



# 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



DONATIONS FOR THE P.F.A. EASTER RAFFLE ARE NOW WELCOME AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.  
LOOK OUT FOR TICKETS SOON.

3rd March 2021

## DIARY DATES

<b>MARCH</b>	
Monday 1st	<i>House Athletics, HPV Parent Info session</i>
Wednesday 3rd	<i>K-Motion 3:20pm-5pm</i>
Friday 5th	<i>Working Bee for P.E. equipment store</i>
Monday 8th	<i>Labour Day Public Holiday</i>
Wednesday 10th	<i>Preps at school, KMotion3:20-5PM</i>
Thursday 18th	<i>Close the Gap Day</i>
Monday 22nd- Thursday 25th	<i>Woodwork incursion</i>
Wednesday 24th	<i>Extension Maths Olympiad Test (select students)</i>
Thursday 25th	<i>PFA Hotdog lunch day.</i>
Wednesday 31st	<i>Toastmasters Speech Evening 7pm</i>
<b>APRIL</b>	
Thursday 1st	<i>Last day of term early finish 2:30pm</i>

# A VIEW TO THE FUTURE

## Bren's Banter

### Dear Families and Friends,

Well, again the first term is racing by as we head towards the end of week six! We had an outstanding whole school information evening on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February that highlighted to me just how far we have come as a school in the last four and a bit years. In terms of improving student learning, high quality teaching and learning practice, whole school approach and developing a student learning centred culture. Thank you to our wonderful school captains Eva and Corazon who introduced the evening and provided us with great examples about why they love Gembrook Primary School. Thank you to the large number of mums, dads and carers who came along to enjoy a delicious sausage sizzle and then participate in the outstanding class information presentations. Thank you to our awesome staff who prepared and delivered outstanding presentations around learning and events planned for the year ahead.



Last week was definitely a busy one at Gemmy as teaching staff participated in a brilliant day of professional learning last Friday with highly regarded education consultant Danny Hyndman. The day focused on high quality practice in teaching reading, including comprehension instruction and student engagement and motivation in reading. We are now into our fourth year of working with Danny and I was filled with pride seeing the outstanding level of enthusiasm, dedication and thoughtful comments and discussion that staff engaged with throughout the day. We are truly a fantastic team now and our students are the beneficiaries.

### **Excellence in teaching and learning a priority at Gembrook Primary School**

Teachers and staff at Gembrook have a commitment to providing absolute excellence in teaching and learning, with a particular emphasis on literacy and numeracy. An example of this was last Wednesday evening when our 2021 Literacy Leaders Miss. O'Mara and Mrs. Drew launched the first of nine special professional learning sessions scheduled for this year on the topic of teaching reading. This professional learning series is in the form of a 'study group' based on the text 'Robust Comprehension Instruction by Beck, McKeown and Sandora. Study Group leads to increased teacher skills, knowledge, efficacy and of course whole school practice. That in turn leads to improved student learning outcomes for our students. I can't wait for our next study group session!

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### Every Minute Counts!

Arriving at school on time ensures **everyone** has a calm and orderly start to the day. Putting bags away, the outline of the day ahead, the roll and then the first mini-lesson for the day happens from 9:00am to 9:15am. Learning is much easier if your child is on time because they have not missed these important aspects of the day. Kids are happy and secure because there is a known routine which is adhered to. Teachers are happy that their lessons will be received by all students in their class at the same time. Let's work together to make every minute count!

### School Council 2021:

I'm very excited to announce our School Council members for 2021. The composition of School Council for this year is:

#### DET Council Members:

Kerri Drew  
Ellie O'Mara  
Kirsten Varga  
Christian Fraser

#### Parent Council Members:

Dean Macumber  
Dana Simpson Walker  
Tamara Ware  
Michael Andrews-Luke  
Dean Prouse  
Kafi O'Connor-Ward  
Michelle Atzmuller  
Nicola Power  
Nicola Todd

#### Executive Officer:

Brendan Fitzpatrick

Congratulations to all of our 2021 school council members. We wish you all the very best as you embark on making such a vital and generous contribution to Gembrook Primary School.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the 2020 School Council including those who will not be continuing this year. Your years of dedicated service to Gembrook Primary School are very much acknowledged and appreciated.

### Kmotion is back!

Our ever popular Kmotion is back for 2021 commencing on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Kmotion is a FREE after school program that provides a fantastic range of fun activities and games and runs from 3:20pm - 5:00pm. Kmotion of course is facilitated by our friends at St. Lukes Cockatoo and we truly acknowledge and appreciate the work that Naomi, Steven, Brodie and the entire team at St. Lukes put into supporting our community. Kmotion will be with us for the following Term 1 Dates:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

If you haven't done so already please call into the office and register for Kmotion!

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## Bren's Banter cont.....

### **Close The Gap Day Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

National Close the Gap Day is an annual awareness event that aims to close the health and life expectancy gap between indigenous and non-indigenous communities in Australia. Close The Gap Day began in 2007 and was in response to the poor health outcomes among indigenous groups in Australia. Studies have shown that the life expectancy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is 10-17 years lower than that of non-Indigenous Australians.

The main aim of National Close the Gap Day is to make people from both indigenous and non-indigenous backgrounds aware of this problem and work towards finding ways to solve it.

Gembrook Primary School has registered for the Close The Gap Day and we are asking students to come to school dressed in either a yellow, black or red top. We have some special activities planned and we are seeking a gold coin donation which will be donated to AN-TaR, the organisation that runs Close The Gap Day.

### **GPS Gr 3-6 Athletics Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

What a brilliant day was had by all who attended our Grades 3 - 6 Sports Carnival on Monday at Cockatoo Sports Reserve. The weather was on our side and our students supported and barracked for each other, and thoroughly enjoyed the day's competition in a lovely 'no stress and no fuss' manner. Our teachers and staff, along with lots of parents, worked hard to ensure the day was an outstanding success.

A huge thank you to all the mums, dads and family members who came along to cheer, support and generally help out with the many track and field events that occurred throughout the day. There was a lovely Gembrook community feel to the event with happy, smiling faces everywhere!

As always, our staff were superb and a special thanks to Mr. Adnam for organising and overseeing a hugely successful day.

### **Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) initiative at Gembrook Primary School:**

As I communicated last year, we are extremely excited to have been accepted into the Department of Education and Training (DET) initiative School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS). Whilst the events of 2020 delayed the commencement of this initiative, I'm confident that 2021 will be a great time to start and our staff have already commenced professional learning this year in relation to SWPBS. As our focus at Gembrook Primary School is very much based around excellence in teaching and learning, we have decided to rebrand this new initiative 'Positive Behaviours for Learning' (PBL)

PBL is about developing a framework and common strategies that will help support and develop a positive, safe and supportive learning culture. We are also seeking to increase understandings and strategies in relation to a whole school approach to promoting and supporting positive behaviours that will in turn lead to an increased orderly learning environment and intrinsic motivation for learning.

Our school review in term three 2019 highlighted the requirement for a strategic plan goal around student engagement in learning. One associated key improvement strategy for this goal is to build a sense of pride in the school and its learning culture that is shared by teachers, students, parents and the community. To this end we believe PBL will be a great and timely fit for Gembrook Primary School.

# A VIEW TO THE FUTURE

## Bren's Banter cont.....

Student wellbeing is linked to our school values of Respect and High Expectations. These values are prominent in every classroom and referred to regularly.

We have a whole school approach to classroom management via the 'Steps For Success' ladder that looks to promote positive behaviours. We believe that the PBL initiative will assist in increasing student and staff understandings in relation to positive behaviours and expected norms.

As you will appreciate, we are in the very early stages of implementing PBL and my intention is to run a parent information evening in term two. I will keep you up to date with progress. Very exciting times!

### New Planter Box:

Please check out our newly installed planter box outside the Italian Room! The new planter box was installed as part of our disability access works over summer and we can't wait to fill it with colourful 'Italian inspired' flowers and plants.



Have a great week everyone and all the best,

**Bren**

Brendan Fitzpatrick,  
Principal.

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## School Council News 25th February, 2021

### Student Voice and Agency

We must begin this GPS School Council Snapshot with the wonderful inclusion of our inaugural School Council Student Representative. This initiative is directly related to our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) focus of student agency, student voice and student leadership within our school. We would love to congratulate Stellar Grant and her first report to school council was exceptional. All students would be extremely proud of her clarity and focus on what we are doing at GPS from a student's perspective. Please read Stellar's report below;

#### Good evening everyone,

*My name is Stellar, I'm in grade six and for 2021, I am proud to say that I am the student representative on school council.*

*My role will be to provide a report for school council meetings from a student perspective.*

*Teachers and staff are committing to increase student voice and agency this year, so I will attend all SRC meetings (Student Representative Council) and report back to you.*

*The first SRC meeting for 2021 was yesterday and we talked about how we are going to do a new program and start fresh with how we will handle and work with our peers, Mrs Listen, Miss Schofield and Kate (from Cardinia Council) are hosting, handling and having fun with all of us, they make it very clear that students have a say.*

*But already there are some examples of student agency happening in our school.*

*Every Wednesday morning, the grade six students participate in the Toastmasters Public Speaking Program. While they do that, the grade five students are making the most of student voice with 'The Genius Hour' project. During the term, grade five students get to pick a topic that they are interested in learning about. They design a big open-ended question about their topic and then research and gather information before presenting their project to their peers at the end of term.*

*We have also started working on our learning goals in class using the GPS Developmental Curriculum Continuum. This is going to make it easier for all students to understand our learning goals and set new goals.*

*There has also been the introduction of 'further work time' in our literacy lessons where we get to choose what we would like to work on further, during part of the lesson. For example, we might choose to continue to read, or make entries into our reader's notebook, or spend time working on our reading goal, etc.*

*Students will also participate in regular surveys about their learning.*

*I'm really excited to be the very first student representative on our school council and I'm looking forward to keeping you updated on SRC and student voice during the year. Thank you everyone and have a great night*

### Principal's Report

Brendan presented the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) to school council and explained the changes due to the COVID impact on schools in 2020. There is a new DET (Department of Education and Training) template and all schools must have 'Goal Zero' in response to the pandemic. As a school, we are committed to continuing the focus on engaging students with their learning. In 2021, GPS is implementing the Positive Behaviour

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GPS has been selected across the Dandenong Ranges to participate in the Differentiated Support for School Improvement initiative (DSSI). This has given us the opportunity to work with two learning specialists fortnightly to develop specific programs and provide professional learning to our teachers.

The Tutor Learning Initiative is in the round one phase across the school in literacy and numeracy.

### School Council Elections

Please welcome the following representatives to school council for 2021;

DET Representatives	Parent/Community Representatives
Brendan Fitzpatrick (Principal) Kerri Drew (Assistant Principal) Ellie O'Mara (Teacher) Kirsten Varga (Teacher) Christian Fraser (Teacher)	Michael Andrews Luke Dean Prouse Dean Macumber Nicola Todd Nicola Power Michelle Atzmuller Tamara Ware Dana Simpson Walker Kafi O'Connor Ward

### Finance

School Council ratified the policies that govern school finances for 2021. We reviewed funds carried forward and our financial commitments for 2021, such as, HPV, the building fund, welfare and our operating reserve.

### Students Attitude to School Survey 2020

Brendan presented the results of the Students Attitude to School Survey 2020 to the school council. This survey took place during remote learning in 2020 and was facilitated by parents. 23 students responded across grades 4-6. It would have been great to have more students respond to the survey to drive improvements across the school, but we are very aware that this survey came out during a very difficult time for our school community. Students were able to communicate that school was important for learning and that some behaviours were impacting their learning. This ties in really well with the implementation of PBL and developing a more positive mindset for learning and teaching the expected behaviours.

### Communication

A new parent member has provided extremely positive feedback on the school's excellent levels of communication so far, with the Getting to Know You conferences and the Whole School Information evening. It was lovely to receive such a positive comment.

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## School Council News 25th February, 2021 cont...

### *Communication Policy 2021*

Brendan provided an update on the Communication Policy review. The majority of the drafting is complete, and the next step is to go to teachers and staff for review. Some adjustments and detail have been added to provide clarity in the areas of phone calls through the office to teachers, emailing through the office between teachers and parents, and the variety of communication means within the school and the whole school community. Michael asked if parent access to teacher's personal mobile phone numbers would be included in the policy. Brendan replied that parents would not have access to teacher's personal mobile phone numbers. No other school council members spoke in support of parents having access to teacher's personal mobile phone numbers. Once the reviews have occurred, the policy will be presented to school council.

### *Compass*

We are working really hard as a school to provide further communication with families through our learning management system of Compass. Compass Chronicles is a way to provide feedback to parents around what is happening for individual students. This type of communication is to ignite conversations between students and parents, it is not a two-way communication means. A new parent member commented that continual teacher responses to Compass Chronicles would be an unrealistic workload for teachers. Watch this space with further information to come.

### *Website*

A huge thank you needs to go to Dean Prouse, Michael Andrews Luke and Jax Child for their hard work on establishing our new website. The website is now live and is a work in progress, with additions being made on a regular basis.

The new web address is: [www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au/wp/](http://www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au/wp/)

### Camps

Well we are all crossing fingers that our 2021 camps do not get interrupted by COVID, and so we are excited to present the three approved camps for this year. The school will send out further information in the next few weeks, so families can prepare;

Grade 2: Log Cabin Ranch (Monbulk) 5-6 May 2021

Grade 3/4: Manyung Camp (Mt. Eliza) 9-11 June 2021

Grade 5/6: Woorabinda Camp (Yallourn Nth.) 22-24 June 2021

### Buildings and Grounds

The Accessible Building works are almost complete and it is wonderful that this has occurred for our students that need easier access to all the different areas of the school. The both playgrounds will be receiving a new load of soft-fall to protect our students in the event of a fall.

### Fundraising

GPS is pleased to announce that we are working with Puffing Billy again with the Thomas the Tank days and with Rotary Emerald in their Community Car Raffle.

Some further fundraising activities are being planned for the future; hot dog day, the Easter raffle and the Car Park Space raffle.

# 3-6 Athletics Day



# School News

## Gembrook Primary School Staff Profile

NAME:

Stuart Watson a.k.a. The Doc, Wato, Elementary, Stu Stu, Tino, Mr W and Gibbo.



POSITION:

Gardner, grounds person and staff helper.

WHEN I'M NOT AT SCHOOL:

Collecting firewood to help ward off the winter blues, tending to my garden, riding my Kawasaki and grabbing a few interesting images.

FAVOURITE BOOK/AUTHOR:

Photo books starring my grandchildren and their parents!

FAVOURITE SPORTS TEAM:

Any G.P.S. team and Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls.

SOMETHING THAT ALWAYS CHEERS ME UP:

Seeing the results of my work at school, the best guitar music, a dry road to ride on and a sunny day.

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION:

Bali and Los Angeles.

FAVOURITE STYLE OF MUSIC:

Blues guitar.

FAVOURITE SONG:

Currently Joanne Shaw Taylor's, Time Has Come and Tied and Bound. This list could go on and on.....!

HOBBIES:

Photography and a certain 1974 Z1-A 900 Kawasaki.

WHY AM I PASSIONATE ABOUT WORKING AT G.P.S.?

I have had a long history with our school and taught here for thirty something years. Even though my role has changed I always endeavour to make our school a better place because it's worth it! We have wonderful facilities, grounds, staff and children and I've been proud to be part of this. G.P.S. holds a special place in my life.

# 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

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

Chase HERRING

- Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports)
- Send email to Chase's teachers
- Add Attendance Note (Approved Absentee/late)
- View Academic Results

What is an Attendance Note?

An Attendance Note is used to explain when your child is absent or late for school.

Attendance Note Editor

Name Details		
Name:	Chase HERRING	
Reason:	Illness/Medical	
Details/Comment:	Not in school	
<b>Important Notice</b>		
In clicking 'Save', you acknowledge, certify and warrant that you are a bona fide parent/guardian for this child and the information above is correct; and that nothing contained in this note approves, excuses, certifies, or excuses a medical certificate; and students admitted to PCR are required to submit a medical certificate. It is the intent of PCR to assist parents in their rights to privacy and to provide a safe environment for all students. If a student is not excused, suspended, or expelled, PCR may issue a written notice to the parent(s) and any individual under contract or otherwise engaged in the delivery of services to the student, or to the principal, or to another individual or entity acting on behalf of PCR, or to any other individual or entity engaged in the delivery of services to the student.		
Start:	2019/09/29	20:24 AM
Finish:	2019/09/29	20:28 PM

Potentially Affected Students

Activity	Start	Finish
OG001_001 (Tr 6 Gr ...	2019/09/29 08:03 AM	2019/09/29 12:03 PM
OG001_001 (Tr 6 Gr ...	2019/09/29 12:30 PM	2019/09/29 03:30 PM

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

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.

YOUR SCHOOL?

Jimmy is marked absent as of 9:30 AM. Please add a note using the link below, or alternatively contact the school office ([impacts.co@rpw.k12.fl.us](mailto:impacts.co@rpw.k12.fl.us)) - Principal

Cancel Add Attendance Note

Reason: Illness/Medical

Details / Comments: James is at the dentist today

Start Date: 03/09/2019 - 08:00 AM

End Date: 03/09/2019 - 09:00 PM

Missed: Activities missed by this attendance note

Add Attendance Note

# School News

## RETURNING OF L.L.I. BOOKS

If any families still have any L.L.I. books at home from remote learning, can these please be returned to the school office as soon as possible. The L.L.I books are an important resource and are essential for the program to run effectively. We would really appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Thank you

Taryn Smith.

L.L.I. Teacher.

## 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: [www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au](http://www.gembrookps.vic.edu.au)

## **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.

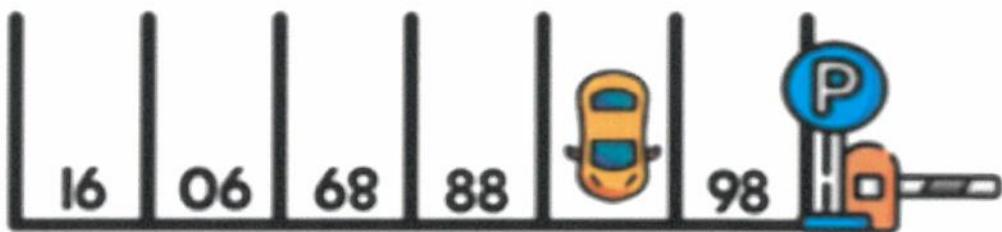
Thank you for your support





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

**Can you guess the number of the parking space where the car is already parked?**



Come see Mrs D with your answer to see if it is correct. You will receive a smiley face sticker for each correct answer. 😊

Correct answer = one smiley face sticker.

Watch this space for the correct answers in the next newsletter. ( T1W7)

Answers to last week's maths question (T1W5)

First answer

$$0 + 4 = 4$$

Move the middle match stick of the number six to make it a zero as in a digital zero.

Second answer

$$5 + 4 = 9$$

Take the bottom left hand match stick of the six and make it a five as in a digital number five. Now place that match stick on top of the number four in the answer, and change the answer to a number nine as in a digital number nine.

Extension Maths students' answer

$$8 - 4 = 4$$

Take the line from the plus sign (+) to make it a take away sign (-) and place that line on the 6 to change it to an eight.

# PFA NEWS



PFA

## CAR SPACE RAFFLE



*For the chance to have  
your own allocated Car Space in the*



*front car park of the school,*

*Buy your tickets NOW*

Tickets

\$10 EACH

3 FOR \$25

Draw date:

Friday 19th March

Terms and conditions: The allocated space will be available to the winning family:

- from when the winner of the prize is announced (draw date), for the balance of Term 1 (to 1<sup>st</sup> April) and continued to the end of Term 2 (19<sup>th</sup> April to 25<sup>th</sup> June) in the current year
- for school drop off (8am – 9.30am) and pickup (2.30pm – 4pm)
- No-one else may use the space in these time slots
- The space will be marked with personalised signage



# Spencers Store

## Lunch Orders

### GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

	<b>Weekly Lunch Special \$5.00</b>	<b>Weekly Treat Special \$2.50</b>
<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 patty, 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!

## March

3rd Abbey Prep L  
7th Evita 2B  
8th Ruby-Lee 3/4S  
9th Tanisha 3/4L  
Banjo 3/4L  
11th Henry Prep L  
16th Mila 1F



# 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



## *Our* Commitment

**Quality Teaching and Learning,  
Positive Relationships,  
Personalised Learning**

At Emerald Secondary College we are committed to ensure that all our students experience a quality education that enables them to achieve their personal best and access to excellence. Our school learning community provides a caring, inclusive and stimulating environment in which students can develop skills and personal qualities necessary to participate confidently and positively in a changing global world.



**2021 SEAL Applications due  
Friday April 23rd**



## Emerald Secondary College

425 Belgrave—Gembrook Road, EMERALD

For school tours, please call 5968 5388

[www.emeraldsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.emeraldsc.vic.edu.au)

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



22/02/2021

Dear School Community,

**Update to hours in Pakenham retail store**

We have decided to amend our trading hours for your local community's convenience. The updated hours are listed below:

MONDAY	9:00AM TO 5:00PM
TUESDAY	9:00AM TO 5:00PM
WEDNESDAY	9:00AM TO 5:00PM
THURSDAY	9:00AM TO 5:00PM
FRIDAY	9:00AM TO 5:00PM
SATURDAY	10:00AM TO 1:00PM

The trading hours provided above will come into effect from Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February.

We will continue to update you as changes occur and would like to thank you for your patience and understanding over the recent months. We wish you all the best for the year to come.

Kind regards,

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## Imagine Cardinia Round 2!

### Have your say on the future of your Shire



Council is developing its *Council Plan, Community Vision, Financial Plan and Budget*.

Feedback from Round 1 has informed a 'People's Panel', a representative group of residents helping Council to guide the development of these plans.

From 17 February until 3 March, the panel's recommendations for *Council Plan* priorities and the proposed *Community Vision* will be available for public comment.

Have your say: <https://creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/imaginecardinia/youngpeople>

Any questions, contact Kate Beveridge at [k.beveridge@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:k.beveridge@cardinia.vic.gov.au)

Ph: 1300 787 624  
Web: [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au)

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Smash your savings goals and  
we'll match it up to \$500**



**Saver Plus will match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.**

To join Saver Plus you must be 18 years plus, have regular income from work (you or your partner)\*, have a child at school / starting next year or be studying yourself, and have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and an eligible Centrelink payment\*.

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact us for more information



laptops & tablets



camps & excursions



uniforms & shoes



lessons & activities



sports fees & gear



books & supplies

**Contact**

Leanne Farnsworth  
your local Saver Plus  
Coordinator

**Phone**

0459 190 144

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CaseyCardiniaSP@bsl.org.au

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