

# 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



**19th, July 2024**

# DIARY DATES

<u>JULY</u>	
Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th	3 Way Conference
Tuesday 23rd	Footy Day & Hot Dog Day
Thursday 25th	PFA Meeting 2:20pm
Wednesday 31st July – Friday 2nd August	Grade 3/4 Camp—Alexandra
<u>AUGUST</u>	
Friday 2nd	No Assembly
Monday 5th	Smile Squad Commence
Thursday 8th	EDEC Basketball
Friday 9th	No Assembly
Monday 12th	Step into Prep Information session 3:30pm
Friday 16th	Trivia Night
Monday 26th	Special Friends Day

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,

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope everyone had a restful holiday break and was able to enjoy some pyjama days, especially in the second week when it wouldn't stop raining! I had at least two pyjama days and a facial to really sink into that holiday feeling.

It has been a great start to Term 3, the students are buzzing already, and I've had multiple reports from students across the school that the learning has kicked off with a bang.

A couple of highlights and upcoming events:

## Lunchtime Clubs

As of next week, we are introducing lunchtime clubs! These will be an opportunity for students to engage in some quieter, supervised lunchtime activities, building connections and community through games, arts and crafts, gardening, and music.

We welcome volunteers to support our lunchtime clubs if you are interested and available to support on any of these days between 1.40pm -2.20pm. Please reach out to the school if you are interested!

## Footy/Sports Colours Day

Next Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, is our annual Footy/Sports Colour Day! Students are invited to get loud and proud and come to school in their footy or other sports team colours. Throughout the day, students will participate in a parade to celebrate their team, engage in sports rotations led by our Year 5/6 House Leaders, and enjoy a hot dog! The students from Gembrook Pre-School will also be joining in on the fun and games!

## Smile Squad

Don't forget to book in to see the Smile Squad who are joining us in Week 4, from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August. Healthy teeth = big, bright smiles! :D

## Save the Date: Step Into Prep

We are excited to announce the beginnings of our Step Into Prep program for our 2025 Prep students. We have locked in a date for our first information session on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 3.30pm** in the Prep classrooms. This information session will be an introduction to our transition program here at Gembrook Primary School.



## Save the Date: GemBook Week and Special Friends Day

This term sees us celebrating GemBook week! We will celebrate this in Week 7 and will kick off with our Special Friend's Day on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August**.

There will be more information to follow soon but mark it in your calendars and get your creative juices flowing for our annual Book Character Parade! Here's me at Mulgrave Primary School with my Year 5/6 teaching team in 2019

### Save the Date: School Production

It's the talk of the town! That's right Gembrook Primary School are putting on a whole-school production of The Legend of Robin Hood. We will have two performances of the spectacular on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September** – one afternoon and one evening show. More information, including ticketing to follow.

### PFA Meeting (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 2.20pm)

Speaking of school events – the PFA will be meeting next **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 2.20pm**. Families are most welcome to join us to discuss how we can best support our children with fun events and fundraising opportunities. Many hands make light work!

### Save the Date: Trivia Night (Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August)

As part of the PFA, we will be hosting our annual Trivia Night on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August!** Save the date, we're really looking forward to the evening and to see the brains trust in action!

### Traffic Management

A reminder to all families who use our front car park. We encourage you to please not turn right out of the driveway between 8:45am – 9am, and 3.15 – 3.30pm. This helps with the flow of traffic moving through the school car park to ensure we're not clogging Main Street. Thank you so much for your support with this.

### Yard Works: New Garden Bed

Everyone get down to **Bunnings Pakenham** who over the holidays donated plants, and their time to work with Stu and I to create a new bushfire safe library garden bed. More plants and seating are still to be added to the area.

**An extra special shout out and huge thank you to Roger Henzen** for his donation of a beautiful new legacy tree to this garden bed. We are so very grateful to have such invested grandparents and community members who are so committed to our school community. I know that this tree will become a favourite spot for students and staff alike in our sensory garden!

We look forward to seeing the garden bed blossom over the coming seasons. If you could talk to your child/ren about ensuring they're not walking through the garden bed, that would be much appreciated.

Also, a final shout out to Stu Watson and Chris Peeters who worked tirelessly over the holidays on our buildings and grounds to ensure that our school is well kept and inviting for our students!

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Finally, due to some upcoming camps and incursions, I wanted to let the community know in advance the Friday schedule for Assemblies:

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July: No Assembly (Year 5/6 Camp)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July: Assembly!

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August: No Assembly (Year 3/4 Camp)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August: Assembly!

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August: No Assembly (First Aid in Schools Incursion)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August: Assembly!

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August: Special Book Character Parade Assembly

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September: No Assembly (rescheduled Cultural Awareness Incursion)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September: Final Term 3 Assembly

Phew, I'm tired just writing about all the special events we have planned for the term ahead. Thank you all for your continued support of your child/ren's learning and wellbeing, and the school community.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend and term ahead.

Warm regards,  
*Steph Koble*

# School Council Snapshot from the 26th June 2024

## Student Representatives Report

Flynn informed council about the Student Parliament projects currently happening in the Year 5/6 classrooms. Our students are busy at work advocating for their 'political parties'!

## Strategic Planning and 2024 NAPLAN Results

I presented finalised targets for the School Strategic Plan for 2023 – 2027. These were approved by council with a 6-month Annual Implementation Plan developed to guide the school improvement work for the remainder of the year.

Councillors also previewed preliminary NAPLAN results, including:

- 77% of our Year 3 students achieved 'Exceeding or Strong' in NAPLAN Reading.
- 85% of our Year 3 students achieved 'Exceeding or Strong' in NAPLAN Writing.
- 75% of our Year 3 students achieved 'Exceeding or Strong' in NAPLAN Numeracy.
- 85% of our Year 5 students achieved 'Exceeding or Strong' in NAPLAN Reading.
- 64% of our Year 5 students achieved 'Exceeding or Strong' in NAPLAN Writing.
- 88% of our Year 5 students achieved 'Exceeding or Strong' in NAPLAN Numeracy.

Congratulations to our community of students on these very impressive results! Individual NAPLAN results will be sent home with students soon.

## Finance

The Finance committee reported on the sound position for June 2024.

## Policies

The following policies were tabled and approved. They can be viewed at: <https://www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au/wp/index.php/policies/>

- Asthma Policy 2024.
- Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy 2024.

## Excursions, Camps and Activities:

- **EDEC Basketball, August 8<sup>th</sup>**, at Kilsyth Basketball Stadium for grade 5 & 6 students at a cost of \$26 per student

## Fundraising

The following term 3 fundraising was discussed and approved.

- **Scholastic Bookfair, August 22<sup>nd</sup> – August 29<sup>th</sup>**. Book selection will include a range of books for \$5 and under, and \$10 and under.
- **Special Friends Day, August 26**. There will be a BBQ fundraiser for Special Friends' Day. Prices:
  - Sausage in bread (IGA sausage are gluten free) \$3.00 each
  - Apple Juice \$2.00 each
  - Orange Juice \$2.00 each
  - Bottle water \$2.00 each

## Buildings and Grounds:

There was a busy time over the school holiday period including:

- Library garden bed first stage of planting sand laying of mulch alternative completed





## School Council Snapshot from the 26th June 2024 Continued

### **Buildings and Grounds continued...**

- Flag poles moved to the front of the school.
  - Concrete poured out the front of the shed.
- The school-raised funds components of the inclusive playground have begun, including:
- Purchasing babel drum and 3 additional toadstool seats
  - Planning for the installation of a cubby and sunlight arbour
  - The decision was made to not purchase and install a rubber lizard due to logistics and costs

The school is continuing to work 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.

### **School Savings Bonus**

My Principal's report included discussion of the 2025 'School Saving Bonus'. Clarification was given that every student will receive \$400 'credit' towards school costs associated with the school including uniforms, activities. All school students are eligible. Families can still apply for CSEF funding and state school relief fund. The school will communicate more information as it becomes available.

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

Finally, councillors voted to approve the introduction of 'special' Grade 6 t-shirts beginning in 2025. The council also discussed and approved that this is to be completed by GPI Corporate who will screen print a special logo on an existing t-shirt already purchased and owned by students with a cost of approximately \$11 per t-shirt. This will be communicated and organised in Term 4 in preparation for 2025.

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.

*Steph Koble*  
Principal



18th Stella-Rose 56A

19th Max 12A

21st Tyler 34B

22nd Amelia 34C

28th Archie 34C

31st Shianne 34C

# PFA News



# TRIVIA

# NIGHT

FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST

TRIVIA CHALLENGES BY

\* STEPH KOBLE \*

GAMES

RAFFLE

AUCTIONS

& SO MUCH FUN!

GEMBROOK COMMUNITY HALL

CONTACT: 03 5968 1313 TO BOOK NOW

MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

# PFA News



## CAKE STALL

## DONATIONS

*Special Friends Day*  
*Mon 26th Aug*

GPS PFA would like to ask for your support!

During the above event, we will be mixing up plates of delicious treats for our children's guests to purchase and share with each other.

If you can help us, please deliver packaged goods to the school reception desk in the school days leading up to this event.

For home-baked goods, please provide a list of ingredients and deliver fresh on the morning to the PFA/OSCH kitchen.

Thank you GPS community for your support!

**Volunteers for the stall and bbq would be greatly appreciated!**



# 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. For the first half of this term the focus will be on the Playground and for the second half it will be Assemblies.



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.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## Tuning in to Kids™

A six-session parenting program for parents or carers of children aged 2-10 years. Tuning in to Kids is underpinned by a five-step emotional coaching tool.

Tuning in to Kids will help children understand and identify their emotions and learn more effective ways to express their emotions.

Tuning in to Kids aims to:

- Help parents and carers to gain knowledge on emotional intelligence.
- Support parents to emotionally coach their child by tuning in to their child's emotions.
- Provide parents with the tools to help their child learn to manage their emotions and solve problems.
- Explore ways parents can teach their child to manage with conflict in their life.

**Cost**  
Free

**Date**  
Every Thursday between 1<sup>st</sup> Aug – 5<sup>th</sup> Sep 2024

**Time**  
10am until 12:30pm

**Venue**  
Cranbourne Library  
65 Berwick-Cranbourne Rd,  
Cranbourne VIC 3977

*Light refreshments will be served*

**Bookings Essential**  
Please complete the following online registration form:

 <https://forms.office.com/r/vp8f0phf15>

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03 5990 8400 or  
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## EDENHOPE INTEGRATED PSYCHOTHERAPY

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- Nature-based, trauma-informed experiential approach
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- Individual, parent/child & relationship sessions
- Qualified Practitioners, trained by the Equine Psychotherapy Institute

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HOW HORSES HELP

*Calm and healthy horses have the ability to co-regulate a client's nervous system, exemplify healthy expression of feelings, and provide a non-judgmental atmosphere of safety and trust.*

"The program helped my daughter develop empathy towards others as the therapist explained how the animals might be feeling and related it back to the children's experiences... She was so happy and excited to tell me all about it... It really was a confidence builder for her and I'm so glad we did it!"  
- Jacquie

- Based in Gembrook
- Current availability for after-school sessions
- Private pay, NDIS self & plan-managed clients



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## TERM 3 JUNIOR HOCKEY

### HOOKIN2HOCKEY

- Sunday 9:30am to 10:30am
- 8 Week program
- Ages 5-12Y
- Teaching fundamental skills of field hockey in fun drills and games

### U8/10 Competition

- Training: Thursday's 5:30pm
- Games: Saturday Mornings Dandenong Hockey Centre
- 8 Rounds + Carnival
- Ages 5-10 years
- New and experienced players welcome

### U12 Competition

- Training: Wednesday 5:30pm
- Games: Saturday Mornings - Southeast Melbourne
- 8 Rounds
- Ages 11 & 12 years
- Mixed Half Field Competition
- New and experienced players welcome

### U14 Competition

- Training: Wednesday 5:30pm
- Games: Friday Evenings - Southeast Melbourne
- Ages 13 & 14 years
- Mixed Full Field Competition
- New and experienced players welcome

## REGISTER NOW

<https://www.cardiniastormhockey.com.au/registration/>

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