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.

Diary Dates

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Notes that have gone home
- Family Bike Ride (whole school)
- Bike Ed (MLC)
- PFA Fruit Salad & Yoghurt Day (whole school)
- SLC Swimming

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

Book Club orders due
Friday 25 November
No late orders
Dear Families and Friends,

Last Sunday I was invited to attend a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Gembrook Uniting Church. The service was conducted by the Gembrook RSL and involved the Salvation Army and the Gembrook Scouts. Dignitaries that attended included Federal Government MP Jason Wood and State Government MP Brad Battin. The church was absolutely packed and it was great to see several Gembrook Primary School students in attendance along with their mums and dads. It was such a beautiful and solemn ceremony commemorating the signing of the armistice which effectively ended World War I. As I listened to the minister, the beautiful music and singing, I reflected on the wonderful community of Gembrook that facilitates and supports great events such as this. Apologies for any plagiarism but, Gembrook really is..........'The Place To Be'!

Disco!
What a fantastic evening we all had at our school disco last Friday. Kevin our magnificent DJ provided us with great music, moves, prizes and entertainment. Our kids looked fantastic and it was obvious that they (and mums and dads!) had spent lots of time and effort on their fancy dress.

Of course a huge thank you to our superb PFA who organised and ran the event. It looked like Tracey, Fiona, Sarah and Lisa were having as much fun as the kids! Also, thank you to our incredibly dedicated staff members who stayed back to help out. Again, a great team effort!

Human Powered Vehicles – Best wishes to our Gembrook team!
We wish our HPV team all the very best as they embark on their journey to Maryborough to complete in the RACV Energy Breakthrough HPV event starting today. It was with great excitement that Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hevern, our student HPV teams along with their amazing mums and dads set off yesterday. This year we have 19 students competing in 2 teams. A huge thank you to our wonderful and supportive parent helpers, in particular thank you to Andrew McKenzie for ongoing vehicle maintenance and support, Ben Bowden for welding and to Trevor Griffiths for vehicle painting. Thank you to everyone, including local businesses, who have very generously sponsored our racers! Thank you also to Mr Fraser and Mr Hevern for the large amount of organisation and preparation that goes into this event. I can’t wait to see the racing begin!

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.

Brendan
Principal
Trash & Treasure.

Wanted: Items you don't need.
Please drop them off in the School Office. Items might include toys, clothes, books, board games and much more. We would much appreciate it.
Thank you!

The Enterprise Market 2016😊
Come and support the business enterprise of our grades 5 & 6 at the annual Enterprise Market

The market is part of the SLC curriculum and is a MAGNIFICENT EVENT

Come and enjoy delicious food, fun activities and pick up a bargain at the Trash and Treasure! Fun for all the family!

Wednesday 30 November
3-4.30pm
Circle of Harmony
November
18  Sierra J
19  Will J
22  Charlotte M

It is HAT season once again. As a SunSmart school, all students MUST wear a hat for all outdoor activities. No hats means play is limited to shaded areas only.

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
Students in Grades 5 and 6 are excitedly planning and practising their design in preparation of painting two murals to attach to the vegetable garden fence. One will be an underwater scene, the other, a garden view.
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.
School procedures for the bushfire season

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 listed on the DEECD Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days' notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter, email & text. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 10:00 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:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- 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.
- As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.
- Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

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, reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

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, by checking our website www.gembrookps.vic.gov.au and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- 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.

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.
What: Horses & Bushfire Information Session

Where: Ash Wednesday Education Centre, McBride Street, Cockatoo

When: 4.00pm, 26 November 2016

Find out: Learn about how you and your horses can be prepared for bushfire

For more information: CFA District Office - 0767 1800

For more information on getting ready for the fire season visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au

If you belong to a community group or club, talk to us about arranging a customised session.

cfa.vic.gov.au/meetings

Please note that CFA postpones all community meetings when the Fire Danger Rating is Code Red, Extreme or Severe.
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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Cockatoo Country Market
First Saturday of Every Month (except January)
8.30am - 1.00pm
Pakenham Road, Cockatoo

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Fencing / Retaining Walls / Decks /