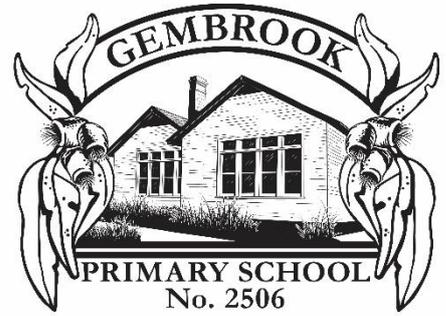


GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Values: RESPECT and HIGH EXPECTATIONS

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.



We acknowledge and pay our respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation, and the continuation of the cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. (Wording sourced from Reconciliation Australia reconciliation.org.au)

Welcome to the Barak Centre

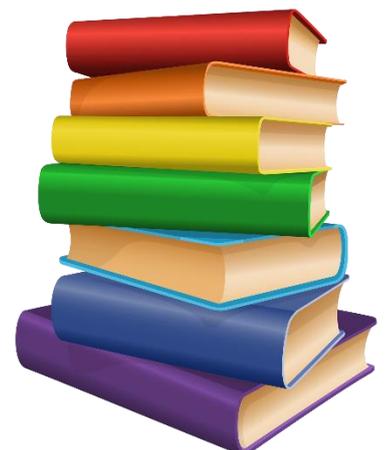
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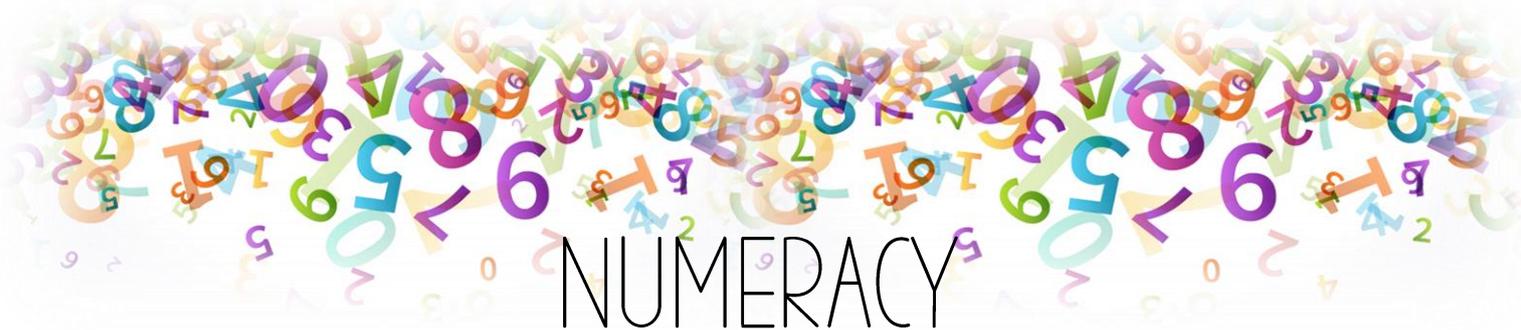
We are very excited to have three 3/4 classes in the Barak centre this year. We welcome Miss Schofield to the team!! We are all looking forward to working hard this term. Our students will be continuing to use their **Student Diary** every day to record their daily home reading and to keep track of events and work requirements. **Please remember to write the running total each day in your diary.** Reading certificates will be given at assembly. This term we are encouraging students to also record when they practise their weekly spelling words.

LITERACY

In literacy this term, we will be focusing on two genres: narrative and persuasive, as well as our reading comprehension strategies, and free choice writing. We will begin the term with narrative (or imaginative) writing and reading. Students will have the opportunity to explore author's work while reading their choice of narrative stories and use this as inspiration to create their own amazing pieces. We will then move into persuasive texts, where we will learn about audience, text structure, persuasive devices and techniques. Students will also finish this unit with a published copy of their own persuasive writing on a topic they are passionate about. Two lessons a week will focus on comprehension strategies, such as summarising, synthesising, inferring, and visualising. Students will use their reader's notebook



to track their thinking as they read. We also have a strong focus on picking just right books that will help students focus on improving their reading. **Please ask your child what is currently in their book tubs at school!**



Our Number focus for this term will be on **place value with topics such as rounding numbers, renaming and expanding numbers, and representing numbers**. Our applied topics will be **Shape, Angle, Length and Time**. Students will practise problem-solving strategies such as working backwards, making a table or diagram and finding patterns. These strategies will help students solve maths equations as well as worded problems. We will also continue to increase our speed and accuracy of number facts using Blitzmaster three times a week.

WORD WORK

We have changed the name of our spelling lesson to 'Word Work'. This is so that students understand and learn about **spelling, vocabulary, grammar, and inquiry** as a whole. We have decided that Word Work should be a strong focus this year at Gembrook Primary so we have increased our lesson to one hour every day! **Please continue to practise the individual spelling words in your students' diaries each week.**

SCIENCE

This term we will be learning **biological science** in the unit '**Plants In Action**'. In this unit, the students will explore the parts of a flower and consider which are required for pollination, observe fruits and the seeds inside them and consider the relationship between flowers and fruits, and plan and investigate the factors that affect plant growth. **Ask your child about their discovery garden in their classroom!**



IMPORTANT TERM DATES

As always, there are many exciting **events** planned for this term. Please add the following dates to student diaries and your **calendar** at home so you can assist your child in being organised. Also, don't miss the notifications and notices on Compass.



Date	Event
	Swimming Carnival
Monday 1 st March	House Athletics Day
Thursday 18 th March	Close the Gap Day
Monday 22 nd -Friday 26 th	Wood Work Incursion

At Gembrook Primary School, we acknowledge that success comes with practise. We have a strong academic focus and love the effort our students are putting into their learning.

We have expectations that your child reads every night and practises the automatic response to basic number facts and spelling words from their diary regularly. You can also use the diary to communicate with your child's classroom teacher.

THE 3/4 TEAM

Ellie O'Mara, Nyomie Lagerwey, Lucie Schofield.