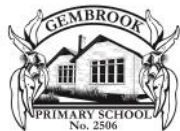


# Gembrook Primary School



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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



**11th October 2024**

# DIARY DATES

<b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>	
Wednesday 23rd	<i>School Council</i>
Thursday 24th	<i>Prep Transition 9-12pm</i>
Friday 25th	<i>PFA Disco (Please note, no Assembly)</i>
Tuesday 29th	<i>Grad 2 Day Camp</i>
Thursday 31st	<i>Prep Transition 9-12pm</i>
<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>	
Tuesday 5th	<i>Melbourne Cup Day</i>
Thursday 7th	<i>Prep Transition 9-12pm</i>
Friday 8th	<b><i>Colour Explosion Run (Please note, no Assembly)</i></b>
Friday 15th	<i>Student Free Day</i>
Monday 18th	<i>Icy Pole Day</i>
<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>	
Monday 2nd– Friday 6th	<i>Year 1-6 Swimming Program</i>
Tuesday 10th	<i>Step Up Day</i>
Thursday 12th	<i>Enterprise Market and Christmas Concert</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,

Welcome back to Term 4! We have all had a fabulous first week back and have been so happy to reconnect with each other both in the classroom and out in the yard. We've been especially thrilled by the Autumn sunshine this week – hopefully, the weather continues to improve!

We have a fun final term of learning and activities ahead with some initial dates to note in the calendar:

**Week 1 & 2 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday):** Prep Swimming

**Wednesday 23 October @6pm:** School Council (new members and visitors always welcome)

**Thursday 24 Oct., Thursday 31 Oct. & Thursday 7 Nov. from 9 – 12pm:** 2025 Prep Transition

**Friday 25 October:** PFA In-School Dress Up Disco (please note, no Assembly)

**Tuesday 29 October:** Grade 2 Camp

**Tuesday 5 November:** Cup Day

**Friday 8 November:** Colour Explosion Fun Run (please note, no Assembly)

**Friday 15 November:** GPS student-free day

**Monday 18 November:** Icy Pole Day

**Monday 2 – Friday 6 December:** Year 1 – 6 Swimming

**Tuesday 10 December:** Step Up Day (all students find out their grade and teacher for 2025, and 'step up' for the morning into this grade. This includes 2025 Prep students and Year 6 students moving to public secondary schools)

**Thursday 12 December:** Enterprise Market and Christmas Concert

**Wednesday 18 December:** Year 6 Graduation

**Thursday 19 December:** Year 6 Big Day Out and Students' Final Day of 2024!

**Friday 20 December:** Student-free day

## Term 4 Student-Free Days

A reminder that this term Gembrook Primary School will have two student-free days. The first of these will be held to accommodate our teachers' Professional Practice Day. This day will provide teachers with time to write end-of-year reports, collaborate on curriculum development and planning, assess student learning, and engage in professional development, and will be held on:

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

OshClub will be available for those who require care for their child/ren on this day!

This will be in addition to our regular end-of-term curriculum day for 2024 which is to be held on:

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## Student Celebrations at Assembly

At Gembrook we like to celebrate all students for their many and varied achievements both in school and out. As such, I welcome any students to let me know about any special achievements that have occurred outside of school hours so we can share these with our school community at our Assemblies! If you think your child/ren have something they need to celebrate, please encourage them to come speak to me or their classroom teacher so we can share in their successes!

## Touch-Allergies / Anaphylaxis

Thank you to our entire school community for your thoughtfulness when sending recess and lunch to school with your student/s.

At Gembrook Primary School, we have a student who is touch-allergic to all nuts, nut products, eggs, mangoes, and cherries. This means that even indirect contact with these foods can cause a severe reaction. We also have several other students across the school who are anaphylactic to a variety of different nuts. The teaching staff have implemented several procedures to ensure that appropriate precautions are taken, and we are asking for your help to ensure the safety of all our students.

We strongly encourage parents to avoid sending any of the above allergens to school in your child's lunch. This includes items like peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella chocolate spread, muesli bars, egg sandwiches, or hard-boiled eggs.

Please help us protect student health by choosing alternative snack/lunch options. Peanut butter toast and egg dishes are great for breakfast and dinner, but please refrain from sending them to school. If your child has eaten any of these foods before coming to school, please ensure their hands are thoroughly washed.

Additionally, if you are planning to send food for sharing, perhaps for a birthday or special occasion, we kindly request that you inform us beforehand. This will allow the parents of any affected students to provide an alternative treat for them on the day, ensuring they feel included and safe.

Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation. Together, we can make sure our school remains a safe and welcoming environment for all our students.

Here's to a safe, happy, and productive term ahead!

Warm regards,  
Steph Koble

## **Scholastics Bookclub Volunteer Needed**

**Do you have a some spare time twice a term to help collate our student bookclub orders?**

**We are looking for a reliable person to support the scholastic book club orders.**

**The role requires stamping the due date on the brochures, entering any orders taken over the counter and sorting the books, when they arrive, for each student/class.**

**A handover will be organised once we have a volunteer. Please contact the school office.**



## Get your Colour on, Gembrook Primary School is hosting a Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun!

Our Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun will be on **8<sup>th</sup> November 2:20pm to 3:20pm**

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun, but we are also making a difference! Students will have the choice of what cause they would like to transfer their donations to! – Carbon Neutral (tree planting), Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting, turtle protection), The Smith Family (reading support) and OzHarvest (providing meals).

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at [www.australianfundraising.com.au](http://www.australianfundraising.com.au). This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations.

### ***Extra Incentives to Fundraise!***

- ◆ Online Golden Coins – complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 credit towards your chosen cause.
- ◆ Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes – achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- ◆ \$10,000 Budget Booster Bonanza Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student
- ◆ Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2024.
- ◆ A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle – see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!
- ◆ School based prizes for top 3 fundraisers.

For more information, please contact the school office on [gembrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:gembrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or 59681313

**Happy fundraising!**

# Parenting Course with Beth Watson



Gembrook Primary School are delighted to offer  
parents and caregivers the

## “Turning 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 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](mailto:Gembrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Happy Birthday

October



9th Natalie 34A  
10th Jax 12C  
10th Natasha 56C  
11th Emelia 56A  
13th Nathan 56B  
14th Hunter 34C  
15th Elsie PrepA  
15th Autumn PrepB  
18th Aria 12A  
18th Hunter 56B  
20th Anastasia 12C  
21st Chelsea 34C  
21st Cooper 56C  
24th Keely PrepB  
24th Eliana 12B  
24th Milla 34A



Save \$400

# on school uniforms, textbooks and activities

Parents and carers of Victorian school-aged children will receive the one-off **School Saving Bonus**

Find out more



- 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

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit [vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus](http://vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus). Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.

## School Saving Bonus

Information for government school parents and carers

### 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 camps, 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
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- textbooks.

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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

#### 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

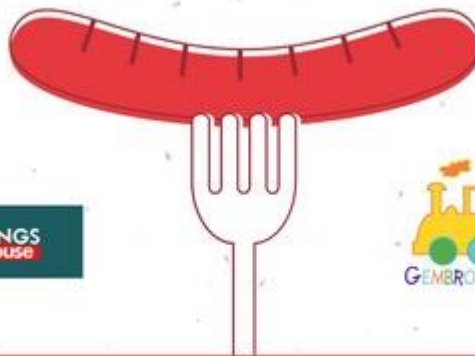
- I walk quietly and calmly, in roll order, to and from assembly.
- I sit where I have been asked by a teacher.
- I stand still, when we sing the national anthem.
- I sing proudly, during the national anthem and school song.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## GEMBROOK PRESCHOOL SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sunday 13th October, 2024 @ 9AM-4PM  
Bunnings Pakenham  
855 Princes Hwy, Pakenham



COME AND SAY HELLO, BUY A SAUSAGE AND SUPPORT THE PRESCHOOL

Rotary  
Club of Emerald & District

## KIDS FUN RUN with PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY

24th November 2024 at Puffing Billy Station Gembrook

Children 3-12 years running to benefit other children.  
Proudly supporting

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to 1st Girl  
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Train rides  
on the day

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for runners



### 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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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



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## SHE WON'T BE RIGHT MATE

So far we have raised over \$60,000 for mental health & the Eastern Health Foundation.

Our special speakers & SWBRM guests have previously included AFL superstars Dale Weightman, Madi Gai & Dayne Beams.

Our major sponsors have included: FI Grand Prix Australia, Shannons insurance, Rare Spares, ARB, Heritage golf club, Richmond FC & Balgownie Estate.

### CARS AND COMMUNITY

"We believe that reducing the stigma and discussing mental health helps our lives become a more welcoming and compassionate place to be when we work together as a community. "She won't be right mate" is a small way we can all make a big difference to those struggling & to those who need it the most. Every year we host this growing event to share our stories and get the conversation started. Our inclusive car show and family day is the perfect way to engage and reconnect over our mutual passions for cars and bikes and to get real about how we are doing. The team at SWBRM are proud to facilitate this great event for those in the Yarra Valley and beyond. Every year our fundraising efforts grow, and we can donate to such a great cause thanks to our supportive network of friends, local businesses and of course you, the generous public."

Marcus Reeves – Director "She won't be right mate".




## Artisticat

### FANTASTIC ONLINE ART CLASSES

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- Easy to organise - we make it simple for you.
- The kids produce amazing work and are really proud of their art!
- All age groups covered!
- Super affordable
- To see the activities planned for the classes click visit our website. [www.artisticat.com.au](http://www.artisticat.com.au) There are some amazing art ideas planned!

**FIRST CLASS FREE!**

Just \$14 a class (exc GST)  
The full price varies depending on the number of classes in the term.

**LIMITED PLACES BOOK NOW!**

To book go to [www.artisticat.com.au](http://www.artisticat.com.au)



## Clothing Swap Event

**BUY NOTHING NEW MONTH**

Refresh your wardrobe in a thrifty and fun way at our **FREE** clothing swap event!

**Free Event**

If you have good quality clothes or accessories you value but no longer wear, this is the perfect opportunity to find them a new home.

Bring up to 6 items of pre-washed clothing or accessories you value but no longer wear.

These are then traded in for tokens to use as 'currency' for the swap. You can take one item for each token.

**Event details**  
Sunday 13 October  
11am-1pm  
Hills Hub  
400A Belgrave-Gembrook Road  
Emerald  
This event is for people 18+.  
Registration is essential.



For more information and to register go to [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/wasteworkshops](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/wasteworkshops)

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# Splash's

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## We're Hiring



Busy parents looking for work that fits in around the hectic school drop off and pick up time, then look no further, school hours available!

Swim teachers play an essential role in educating the community on the importance of swimming and water safety. Splash's is always looking for passionate, talented people to join our team. We offer Nationally accredited AUSTSWIM training and our Splash's specialised training to ensure teachers deliver our high-quality program.

Locations include Berwick, Clyde Nth, Dandenong & Pakenham



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