



# 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

Wonderful weather to help celebrate our assembly in the Circle of Harmony on Friday



**17th February 2021**

## DIARY DATES

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Friday 19th	<b>Helping your child read info session 9-10am (details TBA on Compass)</b>
Tuesday 25th	<b>EDEC Swimming (selected students)</b>
Wednesday 24th	<b>Whole school information evening @ 5pm Helping your child read 6PM</b>
Thursday 25th	<b>School Council Meeting 7pm</b>
Friday 26th	<b>Curriculum Day (student free day)</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	
Monday 1st	<b>House Athletics Gr 3-6, PFA morning tea 9am in staffroom, HPV Parent Info session 4pm</b>
Wednesday 3rd-24th	<b>K-Motion 3:20pm-5pm every Wednesday afternoon</b>
Friday 5th & Saturday 6th	<b>P.E. Storeroom 2 day Working Bee ( please see details on page 3.)</b>
Monday 8th	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>
Wednesday 10th	<b>Preps at school.</b>

# A VIEW TO THE FUTURE

## Bren's Banter

### Dear Families and Friends,

Well, what a week it's been! I hope you managed to get through the five days of stage four lockdown ok. It was simply fantastic having us all back together this morning and hopefully that's the way it will stay! Thank you everyone for supporting 'learning from home' this week and keeping on-site attendance to an absolute minimum. I'm really proud of our supportive and united community and I know that we can rise to ANY challenge that comes our way.

I would love to share with you a few highlights for me from the past week:

Last Friday afternoon was our first whole school assembly with parent attendance for such a long time. It really was quite emotional looking out from the lectern in the Circle of Harmony at a sea of students and parents and carers. It felt like such a strong 'reconnection' of our school community. The assembly was also quite special as our wonderful school wellbeing officer Vikki Noisette, delivered a beautiful and moving acknowledgement of the thirteenth anniversary of the Kevin Rudd Government's apology to Indigenous Australians. Another highlight happened last Friday following the announcement of the return to stage four lockdown. We called a staff meeting immediately after school to discuss plans for supporting our students and families during the lockdown period. We truly need to acknowledge and be grateful for the incredible team of teachers and staff that we have at Gembrook PS. Teachers stayed back and worked into the evening preparing learning grids and activities for students learning from home.

I'm incredibly proud of our team.

### Preps and Grade 5 & 6 buddies

It is such a lovely experience observing just how well our senior school students are caring for our brand new preps. The care and guidance that our senior students have shown has been outstanding so thank you! Together with our three brilliant prep teachers, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. McMahon and Mrs. Liston, our new preps are in very good hands and are in for a fantastic year of learning at Gembrook!

### Whole school information evening

Of course with the reintroduction of stage four restrictions last Friday, we have had to postpone our whole school information evening. The new date is *Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February* and again, we'll kick off at 5:00pm with a free sausage sizzle, followed by an introduction from our school captains Eva and Corazon.

Then our learning centre information sessions will start at 6:00pm for Preps, 6:25pm for Grade 1/2, 6:50pm for Grade 3/4 and 7:15pm for Grade 5/6.

We'd love to see you there as there'll be lots of things discussed including:

- Education programs
- Classroom learning structures, student learning goals and activities.
- Class expectations
- Importance of the link between home and school.

# A VIEW TO THE FUTURE

## Bren's Banter cont....

### Swimming Carnival

What an awesome day was had by all who attended our grade 3-6 swimming carnival on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Perfect weather and smiles all round was the order of the day with our students competing in a range of events and representing their house team superbly at Lilydale Swimming Pool.

A big thank you to our wonderful P.E. teacher Mr. Adnam and Miss. Banks who organised such a fantastic day. Thank you to all teachers and staff who gave our students such a great experience. Thank you also to the mums and dads who came along to support, cheer and enjoy the day! Finally, thank you to our wonderful students who participated throughout the day in great spirit, looking after each other and representing our school so well.

Final results:

4<sup>th</sup> place: Kurth Kiln 179 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Redwood 208 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Tynong 212 points

1<sup>st</sup> place: Beenak 271 points

### Getting To Know You Interviews

Throughout last week, teachers conducted 'Getting To Know You' interviews. These interviews, at the start of a school year, provide an excellent opportunity for teachers, parents and students to discuss and share information relevant to learning and vital to ongoing improvement and success. Thank you to our teachers who provided flexible interview times during the week that often extended into the evening.

### PANDA Award!

At last Friday's assembly, Mrs. V launched the return of our weekly PANDA (Perfect Attendance No Days Absent) AWARD, with students with perfect attendance, including prompt arrival, for the week having the opportunity to win a FREE lunch order! Research states that regular and prompt attendance at school is absolutely essential for success in learning! Who will be our first PANDA award winner?

Have a great week everyone and all the best,

**Bren**

Brendan Fitzpatrick,  
Principal.

## **Help needed P.E. Storerooms Working Bee**

Friday 5th March 9am

Emptying storeroom, sorting and cleaning equipment

Saturday 6th March 9am

Gutting storeroom of existing mezzanine floor and shelving,  
assembling new shelving repacking equipment.

**All helpers gratefully appreciated.**

# School News

## *Anaphylaxis / Food Allergy*

There are a growing number of children who suffer from a variety of allergies. Most serious are those allergic to foods such as nuts, nut products, and dairy products, and their severe reaction is known as anaphylaxis. At Gembrook Primary School, we have a child who is in this category.

The teaching staff have a number of procedures in place to ensure that appropriate precautions are taken. Parents are requested to be very conscious of the danger that food allergies pose for some children.

We ask you to support the health of children with food allergies by ensuring that your child understands that they should not touch food that belongs to someone else and should not share food. It would also be appreciated if families could avoid sending products containing nuts (including peanut butter, cookies, muesli bars with nuts etc) to school in your child's lunch. Peanut butter for breakfast and dinner but not for lunch! It is vitally important to please wash hands thoroughly if handling these foods before coming into the school.

If you are sending food for sharing, perhaps for a birthday, we ask that the classroom teacher is informed prior to the time, so that the parents of these children are given the opportunity to provide a special treat for them on the day.

Thank you for your understanding.

## **A Department of Education *Mobile Phone and Digital Devices Policy* came into effect from Term 1, 2020**

Students will be required to switch off and store phones or devices securely from the first bell until the last bell each day.

At Gembrook Primary School students will need to hand in their phone or device to the office when they arrive at school and collect it after the dismissal bell. Phones will be in a locked filing cabinet throughout the day.

Families should contact the school office should you need to pass an urgent message to your children prior to 3pm.

The updated school policy has been ratified by school council and is uploaded to the school website .

# School News

## Students Late to School

ALL students who are late to school (as of 9am )

**MUST**

collect a late pass from the office and

**be signed in by a parent**

**BEFORE**

they go to class

Roles are marked as soon as students arrive in class

This is to ensure that the school has an accurate role of students who are present

## Student Absences

Please notify the school of student absences before 9.30am on the day of the absence.

Notification via COMPASS, the school app, is preferable.

### Attendance: Entering an Attendance Note

1 From the Compass home screen (or from your student's profile), click the **Add Attendance Note** item.

2 From the pop-up window

- ↳ Select the reason
- ↳ Enter a brief description of the absence
- ↳ Select the start and finish time
- ↳ Click the 'Save' button

Where possible, attendance notes should be entered prior to the absence/lateness occurring.

The screenshot shows the 'Chase HERRING' profile menu with the 'Add Attendance Note (Approved Absence/Late)' option highlighted. A callout box explains: 'What is an Attendance Note? An Attendance Note is used to explain when your child is absent or late for school.'

The 'Attendance Note Editor' screen is shown with the following details:

- Name:** Chase HERRING
- Reason:** Illness/Medical
- Details/Comment:** missing school

**Appointment Notice:** By clicking 'Save', you understand, verify and warrant that you are a legal parent/guardian for this child and the information shown is correct, and that online approval does NOT constitute a medical certificate, and is solely intended as a record of absence to be used in the school's absence recording system, and any fraudulent or intentional misuse of this feature may result in administrative, criminal and/or civil action against you. By your registered school, affiliated entities and/or associated entities.

**Start:** 20/04/2019 08:00 AM (Select a date...)

**Finish:** 20/04/2019 05:00 PM (Select a date...)

**Potentially Affected Sessions:**

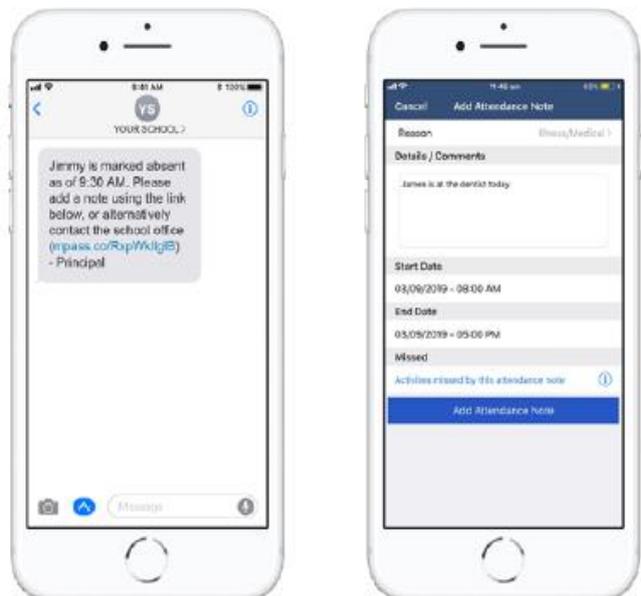
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06:15 - 06:30 (1) 4 G...	20/04/2019 06:15 AM	20/04/2019 06:30 AM

At 9:30am parents of students with an unexplained absence will receive an SMS link as a further prompt and way of reporting an absence

### Attendance: SMS Link

If your child is marked as absent without prior approval you will receive a message containing a link. When you follow the link, you will have the opportunity to explain the absence.

The link will expire after you have clicked it, meaning that it cannot be used to explain unapproved absences in the future. Instead, you will receive another message containing a new link, allowing you to repeat the process.



# School News

## ***SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS INDUCTION***

Dear Families

The Department of Education requires all volunteer workers to have an induction each year. The next session will be ***Friday 12th February at 9am.*** Please meet Mrs Drew in the office foyer. The school relies on and values our volunteers. If you think you can contribute some time then please come along to this induction session. If this time is not suitable for you please contact the office and Mrs Drew will endeavour to organise a time that suits.

Thank you

## **Conveyance Allowance 2021**

Applications are now available for conveyance allowance for Term 1. This allowance is available to Gembrook Primary School students who use a private car to travel to school and who live 4.8k or more by the shortest practicable route from the school or the last stop on the school bus route and attend the nearest appropriate school at which admission is possible.

Your application is valid for the entire school year if your circumstances do not change.

Application Forms are available at the school office and should be submitted to the school by **Friday March 12 2021** More information about the Conveyance Allowance Program is available at <http://>

## ***Annual privacy reminder***

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy available on the school website.

## **Update Contact Information**

Please inform the school if your contact information changes.

Changes can be made on the COMPASS app or by contacting the school office. We must be able to contact you in case your child is sick or has been injured. If the primary carers / parents don't respond, the emergency contacts provided on your child's enrolment form will be contacted.

### Emergency Management at Gembrook PS

We are now approaching summer in Victoria. Therefore we all need to ensure that we are well prepared in the event of a bushfire emergency.

**The following is an update from The Department of Education and Training regarding procedures for our school during the bushfire season.**

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services such as

**Gembrook Primary School** are listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days' notice of a potential Code Red day closure via letter, email, Compass, school electronic sign and the school website. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days
- School camps and excursions will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan - **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day. As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

#### ***What can parents do?***

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website - see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

Thank you for your support



# **Academic Awards**

## **Term 1 Week 2**

Reader of the Week: *Cooper 5/6J*

Writer of the Week: *Zarah Prep L*

Speller of the Week: *Brooklyn 1F*

Mathlete of the Week: *Edith 3/4O*

# **Academic Awards**

## **Term 1 Week 3**

Reader of the Week: *Claire 3/4L*

Writer of the Week: *Kaylee 5/6M*

Speller of the Week: *Evita 2B*

Mathlete of the Week: *Hunter 2W*

# STARS OF THE WEEK TERM 1 WEEK 2



## ***Natalie Prep L***

It has been wonderful to watch your first week in school Natalie. You are a quiet and persistent learner who always tries her best! With that attitude, you are sure to achieve amazing things this year!

## ***Bladen Prep M***

For demonstrating respect and high expectations of yourself as you have settled into school. Well done on making new friends in the playground. Keep up the great work Bladen.

## ***Tahlia Prep J***

For making such a tremendous start to school. Tahlia you have such a fantastic attitude towards learning in class and you always display our values of Respect and High Expectations. Well done Tahlia, I know you are going to have a great year in Prep J

## ***Laura 1V***

Laura you have returned to school with great enthusiasm towards your learning. You demonstrate great listening and you contribute respectfully to our classroom discussions.  
Fantastic effort Laura!

## ***Fletcher 1F***

For the wonderful start you have made to the year Fletcher! You always show respect by helping others and being kind. Keep up the great work Fletcher!

## ***Koby 2B***

Koby, what a fantastic start back at school you have had. You consistently set the standard for our class by demonstrating respect and high expectations at all times. What a wonderful young leader you are becoming!

## ***Zac 2W***

Zac, what a fantastic start to Grade 2! You have demonstrated respect, excellent listening skills, and a great work ethic. Thank you for always being a wonderful role model in the classroom. Keep up the great work!

## ***Kayla 3/4L***

For your great start at Gembrook Primary School and your fantastic attitude towards learning! You have had such a positive start and followed our school values of respect and high expectations beautifully. We are very lucky to have you in 3/4L!

## ***Fletcher 3/4O***

You have had an excellent start to the year at Gembrook Primary School. I can see that when you set your mind to something, you are a diligent and hard worker. I look forward to seeing all the amazing things you achieve Fletcher.

## ***Flynn 3/4S***

For the positive attitude you have held towards starting at Gembrook Primary School. You have settled in well, engaged respectfully with all your peers, and completed your work to a high standard. Well done!

## ***Dakota 5/6J***

Dakota, your attitude to returning to school has radiated positivity and enthusiasm. You consistently uphold our school values of High Expectations, when you look to extend your learning and take initiative when preparing yourself for upcoming lessons. I was so impressed by your tenacity at our school swimming carnival and cannot wait to see what goals you apply yourself to. Keep up the excellent effort, I am so glad you are a member of the 5/6J team this year.

## ***Amelia 5/6M***

Well done on an outstanding start to your Grade 5 year Amelia! You apply yourself diligently during all learning experiences and ensure that you are well organised throughout the day. Your respectful nature and enthusiastic attitude are welcome additions to our classroom. We are so lucky that you have joined the GPS team! Congratulations.

## ***Alessi 2B ART***

Alessi, you are receiving this for completing a beautiful cover page for your visual diary for 2021. I can't wait to see what you will create in art this year!

# KMotion

A FREE after school program for Foundation to Grade 6. Full of fun, games & Prizes.

## KMOTION @ GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL



**WEDNESDAYS:  
MARCH 3RD, 10TH, 17TH & 24TH  
3.20 - 5.00PM**

Enter at the front door of the  
Multi

Themes include:  
**Water Frenzy**  
**Jumping Castle Craziiness**  
**Easter Eggsravagnanza**  
and more



# KMotion

Heat Policy: Kmotion will NOT run on days declared **CODE RED, EXTREME** or on days predicted to reach **38 deg** or above.

## AFTERNOON TEA: MENU

March 3rd: Fruit, water / cordial & small pkt of chips  
March 10th: Fruit, water / cordial & popcorn  
March 17th: Fruit, water / cordial & small pkt of shapes  
March 24th: Fruit, water / cordial & a cinnamon donut

Prizes may include the occasional treat. If your child has particular nutritional needs please contact Stephen

Registration forms can be collected from & returned to the Gembrook Primary School office. You can also register at KMOTION on any program day.

## DETAILS:

KMOTION is an after school program that includes games, craft, stories & afternoon tea.

Each week is run by HCSI Staff members & a team of trained volunteers. All staff & volunteers hold current WWCC & Police checks. Kmotion Gembrook is a child safe program adhering to child safe policies

KMOTION has behaviour guidelines & expectations to ensure all children have a safe and enjoyable time.

**Contact Details: Stephen Prout**  
**Hills Community Strengthening Initiative**  
**1-3 McBride St, Cockatoo.**  
**PH: 0447 192 202**  
**Email: [Stephen.m.a.prout@gmail.com](mailto:Stephen.m.a.prout@gmail.com)**

**PLEASE CALL  
IF RUNNING LATE FOR  
PICK UP**



# Gembrook Primary School

## Staff Profile

**Name:** Taryn Smith

**Position:** Levelled Literacy Education (LLI)

**When I'm not at school:** I'm hanging out with my kids, family and friends. I love going to the beach and exploring beautiful parks.

**Favourite book/author:** I love reading biographies and motivational books. Some of my favourite authors are Tony Robbins, Brene Brown and Jay Shetty.

**Favourite sports team:** Collingwood Football Club, and I love watching the tennis and basketball.

**Something that always cheers me up:** Hugs from my kids and being outdoors in the sunshine.

**Favourite holiday destination:** Somewhere warm and near the water.

**Favourite style of music:** Rock and indie.

**Favourite song:** Florence and the Machine- You've Got the Love

**Hobbies:** Cooking, reading, the outdoors, playing basketball and I have just started learning the piano.

**Why I am passionate about working at GPS:** I love the students and families at Gembrook Primary School. I am grateful to work in a close knit, caring, friendly and supportive community with dedicated teachers and staff.

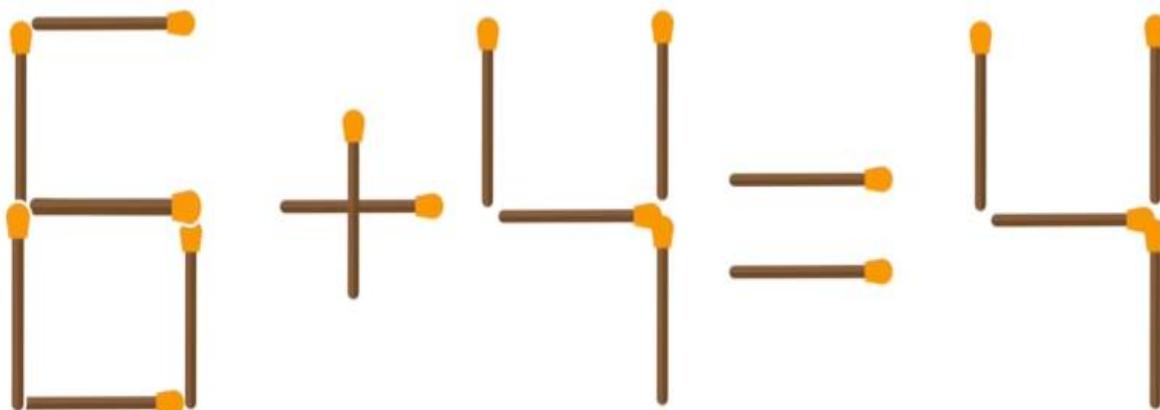


# Mrs. D's Maths Challenge



## Gemmie's Mind Blowing Maths ..1,2,3...

Can you make this equation true by just moving one match stick?



There are two answers.

Come see Mrs D with your one or two answers to see if they are correct. You will receive a smiley face sticker for each correct answer.



*One correct answer = one smiley face sticker*

*Two correct answers = two smiley face stickers*

*(Watch this space for the correct answers in the next newsletter)*

# PFA News

## PFA Welcome morning tea and Information session.

Gembrook Parents and Friends Association would like to welcome you to join an information morning tea in the school staffroom, on Monday 1st March.

The work a PFA the do is invaluable to our school, from fundraising for the betterment of the school to helping build connections within the school community.

The information session will detail the roles, big and small, that are carried out by PFA members.

Please join us for a cuppa and a chat. All expressions of interest are welcome and we look forward to seeing you then.

**When : Monday 1st March**

**Time : 9am**

**Venue: School staffroom.**

# Spencers Store Lunch Orders

## GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

	Weekly Lunch Special \$5.00	Weekly Treat Special \$2.50
<b>5TH FEB</b>	<b>Nachos</b> Corn chips, cheese, sour cream and salsa.	<b>Apple Muffin</b>
<b>12TH FEB</b>	<b>Pizza</b> Ham, cheese and tomato paste.	<b>Chocolate Muffin</b>
<b>19TH FEB</b>	<b>Sausage Roll</b> Homemade and served with tomato sauce.	<b>Shortbread Cookie</b>
<b>26TH FEB</b>	<b>Chicken Wrap</b> Grilled chicken, lettuce, mayo, cheese and fresh tomato.	<b>Banana Bread</b>
<b>5TH MARCH</b>	<b>Bacon Quiche</b> Bacon and egg quiche in shortcrust pastry.	<b>Blueberry Muffin</b>
<b>12TH MARCH</b>	<b>Beef Burger</b> Beef pattie, lettuce, tomato sauce and cheese.	<b>Choc Chip Cookie</b>
<b>19TH MARCH</b>	<b>Pizza</b> Ham, cheese and tomato paste.	<b>Lemon and Coconut Muffin</b>
<b>26TH MARCH</b>	<b>Pasta Bake</b> Penne pasta, napoli sauce and cheese.	<b>Chocolate and Raspberry Muffin</b>

EXTRAS	
<b>Carrot Sticks</b>	\$2.00
<b>Beetroot Hummus</b>	\$1.50
<b>Corn Chips</b>	\$2.00
<b>Apple / Orange Juice</b>	\$2.70

★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

February



18th Angus 5/6M  
19th Hunter 2W  
22nd Curtis 2B  
Georgia 2W  
23rd Sienna-Rose 5/6J  
25th Anna 2B



# CSEF NEWS



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

Latest application date 25/6/2021, the sooner the application is made the sooner the funds may become available.

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## SEAL

Emerald Secondary College  
Select Entry Accelerated  
Learning Program



DEVELOP  
*your* FUTURE

Emerald Secondary College is now seeking SEAL applications for our 2022 intake;

- Please complete the application form and forward it to the General Office before the closing date (**4pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> April**) with the necessary documentation and full payment.
- Applicants will be required to complete a series of tests on Reading Comprehension, Mathematics, Writing and Abstract Reasoning.
- The tests will be conducted on either Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April or Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 8:30am until 12pm at Emerald Secondary College, 425 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald.
- An application fee of \$70.00 must be paid when the application form is submitted to the College.
- Following the entrance examination, students who are to be considered will be invited to an interview where they will be expected to provide a portfolio of their work achievement.

Updated application forms may be downloaded from our website, and have also been emailed to our feeder primary schools.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the College on 5968 5388, or alternately you can direct enquiries to the college's SEAL co-ordinator Jarrad Donders at [Jarrad.Donders@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Jarrad.Donders@education.vic.gov.au)

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**GEMBROOK COCKATOO  
FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB**

**SEASON 2021**

**JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL**

**REGISTRATION DAY**

**Sunday 21st February 10 - 12pm**

**Gembrook Football Grounds**

Gembrook Cockatoo Football Netball Club invites all boys & girls to come along & register this season for Junior football & Netball in 2021

**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

Like us on Facebook  
Gembrook Cockatoo  
Football Netball Club 

FOR MORE INFORMATION

[juniors@gcfnc.com.au](mailto:juniors@gcfnc.com.au)



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

Yarra Ranges Council invite  
Dad's, Step Dads, Grand Dad's and father figures  
to a FREE interactive workshop (attendance to 2 sessions)

## Dad's Den



Wednesday 17th February  
and  
Wednesday 3rd March  
2021

7PM - 9 PM

Sherbrooke Family and  
Children's Centre

1443 Burwood Hwy.  
Upwey

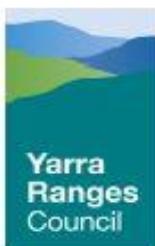
Early Childhood Education trainer and fathering expert Darren Varley will lead Dads through 2 interactive sessions which explore the important role a Dad has in their child's life:

**Tools to further connect with your child.**  
**Partnership of parenting.**  
**Supporting your child's development and play.**  
**Talking, sharing and developing trust.**  
**Services and supports for Dad's.**  
**Meet some other great Dads!**

*This involves attendance to both workshops.*

**Registration required as places are limited:**  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BONCQ>

For enquiries please contact: Michelle Lehmann  
Early Years Community Support Officer  
[earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au)



Yarra Ranges Council is a  
Child Safe Organisation and follows  
COVID safe guidelines.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

eSafetyeducation

2021

## Online safety webinars for your parent and carer community

The education team at eSafety has been working on a new free webinar series for parents and carers, to be delivered live in 2021.

The demand for our popular parent and carer webinars in 2020 prompted us to develop the 2021 series to support school communities.

Each term, we will offer a new topic that will run numerous times. These webinars will provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe, positive online experiences. This is especially important in an era when we are all online more than ever before.

The Term 1 webinar topic is **eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama**. This will be offered five times over the term. We will let you know when the topics for the following terms are announced.

Attached is eSafety's 2021 webinar schedule. We would be grateful if you could note the dates as you start planning the year ahead, then advertise them in 2021 through your communication channels with parents and carers.

Thank you in advance for your support. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Schedule

## Online safety webinars for parents and carers

Free, live webinars providing parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe and positive online experiences.

**Limited spaces available!**

Visit: [esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars) to find more information.

Register now: [register.gotowebinar.com/rt/2898435107213971215](https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/2898435107213971215)

### Term 1

**Topic:** eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama

**Dates:**

Safer Internet Day

9 February 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

10 February 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

10 February 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

15 February 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

22 March 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

### Term 2

**Topic:** To be confirmed

**Dates:**

4 May 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

5 May 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

6 May 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

### Term 3

**Topic:** To be confirmed

**Dates:**

28 July 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

29 July 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Child Protection Week

7 September 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

9 September 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

### Term 4

**Topic:** To be confirmed

**Dates:**

19 October 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

20 October 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

21 October 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm



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