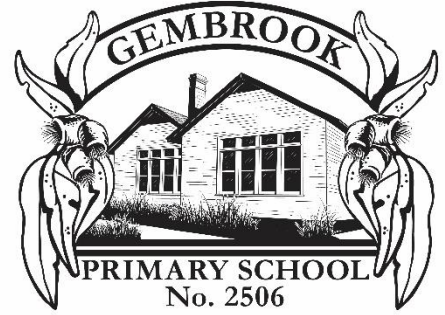


GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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!

Grade 3 / 4 Newsletter

Term 2, 2021

Welcome back for another great term of learning! We have a busy yet exciting term ahead of us, and are especially looking forward to Camp! 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: persuasive and poetry, as well as our reading comprehension strategies, and free choice writing. We will begin the term with the continuation of our persuasive writing and reading. Students will have the opportunity to explore author's work while reading their choice of narrative stories. Students will finish this unit with a published copy of their own persuasive writing. We will then move into poetry, where we will learn about black out, diamante, odes, free verse, and epic poems. Students will conclude this unit with their own published anthology. Two lessons a week will focus on comprehension strategies, such as analysing, determining importance, inferring, and summarising. 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 focus on **estimation**, and **the four operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division**. Our applied topics will be **Time, Location and Transformation, and Chance**. Students will create and interpret grid maps, identify symmetry in the environment, and conduct chance experiments. Students will continue to practise problem-solving strategies such as rounding, drawing a diagram, and acting out problems. 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

In Word Work students will continue to learn about **spelling, vocabulary, grammar, and inquiry**. 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.**



Inquiry

This term we will be exploring the topics **Design STEM** and **Geography**. In this unit, students will explore technology and how it is created and developed, as well as Australia and our neighbouring countries. Students will engage in the researching process, and will be encouraged to use their creativity to construct a project.

Important Term Dates

As always, there are many exciting **events** planned for this Term (including camp!). 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
Wednesday 28 th April	District Athletics
Monday 3 rd May – Wednesday 5 th May	Mother's Day Stall
Tuesday 11 th May – Thursday 13 th May	NAPLAN
Monday 17 th May	Cross Country
Friday 21 st May	PFA - Disco
Tuesday 25 th May	School Photo Day
Thursday 27 th May (3:30pm start)	3/4 Camp Information Session
Wednesday 2 nd June	Division Cross County
Friday 4 th June	Curriculum Day
Wednesday 9 th June - Friday 11 th June	Grade 3/4 Manyung Camp
Thursday 18 th March Monday 14 th June	Queen's Birthday
Friday 25 th June (2:30pm finish)	Last Day of School

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

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