Gembrook Primary School

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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.

2 February 2017

A great beginning in the art room for 1/2H

Diary Dates

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MEDICAL INFO!

- Please inform the school office if your child suffers from a medical condition.
- If medicine is required at school please ensure it is supplied to the school office with clear instructions. Eg Ventolin, Panadol, antihistamine etc.
- A medication authority (available from the school office) must also be filled in.
- All asthma plans must be updated every year. If your child is due for an updated plan please contact your doctor for a new assessment and give a copy to the school office.

BOOK 3Way Conferences ONLINE

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews for grades 1-6 will be held on 14 & 15 February from 3.40pm onwards. Booking information and school code is on page 3 of the newsletter. Please contact the school office if you need assistance. Bookings close Tuesday 14 Feb at 2pm.

Essential Education Payments / School fees

Essential education payments are due on 13 February. The first payment for a payment plan is also due on 13 February. Essential Education items used by your child are to be paid for in full.

Notes that have gone home

- Get to know you interview-3Way Conferences (Parent/Teacher/Student) (Grades 1-6)
- Anaphylaxis / peanut allergy (all grades)

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

It is with great excitement that I write to you for the first time in 2017. I hope that your Christmas and holiday season has been brilliant and that you have had the opportunity to rest, relax and recuperate – but most importantly, to enjoy the delight of unstructured time with family and friends and to do the things you want to do.

Welcome back EVERYONE! A special word of welcome to all of our beautiful (and enthusiastic!) new prep students and their families who will join our wonderful school community - starting on Monday 6 Feb. The prep students are coming to school this week for a couple of hours each for entry interviews. We look forward to forging strong and lasting relationships with you as together we support your children on their life-journey at Gembrook Primary School.

A very warm welcome also to Ellie O’Mara, our newest member of staff. Ellie is teaching Grade 3/O in the MLC this year and we wish her all the best as she embarks on what I consider to be the VERY BEST job in the world. I must also make mention of our ‘new and improved’ Mr Hevern, who returns to us this year as a married man! Congratulations Mr. Hevern!

Of course ours is a very dynamic school and there is always lots happening. Term one for 2017 is certainly no exception. We commence the year with a structured ‘Start Up’ program that culminates in a whole school celebration on Tuesday 12th February-more info to come. The program assists students with orientation to the school and their new grade. Expectations for the year, including academic and social interaction, are just some of the topics covered. The program includes establishing routines for literacy, numeracy, science and specialist classes. Establishing agreed norms for effective and successful participation including upholding our school values of Respect and High Expectations is also an important aim of the program. Thanks Mrs. Bigwood for organising this year’s Start Up program.

Other special events for this term include:
- Murrundindi at our whole school assembly on Friday 10th Feb
- ‘Getting To Know You’ 3 Way Conferences (teacher/parent/student interviews) Tuesday 14th Feb and Wednesday 15th Feb
- Swimming Carnival Monday 20th February
- Whole school Information Evening Tuesday 21st February.
- Hawthorn Football Club Player Visit Monday 27th February
- Family Movie Night Friday 10th March
- Whole School Production ‘Quest’ Evening Show Monday 27th March

Gembrook Primary School Values:
I’m very excited to announce that following discussion and consultation with our school community, we have added ‘High Expectations’ to our existing ‘Respect’ school value. As a staff we have engaged in professional learning around high expectations and what that means for staff, students and the whole school community. Current research states that one of the things that improving and high performing schools have in common is that they set and maintain high expectations for the entire school. As stated above, our Start Up program will include unpacking and discussing ‘Respect’ and ‘High Expectations’ with all students. It would be great if you could regularly discuss ‘Respect’ and ‘High Expectations’ with your child (particularly over the next few weeks) as they begin their new school year.
Priorities for 2017

Once our 2017 Annual Implementation Plan has been formally approved, we will upload it to the school website. I can however, share with you our focus areas for this year. Our two formal improvement priorities are: ‘Excellence in teaching and learning’, and ‘Creating a positive climate for student learning’. Broadly speaking, the first priority will involve targeted and focused professional learning for staff, with a particular emphasis on literacy and numeracy. The second priority will involve increasing student voice, goal setting, celebrating achievement and building school pride. Underpinning these priorities and initiatives will be Gembrook Primary School’s values of Respect and High Expectations.

School improvement work over the holidays and a special thank you to Stu Watson:

A large amount of work on our buildings and grounds was completed over the holidays. The gravel driveway at the rear of the school was repaired and will now hopefully survive the next extreme weather event! Painting of external timber areas of the Senior Learning Centre was also completed.

I also want to say a special thank you to our own Stu Watson who spent A LOT of time here over the holidays completing a number of jobs including gardening, weeding, spraying, whipper snipping, blowing and cleaning out storage sheds. Stu regularly, and very generously, donates a large amount of time, as well as his skills and knowledge, to help our school community. Thanks Stu, your generosity is very much acknowledged and appreciated.

Thank you

A huge thank you to the Child family for hosting our chooks for their summer holiday! The chooks have reported that their holiday accommodation was most satisfactory and that the cuisine on offer was superb!

Whole school assembly

We would love to see you at our first whole school assembly for the year this Friday 3rd Feb at 9:00am. I’m really looking forward to seeing our new school captains deliver their first report!

Term 1 = Hats on!

Just a reminder that we ALL need to have our hats on at all times when we are outside.

Have a great week everyone and all the best!

Brendan Fitzpatrick
Principal

Students from grade 3/O with their new teacher, Ellie O’Mara
Get to Know You Interview-3 Way Conferences
(Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews)

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held from 3.40pm onwards between Tuesday 14th February and Wednesday 15th February 2017. These interviews provide a wonderful opportunity for parents and students to provide relevant information that will assist teachers in planning a rich, challenging, engaging and individual learning experience for your child at Gembrook Primary School.

You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS CLOSE Tuesday 14th of February at 2pm

Foundation students do not have an interview in first semester as they have a home visit from the teacher, please do not book an interview.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
OR Use the link on your Tiqbiz app
OR follow the link on the Gembrook Primary School Website
Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 56981313. Interviews are strictly 10mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 56981313

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
As a Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR) School, it is essential that all families are aware of what steps we put in place in the event of an emergency. We practise a variety of emergency evacuation drills on a regular basis and one of the most challenging aspects for us to is to ensure that we can communicate our plans effectively with our parent community.

Therefore please;

- Ensure that we have the latest details for your family- especially mobile numbers and home addresses and that you do receive our messages.
- Discuss with your children your fire plan- what we do in the case of emergencies should not be a surprise to anyone either at home or in the school environment.
- Ensure that devices such as mobile phones are fully charged on days of total fire ban etc.
- Sign in at the office any time you are on our premises so that we are aware of exactly who needs to be accounted for.

Please note that in almost all scenarios, it is safest for students be at school and dismissed as normal at the end of the school day. In the event of an emergency it is highly likely that communication into the school will be challenging and we will utilise text messages as a way of keeping parents informed.

**Please note:** You will receive a TEST message on Friday 3\(^{rd}\) February. Please DO NOT attempt to reply to this message however *if you DO NOT receive a test message, please contact the school office asap.*

Outlined below are some of our procedures for different emergency scenarios;

**Lockdown**
If there is a gas leak or any other scenario where students are safest inside, students will move to the closest inside space- this will generally be inside the classroom. Depending on the situation, lights may be turned off and doors locked, whilst on other occasions it may be more relaxed.

**Evacuation Onsite**
Typically this would be to the OSHC/ Performing Arts Room where we have access to toilets and water. Our other onsite evacuation point is the school oval.
Evacuation Offsite
Our first option is to walk to JAC Russell Park in Main St. Gembrook, whilst our next option would be to walk to the Gembrook Football Oval.

Days of Total Fire Ban
School is open as normal and students keep their shoes on whilst in class. We monitor events and potential issues very closely. Additionally, classes have a ‘Fire Roll’ which is checked at the commencement of each learning session and moves with the grade throughout the day to specialist classes to ensure all students are accounted for. Conditions will also be monitored prior to the release of the school bus at the conclusion of the school day. If your fire plan is to move off the mountain I would encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience.

Code Red Days
*As a Bushfire at Risk School (BAR) we are closed on any Code Red Day.* We haven’t had one of these days since this has been introduced but it is highly likely that we will encounter one in the future. Once this has been declared it will not change regardless of changes in weather conditions and means that it is illegal for myself and staff to be on premises at all during that particular day. We will communicate this in advance via notices, text messages and signs and typically it will also be promoted in the newspapers, internet and television.

The CFA continue to explain that there are very few times where they don’t like students to be at school. They prefer to have students all in the one space so they can focus their energies on keeping the school site safe, rather than having students at home or in other locations. We are fortunate that Gembrook CFA is located close to the school and apps such as VicEmergency provide up to date information.

Regards,
Brendan Fitzpatrick
Principal
A memo from the Department of Education:
Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to schools

Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance / ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance / ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents / guardians for individual students.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Conveyance Allowance 2017
Applications are now available for conveyance allowance for Term 1.
This allowance is available to Gembrook Primary School students who use a private car to travel to school and who live 4.8k or more by the shortest practicable route from the school or the last stop on the school bus route and attend the nearest appropriate school at which admission is possible.
Your application is valid for the entire school year if your circumstances do not change.

Application Forms are available at the school office and should be submitted to the school by Monday 15th February. More information about the Conveyance Allowance Program is available at http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/finance/Pages/conveyance.aspx

VERY IMPORTANT-SMS TEST MESSAGE to school community

On Friday 3 Feb the school will send a test SMS message to all registered parent mobile phone numbers.

The SMS system may be used in Emergency or Urgent situations to keep the community informed. If you did not receive the SMS message please contact the school office as soon as possible.

NEVER LEAVE KIDS IN CARS
NO EXCEPTIONS, NO EXCUSES.
Gembrook Primary School

Drive In Movie Night
Friday March 10, 2017
$30 per car

Sing is an animated musical. The famed Moon theatre is falling apart under the management of koala bear Buster Moon, whose last best idea to get back on top is to host a singing competition for the whole town. Everyone does indeed come by to audition, but mostly because flyers mistakenly advertise a $100,000 prize.
ARRIVING SAFELY AT SCHOOL

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 on 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 sued 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 rolling area 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 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.
The Department of Education and Training (DET) in association with Emergency Management Victoria have worked closely to develop new policy that will ensure Victorian schools are prepared for bushfire season. Currently when a Code Red Fire Danger Rating (FDR) day has been determined, schools on the Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR) are required to pre-emptively close.

Now, under a new policy developed by DET certain schools in exceptional circumstances may also pre-emptively close or relocate on days where an Extreme FDR day has been forecast.

A decision to close or relocate will only be made in extreme circumstances and through consultation with the Department of Education and Training, and advice from Emergency Management Victoria.

Parents will be notified of any closure or relocation by 3.00pm the day prior to the forecast Extreme (FDR) day.

Our highest priority is the safety of all of our students and staff, and the Department and Emergency Management Victoria have worked closely on this policy to ensure that all schools are prepared for the bushfire season.

Any parents wishing to receive further information about this policy can contact the school office 59681313.

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

Student Banking will be processed on Thursdays. - starting next week on Thursday 9 Feb.

Drop bank books at the school office or put in the class room tub.

Contact Details

Please update your contact details if they have changed.

It is vitally important that parents / carers can be easily contacted in case of an emergency.

January
30 Zac S
31 Liam B
   Eli Z

February
2   Jayda
3   Hayley W
4   Tayla H
   Mackenzie B
7   Hollie K
10  Nathan K
Applications must be received by June 23, 2017. To receive the earliest possible payment apply by 15th February, 2017.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
School Apps for your convenience

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced ‘quicker’) by MasterCard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:
- Pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions and more;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.

Getting started is easy – try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app.

Step 2 Register
Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register.

Step 3 Find our school
Our school will appear in ‘Nearby Locations’ if you’re within 10km’s of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.
Add your children’s details in Student Profiles

Select ‘Add student profile’

Add each child’s details

Manage each child’s details in Student Profiles

Purchase school items

Select a menu from our school

Select child you are ordering for

Select your items

Tap ‘Checkout’ then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet

At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.
We have a school app

We are now using an app to send instant messages, newsletters and notices.

The tiqbiz app will help our school keep parents fully informed and up-to-date with newsletters, notices, news and events. It’s easy to use and also has the benefit of helping reduce our paper consumption by printing less.

The first step is to download tiqbiz to your phone, tablet, computer…. or all of them.

Available on the App Store

- iPhone and iPad.
  Go to the Apple App Store and search tiqbiz.
  During installation, click ‘allow’ notifications when asked.

Available on Google Play

- Android smartphone and tablet.
  Go to Google play and search tiqbiz.

Available on tiqbiz.com

- Windows & Mac computers.
  Go to www.tiqbiz.com and click on the download button.

Once installed, follow the steps on the next page to tick on our school.

www.tiqbiz.com
Find and tick our school

1. Log-in
   Open tiqbiz and register/log-in.

2. Find our school
   Click the 'Find' icon and type our school name into the search bar. You will now see all of our school boxes.

3. Tick
   Click on the grey tick beside our school box and any other boxes that apply to you.

4. Inbox
   Click on the Inbox icon. This is where you will receive our instant messages, newsletters, notices and calendar events.

Tech support
Tiqbiz support is available 8:30am-5:30pm weekdays.
03 9800 1489 team@tiqbiz.com
tiqbiz.com
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.
Dear families

Anaphylaxis

I am writing to your regarding the important issue of Anaphylaxis. There are a growing number of children who suffer from a variety of allergies. Most serious are those allergic to nuts and nut products, and their severe reaction is known as anaphylaxis. At Gembrook, we have a child who is in this category.

The teaching staff have a number of procedures in place to ensure that appropriate precautions are taken. Parents are requested to be very conscious of the danger that nuts and nut products (e.g. peanut butter, nutella chocolate spread) pose for these children.

We ask you to support the health of these children by, where possible, not sending peanut products to school in your child’s lunch. Peanut butter for breakfast and dinner but not for lunch! And please wash hands thoroughly if handling these foods before coming into the school. If you are sending food for sharing, perhaps for a birthday, we ask that we are informed prior to the time, so that the parents of these children are given the opportunity to provide a special treat for them on the day.

Thank you

Brendan Fitzpatrick
Principal
LIVING WITH AUTISM

Are you a parent/carer of a child on the autism spectrum?

Join with other parents/carers to share experiences, ideas and learn strategies in a relaxed, friendly place.

During the 6 weeks you will:
- Discuss why the behaviours are happening
- Identify new ideas and strategies
- Hear from other parents and share experiences
- Identify new supports

WHEN: Thursday 16th Feb to Thursday 23rd March
(6 weeks consecutively)

TIME: 9.30am - 11.30am

WHERE: Pakenham Hills Primary School,
15 Kennedy Road, Pakenham

WHO: Parents, grandparents, carers of children with a diagnosis of autism

For bookings & enquiries contact:
Parentzone Southern 1300 984 011
or Joanne Templeton 0499 007 418 or
03 5945 2000
Joanne.Templeton@anglicarevic.org.au

FREE BUT BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Refreshments Provided

1300 984 011 | anglicarevic.org.au
### Checklist for Parents

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<td>The Asthma Care/Action Plan tells the school how to manage your child’s asthma and what to do if their asthma gets worse. This should be updated &amp; signed by the doctor on an annual basis.</td>
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<td>Does your child carry their reliever puffer and spacer with them at all times? Or is it readily available to their Carers?</td>
<td>Medication needs to be available wherever your child may be (school, child care, sporting field, home)</td>
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<td>Are you and your child aware of their asthma triggers?</td>
<td>Do you take steps to avoid these triggers? Are the Teachers aware of these triggers?</td>
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<td>Do you listen to what your child says?</td>
<td>They will be aware of their asthma symptoms and should be able to tell you when they need their medication.</td>
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<td>Does your child take their asthma medication correctly?</td>
<td>Good technique allows more medication to get into the lungs where it is needed. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like to check your device technique.</td>
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Puffing Billy Railway is happy to offer all Gembrook residents and traders a 10% discount to buy tickets for Day out with Thomas Autumn Season 2017. Tickets can be purchased online and please be aware of the terms and conditions below, as well as the terms and conditions to all ticket holders.

Visit www.puffingbilly.com.au and use the promotional code GEMLOCAL

Book online to receive a 10% Discount for up to a maximum of six tickets for the Autumn 2017 season of Day Out With Thomas.

Terms & Conditions: Offer is only valid for the Autumn 2017 season of Day Out With Thomas and subject to availability. Not valid for group bookings, other Puffing Billy products or events, gift vouchers or in conjunction with any other Puffing Billy offer/discount. Discount is subject to availability and only available by booking online at puffingbilly.com.au with the promo code GEMLOCAL. Bookings close at 12pm on the Friday prior to the event dates unless fully booked earlier.

Mum’s Exercise Class (dads welcome too)

Join Tarsh in the Multi
On Tuesdays & Fridays @ 9.30am (starting Tuesday 7 February)
Boost Metabolism
Increase fitness, strength & overall health

$10 per class

Bring a bottle of water, a towel & a mat (if you have one)

For more information phone Tarsh 0412 183 329
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