

# Gembrook Primary School



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**Vision:** *To provide every student with every opportunity to be the best they can be.*

## Mission Statement A view to the future

*Gembrook Primary School is a vibrant and aspirational education community, providing a safe and supportive learning environment that enables a personalised, engaging and challenging learning program. Our objective is for students to achieve the academic, social, emotional and physical growth to thrive in a global society*



**17th May, 2024**

# DIARY DATES

| <b><u>MAY</u></b>  |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Friday 17th        | <b><i>Curriculum Day</i></b>  |
| Monday 20th        | <i>Poetry Expo—(Prep-Grade 2 2pm-2.30pm) (Grade 3-6 2.30pm-3pm)</i> |
| Wednesday 22nd     | <i>School Council</i>   |
| Thursday 23rd      | <i>Ecowarriors Planting at Gembrook Park (Select students)</i>      |
| Saturday 25th      | <i>Gembrook Primary School Open Day (Saturday 9-12pm)</i>           |
| Tuesday 28th       | <i>School Photos</i>  |
| Thursday 30th      | <i>Pie Drive Delivery</i>   |
| Thursday 30th      | <i>Ecowarriors Planting at Gembrook Park (Select students)</i>      |
| <b><u>JUNE</u></b> |   |
| Tuesday 4th        | <i>Division Cross Country (Select students)</i>                     |
| Thursday 6th       | <i>Grade 3/4 Camp Information afternoon</i>                         |
| Monday 10th        | <i>Kings Birthday Public Holiday</i>                                |
| Wednesday 12th     | <i>Lightning Premiership Grade 6 Students</i>                       |

*Gembrook Primary School respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional owners of the land on which we meet, share ideas and work together. We also pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.*



# A Note From Mrs Koble

Dear families and carers,

Time flies when you're having fun! And what fun we're having at Gembrook! It has been a real pleasure to watch our students learn and grow over the last two-weeks. The amount of students I have knocking on my door to share their poetry with me, or stopping by the kiss and drop in the morning to tell me about their recent soccer match has been wonderful.

A couple of highlights and upcoming events:

## PFA Thank You

A huge thank you to our dedicated PFA for the phenomenal work they have put into our recent School Disco and Mother's Day stall. We appreciate your time and care in supporting our students and school!

I also want to thank the community for your engagement in these events and I look forward to sharing the way in which our school fundraising efforts are contributing to our school and students.

## Walk to School Day

Despite the rain and cold, we had approximately 50 students turn up last Friday morning at the skate park to walk to school together! A huge thank you to Ms Young from 3/4B for making this happen and to all the parents and families who showed up early and encouraged their student/s to get active and make the trek up the hill to school with us.

## Education Support Day

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** is Education Support Day! I want to send a huge shout out to our Education Support staff who are so very dedicated to the wellbeing and learning of our students, teachers, and community. If you see one of our many Education Support staff members, don't forget to give them a big ol' thank you for their hard work, dedication and professionalism – without them GPS wouldn't be the same!

## Curriculum Day

This **Friday, 17 May** will be a student-free day. Our dedicated staff will be spending the day learning and working to provide our students with the best possible school and learning experiences! Don't forget to book your spot at OshClub as soon as possible, if you need.

## Poetry Expo

Next **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May** will see our students celebrating the culmination of our recent poetry learning! School doors will be open from **2pm – 3.15pm** to the families and friends of Gembrook Primary School to share in our students poetry anthologies. We will also have poetry recitals from the F-2 students from 2 – 2.30pm and from the 3-6 students from 2.30 – 3pm, in the Circle of Harmony!

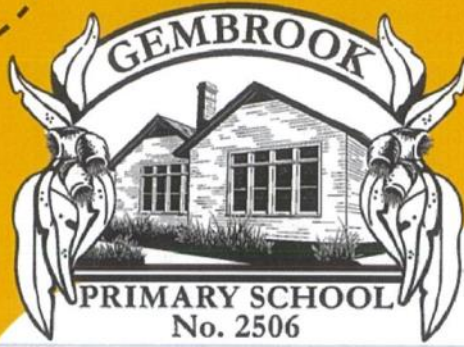
## Open Day

Finally, a reminder that our annual Open Day will be held next **Saturday, 25 May from 9am – 12pm**. Families, friends, community members, and potential future GPS student families are most welcome to join us on this day. Student work will be on display and student-led guided tours will be held throughout the morning. I will also be available for a chinwag! And of course, the playgrounds will be in full swing! We look forward to seeing you then.

In the meantime, I hope everyone has a lovely weekend ahead. I look forward to seeing you at our Open Day next Saturday!

Warm regards,

Steph Koble



# GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

We warmly welcome all current and prospective families to take a tour of our beautiful grounds and inspiring classrooms.

Saturday  
25th May  
9am-12pm

During your visit you can;

- enjoy a student led guided tour
- meet the teachers
- learn about our teaching and learning programs
- observe student work examples and more!



# Gembrook Primary School

## Poetry Expo

20th of May 2024

2:00pm - 3:15pm

Please join students in their classrooms to  
share in their Poetry Anthologies  
with

2:00pm - 2:30pm - Prep to Grade 2 Recital

2:30pm - 3:00pm Grade 3-6 Recital

Each class performing a poem, followed by  
individual students.

Performed in the Circle of Harmony



# District Cross Country

Wednesday 15th May  
Lilydale Lake



## Upcoming Tree Works 27<sup>th</sup> of May

The Department of Education Safe Trees Program has funded an Arborist Audit & Tree Management Plan for our school. The arborist attended on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March and a report of the urgent, high, medium, and low risk tree works has been provided. There were no trees of urgent risk. The Department of Education is funding the work to 20 trees assessed as being high-risk. These works will commence on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May and take up to 4 days to complete.

Two trees will be removed, the dead Prunus next to the junior playground and an Acacia Melanoxylon (Blackwood) between the front boundary fence and the junior playground which is straggly and in poor health.

The remainder of the tree works involve removing deadwood that is at risk of falling, reducing canopy weight, and trimming clear of playgrounds, neighbouring properties and fences.

Two trees will have bracing installed, one of the gum trees near the chicken coop and one of the oak trees with a five-way trunk at the front of the school. The medium and low risk trees will be reassessed through the same Safe Trees program again in 2025

# SchoolPix

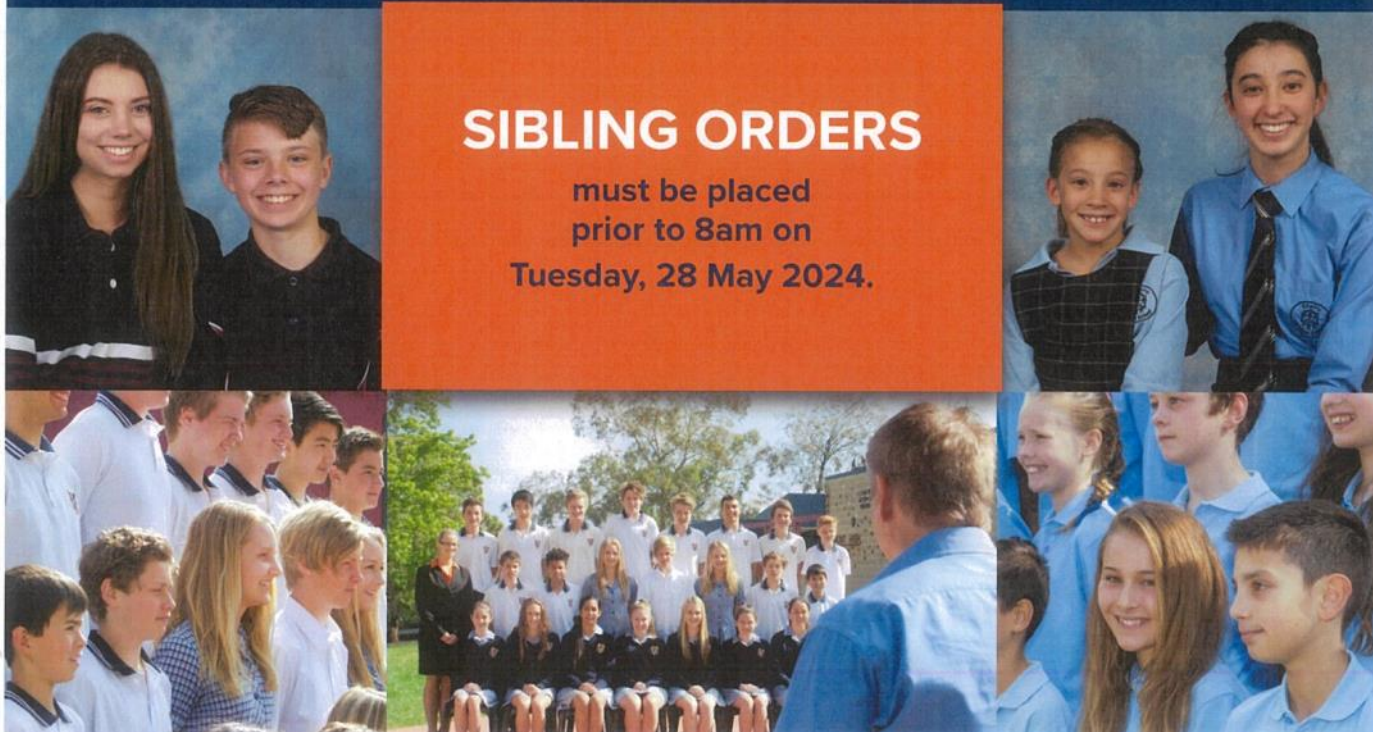
## GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

**Tuesday, 28 May 2024**

Early Bird orders with **FREE DELIVERY**  
to your school **CLOSE 5 WORKING DAYS** after  
your last photography session.

A postage fee will apply for orders placed after this date.



Order at [order.schoolpix.com.au](https://order.schoolpix.com.au)

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Please visit [www.schoolpix.com.au](https://www.schoolpix.com.au) and use the student search to find your child's unique ID or contact our **Customer Care team** on **1300 766 055** or [help@schoolpix.com.au](mailto:help@schoolpix.com.au).

# STARS OF THE WEEK



## TERM 2 WEEK 4

### ***Huey PrepA***

Huey, you have put so much effort into your learning this week. You are recording in your reader's notebook while independently reading, recording sounds while writing poetry, and working on your teen numbers in maths. Keep it up Huey!

### ***Leif PrepB***

I have been so impressed with your increased participation this term. You have been sharing more during class discussions, and actively collaborating with peers when engaging in group activities. Magnificent effort Leif, keep it up!

### ***Kaia 12B***

Kaia, your positive attitude and enthusiasm towards your work and your peers is out of this world! You give everything your very best effort. You are producing a fabulous anthology of poems as a result! Kaia you are a superstar!

### ***William 12C***

William, it has been truly amazing to see how your poems come alive on your pages and I look forward to them all coming together in your anthology. Well, done and keep up the amazing work you do!

### ***Sonny 34A***

Sonny, your dedication to teamwork within our classroom is exemplary. Your active listening and participation in discussions, and commitment to inclusivity set a standard for your peers. Your presence greatly enhances our collective learning experience.

### ***Tyler 34B***

Tyler, you are showing a good level of interest in your schoolwork and asking for feedback on your learning tasks. Your determination to improve your spelling is admirable. Keep up the great work, Tyler!

### ***Oliver 34C***

For your absolutely phenomenal work during maths this week. You have superbly solved all of our worded maths problems and excelled in your understanding of rounding to make an estimation. Amazing effort, Oliver!

### ***Hunter 56A***

Hunter, your peers have recognised your willingness to engage in tasks to the best of your ability, and to focus on your learning. Thank you for displaying these P.B.L. values, keep it up Hunter!

### ***Arabella 56C***

Arabella, this week you have been voted as star of the week by our class. They have recognised your ability to be on time and on task, and your ability to stay focused on your learning and try your best. I've always admired your ability to work diligently at tasks, no matter what the subject matter. You're a champ!

### ***Octavia-Art***

Octavia, you have been so focused during our poetry-inspired art lessons! You have been following instructions and exploring brave uses of colour! Your impressionist garden painting was inspiring!

### ***Tallulah-PE***

Tallulah, you have approached the beginning of the netball unit with such enthusiasm, and I can see you developing game sense. I love seeing your defensive skills on display.

### ***Layne-Auslan***

Layne, you have become such a super star in Auslan. You have demonstrated great respect by focusing on the mini lesson and asking clarifying questions about different signs.

I am so proud of the growth you have made.

Well done, Layne.

# **Academic Awards**

## **Term 2 Week 2**

Reader of the Week: *Cooper 56C*

Writer of the Week: *Elsie PrepA*

Speller of the Week: *Arlo 12B*

Mathlete of the Week: *Walker 34B*

# **Academic Awards**

## **Term 2 Week 4**

Reader of the Week: *Jax 12C*

Writer of the Week: *Lyla 34C*

Speller of the Week: *Nathan 56B*

Mathlete of the Week: *Lance PrepB*



# Positive Behaviours for Learning

Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) is a whole school approach for establishing the **social, cultural** and **individualised** expectations and supports needed for all students to achieve both social and academic success.



Positive Behaviours for Learning

## LEARNING SPACES

### RESPECT

- I focus on the teacher during mini lessons.
- I make others feel welcome and part of our school team.
- I am organised with my equipment.
- I ask permission before leaving the classroom.
- I pack up after myself and keep learning spaces tidy.

### HIGH EXPECTATIONS

- I stay focussed on my learning and try my best.
- I take care and pride in my work.
- I am honest and take responsibility for my actions.
- I move between lessons quickly and quietly.
- I am on time and on task.



Positive Behaviours for Learning

## AT ALL TIMES

### RESPECT

- I use positive language in a calm voice, when I speak.
- I follow instructions the first time.
- I treat all belongings with care.
- I keep my hands and feet to myself.
- I listen to what others have to say, and wait for my turn.

### HIGH EXPECTATIONS

- I have a growth mindset.
- I care for resources.
- I engage in all tasks to the best of my ability.
- I look after my peers.
- I walk quietly and calmly in roll order, when moving between classes.



Positive Behaviours for Learning

## TOILETS

### RESPECT

- I use locks, doors and seats for their intended purpose.
- I use one pump of soap and then wash my hands with water.
- I turn off the taps, after I wash my hands.
- I flush the toilet, when I have finished.
- I leave the toilets clean and tidy.

### HIGH EXPECTATIONS

- I go to the toilet at playtime, or with staff permission.
- I go directly to and from the toilets, wearing my shoes.
- I only use the toilets when I need to.
- I let staff know if the toilet space is not neat and tidy.
- I wait quietly for my partner.



Positive Behaviours for Learning

## PLAYGROUND

### RESPECT

- I try my best to include others.
- I play safely and use school equipment as intended.
- I eat my rubbish-free food outside the library.
- I care for the environment.

### HIGH EXPECTATIONS

- I ask a yard duty teacher when I need help.
- I stay in the designated play areas.
- I use music time to go to the toilet, wash my hands and get a drink.
- I return to class before the bell.
- I am a SunSmart student.



Positive Behaviours for Learning

## SPORTS AREAS

### RESPECT

- I include all players in all sports.
- I look after the equipment and use it appropriately.
- I share and take turns with my peers.
- I use an appropriate voice level during sport and P.E.
- I accept the umpires decision.

### HIGH EXPECTATIONS

- I follow instructions and the rules of the game.
- I am a "good sport" at all times, and take defeat graciously.
- I return equipment that I borrow.
- I encourage my peers to be the best person they can be.



Positive Behaviours for Learning

## ASSEMBLIES

### RESPECT

- I follow all instructions quickly and quietly.
- I applaud my peers, when they receive awards.
- I actively listen during assembly.
- I sit down and stand up, when asked.

### HIGH EXPECTATIONS

- I walk quietly and calmly, in roll order, to and from assembly.
- I sit where I have been asked by a teacher.
- I stand still, when we sing the national anthem.
- I sing proudly, during the national anthem and school song.

# SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

## GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY LUNCH ORDERS TERM 2 2024

|            | <b>Weekly Lunch<br/>Special<br/>\$5.50</b>                  | <b>Weekly Treat<br/>Special<br/>\$3.00</b> | <b>Juice<br/>\$3.00</b>   |
|------------|---|--|---|
| 18TH APRIL | Mild Chicken and Veg Curry<br>With Rice (GF)                | Shortbread Cookie                          | Apple   |
| 25TH APRIL | ANZAC DAY   | NO LUNCHES                                 | Pineapple   |
| 2ND MAY    | Sausage Roll<br>With Tomato sauce (DF)                      | Blueberry Muffin (DF)(V)                   | Orange  |
| 9TH MAY    | Quiche.<br>1 - Bacon<br>2 - Pumpkin and Spinach             | Gingerbread Cookie                         | <p><b>PLEASE NOTE</b></p> <p>Due to items being prepared in Bulk in a short amount of time.</p> <p>We can unfortunately not make alterations or substitutions to the menu items.</p> <p>If a week has a choice of 2 options and none have been requested, the vegetarian option will be provided to your child automatically.</p> |
| 16TH MAY   | Pizza<br>1 - Hawaiian.<br>2 - Margherita.                   | Apple Muffin (DF)(V)                       |   |
| 23RD MAY   | Beef bolognaise with pasta and cheese.                      | Cornflake Cookie.                          |   |
| 30TH MAY   | Beef Slider<br>With lettuce, cheese and tomato sauce.       | Cookies & Cream Slice                      |   |
| 6TH JUNE   | Creamy Pumpkin Soup<br>With a dinner roll. (V)              | Raspberry and Chocolate Muffin (DF)(V)     |   |
| 13TH JUNE  | Spinach and Cheese Gnocchi<br>With Napoli sauce and cheese. | Fairybread Cookie                          |   |
| 20TH JUNE  | Chicken Schnitzel Wrap<br>With lettuce, mayo and cheese.    | Lemon Slice.                               |   |

### HOW IT WORKS

#### ORDER ONLINE VIA OUR WEBSITE

Select your order from the School Lunch Section Only.  
Add Student's name and class in comments.

PLACE AND CHECK-OUT ORDER BETWEEN 4PM TUESDAY AND 9.00AM THURSDAY

# Happy Birthday


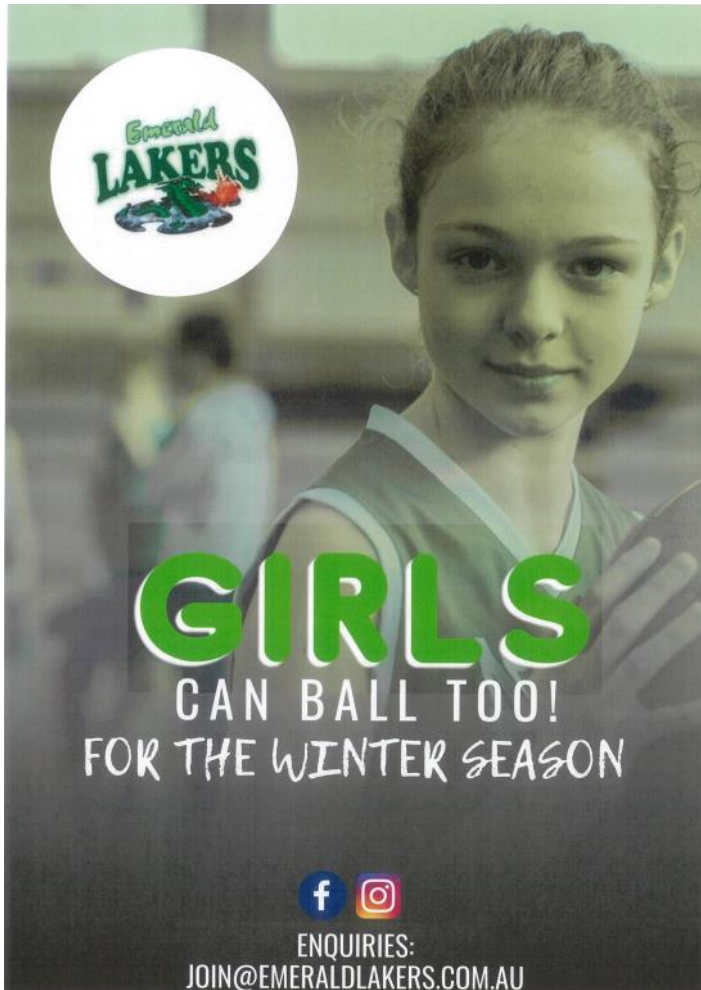
## May




12th Oakland 12A  
19th Liam PrepA  
20th Jack 12B  
23rd Layla 34C  
30th Sean 34B  
31st Luke 56A  
31st Lachlan 56C



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**GIRLS**  
CAN BALL TOO!  
FOR THE WINTER SEASON

ENQUIRIES:  
JOIN@EMERALDLAKERS.COM.AU



## Bringing Up Great Kids

A six-session parenting program for parents or carers of children aged 2-12 years. **Bringing Up Great Kids (BUGK) promotes respectful, caring, and nurturing relationships between parents and their children.**

The program encourages mindfulness and reflection to enhance parents and carers communication with their children. It helps parents explore the influences in their own parenting practices.

BUGK aims to:

- Help parents and carers to reflect and develop meaningful interactions with their children.
- Learn more about brain development and how this influences a child's thoughts, feelings, and behaviours.
- Understand the meaning behind children's behaviours.
- Help identify obstacles parents are experiencing that might affect their ability to parent the way they would like.
- Explore ways of increasing parents' self-care and wellbeing.

Cost  
Free

Date  
Every Tuesday  
30<sup>th</sup> April – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
**\*No group 14<sup>th</sup> May**

Time  
10am until 12:30pm  
Light refreshments will be served

Venue  
Uniting Pakenham  
Level 2/50 Station Street,  
Pakenham

Get in touch

**Bookings Essential**

Please call the Group Workers on **03 5990 8400** to register or email:

[groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org](mailto:groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org)

[unitingvictas.org.au](http://unitingvictas.org.au)

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## Let's Give Back To Our Local Emergency Services!

Supported by Cardinia Council with full support from the local CFA and SES

Would you like to make a difference in your community while capturing timeless memories with your loved ones?

We're looking for local hills families to take part in a special photography project. "HILLS WITH HEART".

For a \$100 participation fee – to be 100% donated to the local CFA or SES of your choice, this is what you will receive:

- ~ Family Photography Session.
- ~ Archival Print in an 11x14" Mat.
- ~ A place in our "Hills with Heart" exhibition.
- ~ A page in the "Hills with Heart" Photo Book.

Your contribution not only supports the amazing men and women who serve our community but also creates lasting memories for your family to treasure.

Join us in making a difference today! .

Places are limited so please be quick. Head to:

[www.sharpmemories.com.au/hills-with-heart](http://www.sharpmemories.com.au/hills-with-heart)

to apply or find out more. Together, let's show our gratitude and support for our local heroes. ❤️

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# Have Your Say

## 2025-2029 Council Plan

**Are you passionate about the Yarra Ranges and want to help shape its future?**

This year we will be developing our 2025-2029 Council Plan, as well as our longer-term Asset and Finance Plans, which will outline our high-level priorities for Council over the coming years. You can have your say or keep up to date with its progress by visiting [shaping.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/yarra-ranges-shape-your-future](http://shaping.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/yarra-ranges-shape-your-future).



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