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



12th September 2024

DIARY DATES

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	
Friday 13th	Whole School Assembly today
Monday 16th	School Production—The Legend Of Robin Hood
Wednesday 18th	School Council
Wednesday 18th	Division Athletics (select students)
Friday 20th	Last Day of Term 3 (2:30pm finish)
Friday 20th	No Assembly today
OCTOBER	
Monday 7th	First Day of Term 4
Wednesday 9th	First Prep Swimming Session (details will be sent home next week)
Thursday 10th	Last day for Mango orders
Wednesday 16th	ESC Transition for Grade 6 Students
Wednesday 23rd	School Council
Thursday 24th	Prep Transition 9-12pm

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,

It's time to get excited! Not only is next week our Production, but it is also the final week of Term 3!

Production 2024: "The Legend of Robin Hood"

Two performances are scheduled on Monday September 16th at EPAC Emerald Secondary College.

Students should arrive in costume (see below) from 4:15pm but no later than 4:30pm Audience members will need to arrive by 4:30pm for the 4:45pm show and 6:15pm for the 6:30pm show, to ensure they are seated in time for the opening of the show session. The show will run for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Pick up time for students is 7:45pm

Costumes:

We are hoping all students can wear all black or all navy (and black shoes) for the evening. Props and costumes will be provided.

UPDATE: If any students in 3/4C have a witches or wizards hat/cape, we welcome them wearing this on the night!

Important information for Monday 16th of September

- Students will need to be signed in and out, please see your child's teacher when you drop off your child and when you collect them.
- At the conclusion of the production, if parents could wait outside of the room where you dropped your child off and teachers will bring your child to the door.
- Students need to be in their costumes when they arrive, and they can bring a water bottle and small snack that will not spill on their costume.

I would like to thank Stewart from SSKG Music Education for his development and direction of this whole school production. I would also like to thank our school staff for their dedication to and coordination of our students in this event – these school events could literally not be possible without you all.

I cannot wait to see our students in action on Monday night, especially our Lead Cast members who have gone above and beyond in their commitment to being "off script"!

Sunsmart Policy

The time has come to dust off the hats and start thinking about other sun protection for our students. As the weather begins to warm up, it's important to ensure that our students are protected from the sun's harmful UV rays. Our SunSmart Policy requires students to wear hats whenever the UV index reaches 3 or above. This is because UV levels can be harmful even on cooler or overcast days, and protecting skin from an early age reduces the risk of skin damage and long-term health issues.

Our hat wearing policy has come into effect this week and will be in action for the remainder of the year! Hats are an essential part of our uniform during the warmer months, and wearing them regularly will help students stay safe while they enjoy outdoor activities. Please ensure that your child brings a hat to school every day.

Wearing hats is a mandatory expectation. If a student does not have a hat, they will be required to play in the shaded areas along the outside of the Circle of Harmony to minimise exposure to the sun.

School Saving Bonus for 2025

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

Complete enrolment:

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about Enrolling in School.

Check your contact information:

This week, we have sent home all current enrolment information we have on file. If you could please review (and revise if necessary) all information and return to the school no later than the start of Term 4, we can update your contact details accordingly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

Please also note that the communication will be sent only to Parent A as listed on our records.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.

September School Holidays

We are excited to head into the September school holidays next Friday afternoon (20th Sept.) with school finishing at 2:30pm. I hope everyone has a glorious school holiday break and that the sun continues to provide us with some warmer weather! Don't forget to also have a pyjama day and enjoy some mindless Netflix

Looking forward to seeing everyone upon our return to school in Term 4 on Monday, October 7!

Warm regards, Steph Koble

Book Week Character Parade































GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS





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MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

SEATING 1 - 4:45PM - 6PM

SEATING 2 - 6:30PM - 7:45PM

Emerald Secondary College EPAC, 425 Belgrave Gembrook Rd, Emerald

PFA Fundraising



Fresh North Queensland Mangoes

Direct from the farm to you!

Support Our Mango Fundraiser

If you *love mangoes*, here's your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our fundraising drive.

We are selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.

Cost per Tray is: \$30.00 (tray is approx. 7kg unless adjustments made by suppliers)

Place your order by: 10th October at the school office

For Order Form & further information contact: gembrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Money raised will be used towards the sensory garden and line marking activities at Gembrook Primary School.

AUSLAN with Mrs Varga



Gembrook's Signing Series

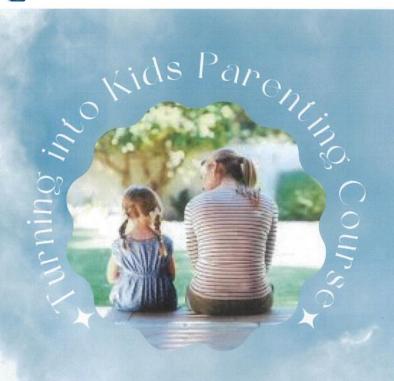
Learn a New Auslan Sign Every Two Weeks: Watch Gembrook Primary School's Exciting Signing Series!

Click on the link below or scan the QR code, it will take you to our first word/phrase of our series which will be "Good morning".



https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLk33KZJ_sGry9LBxSpTwyjusv3YmuN3MT

Parenting Course with Beth Watson



Gembrook Primary School are delighted to offer parents and caregivers the

"Tuning into Kids Parenting Course"
How to Raise Emotionally Intelligent Children.

4 week parenting course

On Thursday mornings, starting Thu 17th Oct through to Thu 7th Nov 9.15am to 11.15am in the School Library Run by the Student Wellbeing Officer: Beth Watson

The purpose of the course is to:

Assist parents and carers to provide emotion coaching to their children using a simple 5-step process.

It will also provide helpful sentence starters when children are

It will also provide helpful sentence starters when children are dysregulated and suggest ways for children to express their emotions and calm their bodies.

To book a spot: please email the office at Gembrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au



September/October



14th Willow 12B
15th Kaia 12B
16th Eddie 12C
17th Brooky 56A
18th Ryan 56B
19th Shiloh 12C
20th Kei 12C
21st Lenny 34C
23rd Teneal 12A
30th Jaiden 34B
2nd Jack 12C
2nd Amelia 34B







- swimming and sporting programs outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools

More information

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of Victorian school-aged children

School Saving Bonus Information for government school parents and carers

Save \$400 🖥

activities

Parents and carers

Find out more

will receive the one-off **School Saving Bonus**

on school uniforms,

textbooks and

About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like s, excursions and sports

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by Friday 18 October 2024:

Complete enrolment

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about Enrolling in School.

· Check your contact information

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

· camps, trips, excursions and incursions





- swimming and sporting programs outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms

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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

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

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
- 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,
- 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
- 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
- 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

- 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

- 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.F.
- 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

- 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.

OSHClub Holiday Program



Yarra Ranges Council Holiday Program

Kids & Family



Events Calendar



Be a Detective

Oam-11:30am ilydale Library suitable for children 4 years-lo booking required.



Clay Birds Nest





Night Bush Walk



Baby Play 10am-11:30am Monbulk Community Hall Suitable for children 0-2 years, older sibling's welcome. Booking required.



'arra Glen Memorial Hall uitable for children 2 years+ Booking required.



I SPY Craft

10am-11am Mt Evelyn Community House Suitable for children 3 years+, adults encouraged to participate.

For more information

www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/schoolholidays

1300 368 333





Kids & Family



School Holiday Activities

Kids & Family Performance



Enjoy a Film at Your Local



For session times visit www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/movies





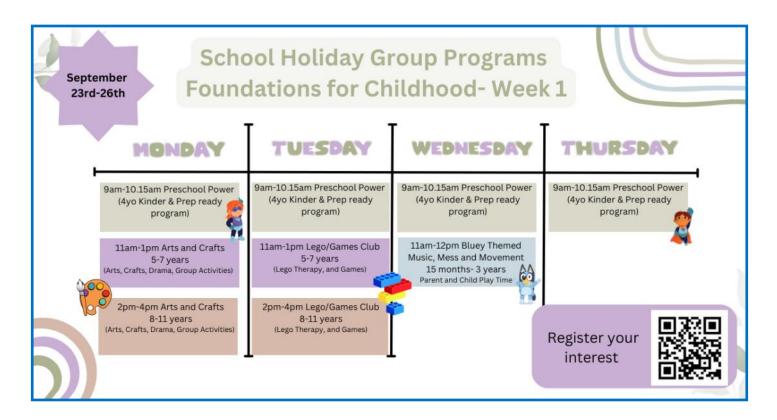


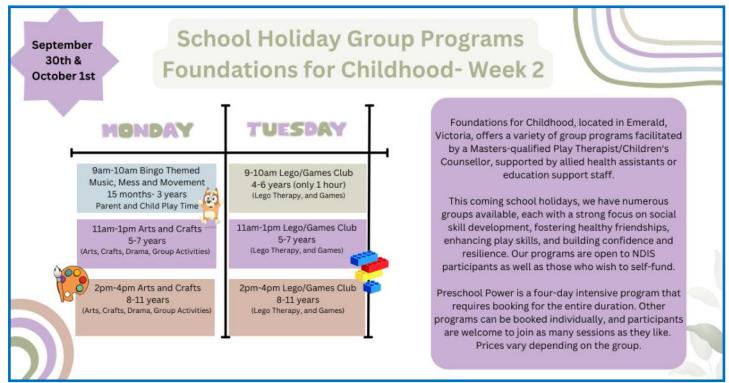




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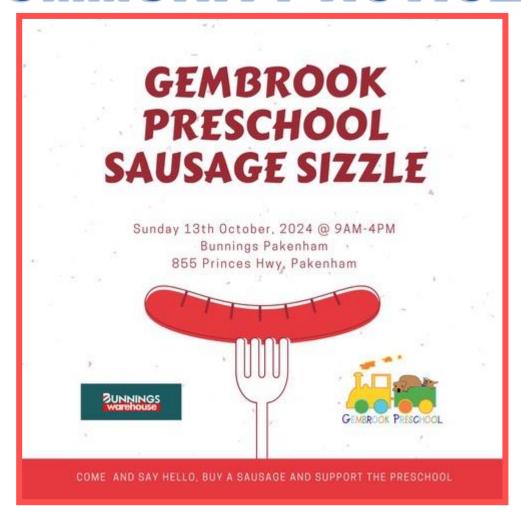
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Registrations Now Open!!

Sunday 24th November 2024 Puffing Billy Railway Station Gembrook

A fun day out for all the family
Raising funds for
Childhood Cancer Research
at the
Monash Children's Hospital



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