are prepared in the event of a bushfire emergency.

The following is an update from The Department of Education and Training regarding procedures for our School during the bushfire season and it also contains particular information in relation to our school.

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. Schools and children’s services such as Gembrook Primary School are listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days’ notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter, email, tiqiz and website. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.

For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667. Thank you for your support.

Basketball Regional Finals

We’ve had an absolute basketball feast over the last couple of weeks!

Last Wednesday our senior school basketball team participated in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Basketball Finals at The Rings Basketball Stadium in Ringwood.

Callum, Sam, Jamie, Konnor, Mitch, Jet, Jack and Hamish represented Gembrook Primary School superbly. I was lucky enough to see them win their first game (along with lots of very enthusiastic and supportive mums and dads!) and it was a really high standard of competition.

We didn’t make the grand final but seeing this team play, 3 things really stood out to me:

- Our school basketball team PLAYS as a team.
- There’s that old saying that a champion team will often beat a team of champions.
- Our boys represented our school superbly and showed great sportsmanship.
- We have such a fantastic PE teacher and basketball coach in Mr. Hawes.

It was such a great achievement to make it to the Regional finals so congratulations to our basketball team and Mr.Hawes.
A VIEW TO THE FUTURE

Bren's Banter continued....

**Sustainability Day P1B**
Wednesday was P1B’s Sustainability Day and lots of fantastic work was completed in the garden. Mr Watson, Steve, parents and some fantastic student leaders helped P1B achieve their 3 main goals for the morning session:

#1 – Have fun!
#2 – Make OUR school a better place by planting, harvesting and tending the garden.
#3 – Work together to achieve number 2!

Students planted seedlings (that we will be able to eat soon!), fertilised garden beds, sorted compost and picked up sticks to make our school a safer and happier place for all. Valuable learning experiences based around sustainability and the environment took place in a friendly and fun manner with smiles all round! Thank you to Mr Watson, Steve, our wonderful parents and the student leaders who helped us to love and care for our garden.

**Working Bee Saturday 3rd December 9:00am – 11:00am**
We are holding a final 2016 ‘Summer Cleaning’ working bee at school on Saturday 3rd December from 9:00am to 11:00am. There are several jobs that we would like to complete in readiness for end of year events including Step Up Day, Christmas Carols and Graduation. Pruning, weeding, sweeping, pressure cleaning and a general tidy up of school grounds will be the order of the day. A light morning tea will be provided at 11:00am. As the old saying goes: ‘Many hands make light work’, so please sign up for a job at the front office and come along and join in the fun!

Have a great week everyone and all the best!

**Brendan**
Principal
PFA Dress Up Disco

11th November 2016
$5.00 entry

Prep—Year 3 5:30—6:45pm
Year 4 –6 7:00– 8:30 pm

Glow in the dark items and Zooper Doopers for sale starting from $1
Making Puppets in the Art Room

During Literacy time in their classroom, Foundation and Grade 1 students are learning about the **characters** and **settings** in stories.

In the Art Room they have drawn a favourite character from a story and are now working on creating the character in puppet form. They have used their painting and construction skills.
In Environmental Science this term we are talking about WASTE. Waste is defined as “unwanted or unusable items, remains, by-products, or household rubbish.” Waste can be solid, liquid or gas.

Grades 1 and 2 students recorded the amount, and type of waste they had in their lunch boxes last week.

Some students had no waste (or only biodegradable waste like fruit peels)- a **Nude Food Lunch Box**.

Our aim is for *everybody* to have a Nude Food Lunch Box! Can you?

**How many pieces of rubbish is in your lunchbox today??**
The Emerald Secondary College choir treated the school to a fabulous concert. They are to be congratulated on their terrific performance which was thoroughly enjoyed by the students and staff. We welcomed back past students Layton, Ayden and Jillian.
Division Basketball

Yr 5 Soccer
### Star of the week  Week 4

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<td>Your reading is developing in leaps and bounds. Well done on using all</td>
<td>F/1B</td>
<td>Mrs. Bigwood</td>
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<td>Sammy &amp; Jet</td>
<td>Sammy- Your eagerness to learn and share new words is fantastic! Jet - Thank you for making and sharing your cookies with the class.</td>
<td>1/2H</td>
<td>Mr. Hevern</td>
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<td>Aiden</td>
<td>Your effort during maths this week has been outstanding. Well done</td>
<td>2C</td>
<td>Miss Cornell</td>
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<td>Cooper &amp; Jacob</td>
<td>For the leadership you both displayed during our visit to Healesville Sanctuary! Well done boys!</td>
<td>5F</td>
<td>Mr Fraser</td>
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<td>Konner</td>
<td>You have made great a improvement with your reading comprehension.</td>
<td>5/6H</td>
<td>Miss Hutcheson</td>
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<td>Bradley</td>
<td>Well done Bradley in navigating quickly around the school during orienteering. Great work reading the map.</td>
<td>PE</td>
<td>Mr. Hawes</td>
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<td>Mitchell</td>
<td>Well done, Mitch! There was NO waste in your lunch box. You are being kind to our environment.</td>
<td>Enviro.</td>
<td>Mrs Everett</td>
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<td>Hayley</td>
<td>You used a variety of techniques to great effect in your drawing of the yellow flowers, Hayley. Well done!</td>
<td>ART</td>
<td>Mrs Everett</td>
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<td>Elly F/1B</td>
<td>You followed your design to create an excellent puppet of Elsa. Well done, Elly!</td>
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<td>Charlotte</td>
<td>What persistence you show in writing - sounding out words, including great ideas AND fullstops and capital letters. You are a star!</td>
<td>F/1B</td>
<td>Mrs. Bigwood</td>
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<td>Stellar</td>
<td>You have been persistent and worked hard on making fractions this week. Well done!</td>
<td>1/2H</td>
<td>Mr. Hevern</td>
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<td>Max, Brad, Onyx, Ben, Tayla &amp; Isabelle</td>
<td>For your excellent teamwork and problem solving skills in science. Well done!</td>
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<td>Miss Cornell</td>
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<td>Georgia</td>
<td>For your sportsmanship displayed during soccer day and persistence shown during maths.</td>
<td>5F</td>
<td>Mr Fraser</td>
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<td>Abbey</td>
<td>For your outstanding problem solving during our Maths challenge! Well done Abbey.</td>
<td>5/6H</td>
<td>Miss Hutcheson</td>
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<td>Lucy F/1L</td>
<td>Your puppet of Pippi Longstocking is just like your design, right down to the striped socks! Well done, Lucy!</td>
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November
2 Lily W
6 Angus W
7 Jordy T
8 Callum B
9 Lachlan H
10 Noah R
13 Elly B

2016 Poppy Appeal

Items from $1—$20
Available from the school office. Senior students will visit the classrooms for additional sales.

School Chaplain

The Chaplaincy Service at Gembrook Primary School aims to support the emotional wellbeing of students by providing pastoral care services and strategies that support the emotional wellbeing of the broader school community.

Pastoral care means looking after the personal needs of students, not just their academic needs, by providing general spiritual and personal support.

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

Please remember
to label your children’s school clothing. Unnamed and unclaimed lost property will be sold as 2nd hand uniforms!
OSHC

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 start available on request). 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

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.
**Community Notices**

**Emerald SES Trivia Night**

Thursday the 17th of November

Come down for a fun trivia night at Emerald Secondary College for a good cause. Help ESC raise money for the Emerald SES that they can put towards their new rescue truck. The work they do is amazing! Whenever a storm hits or even a windy night, they are out to make this community a safer place.

**425 Belgrave Gembrook Road Emerald**

We will be running the trivia night from 7 PM in L block. Reservations can be made at the school office. Table sizes can range from 4-8 people.

**Cockatoo Country Market**

First Saturday of Every Month (except January)

8.30am - 1.00pm

Pakenham Road, Cockatoo

**PRICES**

| Per person | Adults 10$ | ESC student 5$ | Under 10’s 2$ |

**ESC Contacts**

Office number: 5968 5388

**20% VIP SALE**

24 Nov to 26 Nov 16

Beleza Pakenham | 2/56 John Street, Pakenham

P: 5941 4989
Cockatoo Neighbourhood House is running classes in Circus Skills for primary school aged children on Mondays 4.30pm-5.30pm. The first class of this fun 6 weeks course is on Monday 7 November. Benefits of circus skills classes are incredible. It helps to improve hand-eye coordination, flexibility, strength, increases flexibility and develop self-confidence. It also teaches children about teamwork and trust.

For more information please contact Cockatoo Neighbourhood House on 5968 9031 or email cnhouse@iinet.net.au

It is very important for girls to develop confidence and strength to stand up for themselves, therefore Cockatoo Neighbourhood House organised a 6 week course Self Defence for Girls between the ages of 11 and 18 years. The course covers: Threat and Risk Awareness, Environment Awareness, Verbal Self Defence Techniques, Assertiveness and Confidence Building, De-escalation Strategies, Night Awareness, Training Ground Self Defence, Multiple Attackers Defence. There will also be some videos to watch. The course starts Tuesday 7 November, 5.30-6.30pm. For more information please contact Cockatoo Neighbourhood House on 5968 9031 or email cnhouse@iinet.net.au
**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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