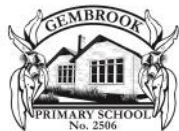


# Gembrook Primary School



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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*



**31st May, 2024**

# DIARY DATES

<u>JUNE</u>	
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>
Monday 10th	<i>Last orders for Nugget and Chips Day</i>
Wednesday 12th	<i>Lightning Premiership Grade 6 Students</i>
Friday 14th	<i>Cultural Awareness Incursion</i>
Wednesday 19th	<i>School Council Meeting</i>
Thursday 20th	<i>Landcare Excursion Grade 5/6</i>
Friday 21st	<i>Nugget and Chips Day</i>
Thursday 27th	<i>Grade 5/6 Life Ed</i>
Friday 28th	<i>Last Day of Term 2 (2:30pm finish)</i>
<u>JULY</u>	
Monday 15th	<i>First Day of Term 3</i>
Wednesday 17th—Friday 19th	<i>Grade 5/6 Camp</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,

A pinch and a punch for the first of the month this coming Saturday – welcome to June!

A couple of highlights and upcoming events:

## Open Day

We had lots of new families tour our beautiful school on Saturday morning. A big shout out to our 14 student representatives who hosted our school tours. We had nothing but positive feedback about their engaging and informative school tours; with every nook, cranny and corner of the school explored and explained. Thank you also to our committed teaching staff who made themselves available for these prospective families – your dedication to our school community is valued.

## School Photo Day

Our recent School Photo Day went smoothly, and our students looked fantastic! Everyone looked spick and span, with not a loose hair or smudged nose on display, most importantly, everyone smiled brightly for the camera. The photographers did a great job, and the students were cooperative, making the day enjoyable and successful. We're excited for you to see the wonderful photos that were taken!

## Yard Works

This week has seen some of our trees have a haircut and our senior playground have the last of our ground markings installed. We are looking forward to the continued installation of our Inclusive Playground over the coming months.

## Family Vision Building Evening

Communication has gone home last week about our upcoming Family Vision Building Evening on **Wednesday, June 5 at 5.30pm – 6.30pm**. This is an opportunity for families to come and add their voice to the school vision for the next 4 years, to tell us what you love about the school and what your hopes are for your child's education here at GPS. We look forward to seeing you there!

## A Spotlight on Sleep

As we pull toward the end of term, I want to shine a spotlight on sleep! Importantly, the importance of quality and appropriate quantity of sleep for children is incredibly beneficial. It enhances memory retention, allowing students to absorb and recall information more effectively. It also plays a critical role in regulating mood and managing stress, helping students to remain more focused and engaged during school hours.

### *Why is sleep important?*

Sleep restores children physically. It helps them learn and remember things, and it boosts immunity. And sleep helps children grow. For example, children's bodies produce growth hormone when they're asleep. Children of all ages need to get **enough sleep so they can play, learn and concentrate** during the day.

### *School-age children: when and how much they sleep*

Children aged 5-11 years need 9-11 hours of sleep a night.

Children over 5 years of age rarely nap during the day. If your child often needs daytime naps, it's good to check they're getting enough sleep overnight. See your GP if you have concerns. Primary school-age children are usually tired after school and might look forward to bedtime from about 7.30 pm.

*Teenagers: when and how much they sleep*

Children entering puberty generally need about **8-10 hours of sleep** a night.

Changes to the circadian rhythm during adolescence mean it's normal for teenagers to want to go to bed later at night – often around 11 pm or later – then get up later in the morning. Good daytime habits and sleep environment habits can help teenagers get enough sleep.

*Over 90% of adolescent children don't get the recommended amount of sleep on school nights. Getting enough good-quality sleep is important during this period, because sleep is vital for thinking, learning and concentration skills. Lack of sleep in these years has also been linked to mental health conditions like depression and anxiety.*

To read more from Raising Children Network , visit [www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au)



I hope everyone gets a great night sleep this weekend!

Warm regards,

Steph Koble

# School Council Snapshot from the 22nd May 2024

## **Student Representatives Report**

Flynn informed council about the SRC the students' experiences since the last meeting. Students enjoyed the poetry expo and having family and friends attend, they are now enjoying informative writing as they can share the things, they have a special interest in. Electives have been popular, and the students are glad they have returned for term 2. Flynn also informed council about the latest two excursions for the Grade 5 & 6 students. He recognised the efforts of several students who had success at the district cross country and will compete at the next level and spoke about the Landcare visit to Cannibal Creek where they learned to identify native plants and their uses.

## **Annual Implementation Plan 2024**

The School Strategic plan and annual implementation plan are in the consultation stage. A forum for community consultation will be held on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June with nibbles provided. This is currently advertised on Compass.

## **Finance:**

The Finance committee reported on the sound position for March & April 2024. The purpose for fundraising for 2024 was discussed with the decision made to fund further playground improvements. The profit from fundraising to the end of April was \$1,674.86. The confirmed cash budget was presented and passed. Council approved the procurement of a concrete paths to the shed and around the bike shed to the proposed new bus gate, painting of two classrooms buildings, and the school funded items for the inclusive playground. Discussion about plans for a library and book upgrade were also had.

## **Policies**

The following policies were tabled.

- Sunsmart Policy 2024.

## **Excursions, Camps and Activities:**

- **EDEC Lightning Premiership, June 12<sup>th</sup>**, at Worrell Reserve and Pepi's land Emerald for grade 5 & 6 students at a cost of \$10 per student
- **Grade 5 & 6 Life Education sessions, June 27<sup>th</sup>**, at a cost of \$20 per student for the Grade 5 session and \$36 per student for the longer Grade 6 session.
- **Performing Arts Production** at EPAC on the in the last week of term 3 with the date to be confirmed at a cost of \$12.00 per seat.
- **The Ecowarriors** have two planting sessions in Gembrook Park with the local Landcare team on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of May.
- **Grade 5 & 6 Landcare Caring for Country excursions, May 16<sup>th</sup> & June 20<sup>th</sup>**, provided by the Westernport Landcare network and the Parks Victoria Innovation Fund 2024.

## **Fundraising**

Term 3 Fundraising was discussed

**Footy Day Hot Dog lunch order, July 23rd.** Prices will be \$4 for a hotdog in a roll and \$2 for an apple or orange juice.

**Trivia Night, August 16th,** with \$10 entry fee and a silent auction

**Special Friends Day, August 26th.** The PFA will sell plates of cakes/sweets for \$4-\$6, and a cup of tea or coffee for \$2.

**Fathers Day Stall, August 29th and 30th.** Prices are between 50c and \$15.

### **Buildings and Grounds:**

The Inclusive playground grant works still have one more line marking activity to be painted.

The school-raised funds components of the inclusive playground will be:

- Cubby
  - Sunlight Arbour
  - Rubber Lizard
  - Babel Drum
  - 3 additional toadstool seats
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- The Rolling Facilities Evaluation report has been received. This report details the maintenance activities the school must address over the next 5 years and is the basis of maintenance funding from the Department of Education.
  
  - Tree works will be carried out starting next Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of May. Mostly this is dead wood and pruning with a small straggly dying blackwood and the dead prunus being removed from the junior playground.
  
  - The school is working with Region and VSBA to address issues with the storm water drainage at the rear of the school, upgrades to the roof safety systems, upgrades to the fire hydrant system and rectification to the solar panel system.

### **Occupational Health and Safety:**

The school underwent an OHS assurance assessment on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. The school had a rating of 90.67% and the staff are to be congratulated on upholding this high standard.

### **Landcare Grant**

The school has received a grant for \$1,000 from the Woolworths Junior Landcare scheme to establish a Yarning Circle. The plan is in the early stage of consultation.

### **Grade 6 T-Shirt suggestion**

A parent has raised the idea of a Grade 6 t-shirt to suit warm weather. No commitment has been made towards this idea yet. Before the next meeting School Council will investigate the cost to parents of a year 6 shirt, the lead time for an order and the cost of an iron on motif which could be used on a student's existing school uniform shirt. Council agreed that the Grade 6 jacket will remain as a subsidised uniform item.

As always, we welcome any new members to join our School Council. We meet approximately twice per term and appreciate all contributions to our school community.

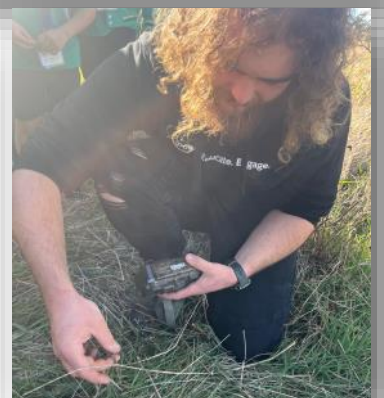
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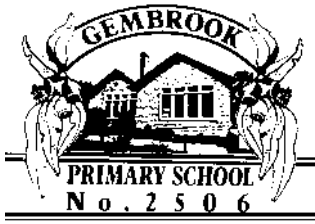
*Principal*

# Caring for Country Landcare Excursion Thursday 16th May Grades 5 and 6



On Thursday the 16th of May, our 5/6 cohort headed to Garfield to join the Landcare group in Caring for Country. Sue and Hudson led our students through some great information about the history of the Bunurong people, and why Landcare are rehabilitating this piece of land. Our students enjoyed installing some motion detecting cameras to capture footage of bandicoots. They also participated in planting some trees which will hopefully see an increase in bandicoot numbers. It was clear our students were inspired and saw a deep purpose to why we were there. We cant wait to go back and follow up our work.





# PFA Nuggets and Chips Special Lunch

**Friday  
21 June**



**\$10 for 6 Nuggets and Chips**  
(vegan and gluten free options available)

**\$7.50 for 4 Nuggets and Chips**

**\$2 for Apple or Orange juice box**



**Order Online through Compass  
Canteen**  
(sorry no cash orders)

**Orders due by Monday 10th June**  
(no late orders)

# Academic Awards

## Term 2 Week 6

Reader of the Week: *Ned 12B*

Writer of the Week: *Aurora Prep A*

Speller of the Week: *Aria 12A*

Mathlete of the Week: *Sarah 34A*

## Hills Reconciliation Week Event



On Tuesday 28th May at the Hills Hub in Emerald, our Koorie students were invited to participate in a reconciliation Week event. The event included a Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony, a guided tour by Indigenous artist Emmy Webbers through their exhibition, and interactive activities that celebrate Aboriginal culture.





# STARS OF THE WEEK



## TERM 2 WEEK 6

### ***Beau PrepA***

You are such a great role model to your peers, Beau! You always follow instructions the first time, give tasks your best effort, and are always kind and respectful to everyone around you.

Thank you for making our classroom a better place.

### ***Banjo PrepB***

You have displayed your growing knowledge across all learning areas. I can see you are including more sounds into your writing, and continuously getting higher scores on Blitzmaster. You should be very proud of your efforts, Banjo!

### ***Harry 12A***

Congratulations Harry! You have become a reflective and flexible learner. You take on challenges, use a growth mindset and look for ways to extend yourself. You make awesome contributions to class discussions and willingly assist others in their learning. Great work Harry!

### ***Billie 12B***

Billie, your positive attitude and enthusiasm towards your reading and writing is out of this world! You give everything your very best effort and focus. Your learning is growing in leaps and bounds! I was particularly blown away this week by the effort you put into planning and writing your Narrative. Billie you are a superstar!

### ***Anastasia 12C***

Anastasia, it has been wonderful to see your poems come alive on the pages of your anthology and to witness the amazing way you presented your concrete poem to an audience about your passion of books and reading. Well, done!  
Keep up the fantastic work!

### ***Chelsea 34A***

Chelsea, your peers have noticed your strong commitment to meeting the success criteria in all your work. You have consistently been on time and focused, setting a great example for everyone in our classroom. We feel so lucky to have you as an integral member of our class!

### ***River 34B***

River, you have been such an active member of our classroom over the last few weeks. You engage in all learning tasks with a positive mindset and enthusiasm. You are doing particularly well in our problem-solving sessions. Keep up the great work, River!

### ***Nate–Art***

Nate, I was so impressed with your reflection on our Indigenous lesson about the 'Bush Medicine' artworks. You were able to clearly understand and share the significance of this art movement with the group. You supported your peers helping them to understand the history represented in these artworks! Well done!

### ***Archie–PE***

Archie, you have picked up the movement skills within netball, and have understood the concepts in the game. Well done on also receiving 3<sup>rd</sup> in cross country last week.

### ***Hayden– Music***

Hayden, your effort and determination over the past few weeks in music has been phenomenal. The work you have put into your iPad composition has Fantastic. Great Effort Hayden!!!

### ***Milla–Auslan***

Milla, you demonstrated your amazing knowledge and skills on all the signs we have learnt this semester. I love hearing about your interactions you have made with members of the Deaf community. You are a super star, keep up the amazing work!

# Smile Squad Visiting Soon

Smile Squad is coming  
to this school



## What is Smile Squad?

The Victorian Government free school dental program – Smile Squad – is visiting this school soon.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

## How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

## Sign up to Smile Squad:

**Arriving  
Early Term 3**



<https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

Let us know if you need a paper form to complete. We look forward to seeing you soon!



# 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 Special \$5.50</b>	<b>Weekly Treat Special \$3.00</b>	<b>Juice \$3.00</b>
18TH APRIL	Mild Chicken and Veg Curry With Rice (GF)	Shortbread Cookie	Apple
25TH APRIL	ANZAC DAY	NO LUNCHES	Pineapple
2ND MAY	Sausage Roll With Tomato sauce (DF)	Blueberry Muffin (DF)(V)	Orange
9TH MAY	Quiche. 1 - Bacon 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 1 - Hawaiian. 2 - Margherita.	Apple Muffin (DF)(V)	
23RD MAY	Beef bolognaise with pasta and cheese.	Cornflake Cookie.	
30TH MAY	Beef Slider With lettuce, cheese and tomato sauce.	Cookies & Cream Slice	
6TH JUNE	Creamy Pumpkin Soup With a dinner roll. (V)	Raspberry and Chocolate Muffin (DF)(V)	
13TH JUNE	Spinach and Cheese Gnocchi With Napoli sauce and cheese.	Fairybread Cookie	
20TH JUNE	Chicken Schnitzel Wrap 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

## June



2nd Harry 12A  
2nd Ruby 34B  
3rd Patrick PrepA  
6th Eloise 12C  
8th Lance PrepB  
8th Olivia 12A  
9th Claire 56A  
9th Ivy 56B  
10th Beau 34A  
11th Leo 34B  
12th Cooper 34B  
13th River 34B



# OSHClub News

Gembrook

## Newsletter

May 2024

OSHClub 



### What's been happening...

Gembrook OSHClub have been crazy about slime these past two weeks! "How to make the largest bubble" has been the biggest challenge everyone has tried to attempt!

We have still been playing a lot of tennis on the basketball court, with the addition of 4 new tennis rackets!

Children have also enjoyed modelling clay and air-dry clay. We have seen jellyfish, octopus, cupcakes and lots of other clever creations being made!

Recycled craft has also been a big craze. Students bringing out their creative side, designing masterpieces using cardboard boxes, glue, paper plates, paper cups and more.

### Reminders:

Please book in as soon as possible to ensure you don't miss out!

If your child is going to be absent, please inform our team. Non-notification fees apply.

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### Child Safe Standards

Here at OSHClub, we follow the Child Safe Standards which is a list of 11 standards that we need to implement to keep children safe. Child Safety Standard 11 is policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people. We embed this standard by ensuring all staff members understand and sign the Safeguarding Children & Young People declaration form, critically reviewing and reflecting on our policies and procedures, staff completing and reflecting on the policy of the week. If you have any further suggestions on how we can embed this standard, please let us know!

### Policy Corner

At OSHClub, your child's safety is paramount. All permanent staff members are trained in First aid, CPR, and anaphylaxis. Educators assess the risks and area before the beginning of each session.

Unfortunately, injuries and accidents can still occur. In this case if your child has been treated with first aid educators will write up an incident report, you will be informed and be able to view and sign the report next time you are in service.

Educators reflect on incidents that have occurred to see if there are ways for us to prevent them from happening in the future. If you have any further questions regarding this policy- please let us know!

### Meet our Staff...



**Emily**  
Assistant Coordinator

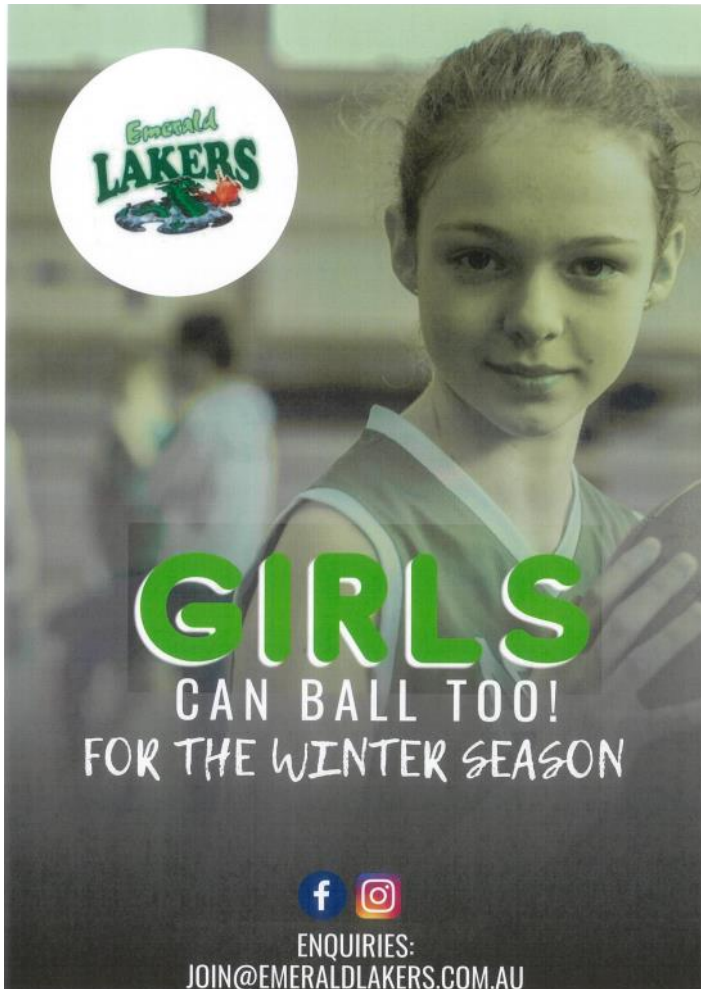



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



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

   
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Yarra Ranges Council

## 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](https://shaping.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/yarra-ranges-shape-your-future).



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