

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



DIARY DATES

15th July, 2021

JULY	
Tuesday 13th—Friday 16th	<i>Life Education Incursion</i>
Monday 19th	<i>Division Cross Country</i>
Wednesday 21st	<i>Lightning Premiership Grades 5/6</i>
Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th	<i>3 Way Conferences</i>
Wednesday 28th	<i>First K-Motion for Term 3</i>
Friday 30th	<i>School Tree Day</i>
AUGUST	
Monday 2nd—Wednesday 4th	<i>3/4 Camp Manyung—Group A</i>
Thursday 5th	<i>EDEC Basketball Grades 5/6</i>
Wednesday 11th—Friday 13th	<i>3/4 Camp Manyung—Group B</i>
Thursday 12th	<i>Book Fair Arrives</i>
Friday 27th	<i>Curriculum Day</i>

A VIEW TO THE FUTURE

Bren's Banter

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome back everyone to what is shaping up to be another great (and hopefully uninterrupted!) term of learning at Gembrook. I hope you all had a lovely and relaxing holiday break.

As this is my first newsletter since returning from long service leave, I just want to say a massive thank you to Kerri for taking on the role of Acting Principal in my absence. Kerri did an outstanding job, guiding our school superbly through lockdown, remote learning and the aftermath of the storm. Kerri, of course, was so well supported by our GIFT team (school leadership team), Shelley and Marita in the office and our wonderful teachers and support staff.

The level of communication was again outstanding through such a challenging time, with the school keeping our community well informed and up to date with progress and changes to operations. Of course, our teachers worked incredibly hard and efficiently to plan and roll out remote learning for our students and families during lockdown.

Thank you to our wonderful students and families for your support, understanding, flexibility and appreciation, during some definitely challenging times. Let's all hope and pray for calmer seas this term!

Thank you!

Thank you to Stu Watson who spent many hours over the holidays preparing our school grounds superbly for this term. Stu completed weeding, pruning and blower vaccing all of our pathways. Thanks Mr. Watson!

The dedication of staff over the holidays was also clearly evident. Shelley spent several days working in the office and many teachers also spent time at school preparing for this term and setting up their classrooms. This strong level of commitment is very much acknowledged and appreciated.

Lots happening in Term 3!

Of course, we are a dynamic school and so there are lots of exciting events planned again for this term. Some of these include:

- Life Education Incursion.
- 3 Way Conferences
- Staff professional learning and coaching with education consultant Danny Hyndman.
- Grade 3/4 camp at Manyung on the Mornington Peninsula.
- Rotary Club Speech Contest.
- Father's Day stall
- Mathematics Olympiad
- K-motion
- 'Step Into Prep 2022' Information Evening.
- EDEC Basketball
- EDEC Girls Footy
- Whole school production 'Matilda'

Another busy and exciting term ahead! Further details of these events will be communicated via Compass.

Communication at Gembrook update

Effective and open communication is an essential element of any high performing school.

As part of our updated communication policy, parents can contact the school or their child's teacher via email – gembrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au or via phone 03 59 681313. If the communication is directed to a teacher, the teacher will receive that communication and the normal response time will be within two working days. Also, via email, parents/carers will receive an acknowledgement of receipt of communication from the office.

A big thank you to mums, dads and carers who have provided us with positive and appreciative feedback following the implementation of Compass Chronicles. This is a great way for parents to receive feedback about their child's efforts, progress and achievements at school.

During non-COVID restriction times, teachers are available in classrooms for brief catch ups and/or exchange of information from 8:45am until 8:55am. At 8:55am teachers need to make final preparations for teaching to commence on time at 9:00am.

If it is anticipated that a longer meeting will be required, please make an appointment with your child's teacher for a mutually suitable time. Teachers are also generally available after school on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, teachers attend meetings immediately after school. Please note that parent-teacher meetings/discussions should not occur during classroom teaching time.

Students also have the opportunity to be in class from 8:45am and can choose to read quietly or practise their learning goals / times tables etc. Please note that this is not indoor playtime but quiet study time. We really appreciate your support with this.

A VIEW TO THE FUTURE

Bren's Banter

Maths is Mathnificent at Gembrook!:

This week students commence our next Applied Maths topic 'Mass, Volume and Capacity'. Research states that this topic is one of the most likely to be used in 'real life' maths! Students will complete a pretest on 'Mass, Volume and Capacity'. Results from this testing will be used to inform targeted, individualised teaching in this subject for the next five weeks. Post testing at the completion of the unit will measure individual student learning growth and inform future areas for improvement.

3 Way Conferences

3 Way Conferences are scheduled for Week 3 (week commencing Monday 26th July). 3 Way Conferences provide an excellent opportunity for students to share reflections about their learning and their individual learning goals. Of course, the opportunity for teachers, parents and students to discuss and share information relevant to learning is also vitally important.

Please book a 3 Way Conference time with your child's teacher via Compass.

Enrolments for 2022

Enrolment for 2022 at ANY level can be made NOW and I encourage you to share this with friends and families. Early confirmation of prep enrolments for next year will assist us greatly with planning in terms of staffing and grade structures.

School tours are welcomed and can be arranged by contacting the school on 59 68 1313.

Further details in relation to our 2022 prep transition program will be included in the next newsletter.

KMotion is back for Term 3!

We are very excited to have KMotion back for 5 great term 3 sessions.

This awesome after school care program is run in association with St. Luke's Cockatoo, Anglicare Victoria, ECHO Youth and Family Services and the Hills Community Strengthening Initiative (HCSI).

KMOTION is FREE and open to all students from Prep to Grade 6. If you have already enrolled for this year, there is no new forms to complete. If you would like to newly enrol, please contact the school office. KMOTION activities include games, craft, stories and afternoon tea. Each session is run by a HCSI staff member and a team of trained volunteers. KMOTION has behaviour guidelines and expectations to ensure all children have a safe and enjoyable time.

Term 3 dates are:

Wednesday July 28th

Wednesday August 4th

Wednesday August 11th

Wednesday August 18th

Wednesday August 25th

Each session will commence at 3:20pm and finish at 5:00pm whereupon our normal OSHC program will continue until 6:00pm (students who are booked in for our normal OSHC program on KMOTION evenings will have the opportunity to join in the fun from 3:20pm – 5:00pm).

We really appreciate the time and effort that Naomi, Steve and Brodie have put into making KMOTION such an outstanding success at Gembrook as well as all students and families who have supported KMOTION so well. We can't wait for KMOTION Term 3 to start on Wed 28th July!

Term 3 Production – 'Matilda'

Another reason it's going to be an exciting term at Gembrook is the staging of our whole school production 'Matilda'. Commencing in week one, every grade will participate in a weekly rehearsal and performance lesson that will culminate in a whole school production to be held at Emerald Secondary College on Tuesday 14th September.

There will be two performances on the evening in order to accommodate all families and friends. The first performance will commence at 5:30pm with the second performance starting at 7:00pm.

I can't wait to see our students' acting, dancing and musical talents in action!

Curriculum Day – Friday 27th August

With lockdown in term two preventing our scheduled curriculum day, we have re-booked a day of professional learning with highly regarded education consultant Danny Hyndman for Friday 27th August. This will be a student free day and teachers will participate in a day of professional learning, continuing with our work around teaching reading and student engagement in reading.

Please check out the 'Diary Dates' at the front of the newsletter for the many excellent events and activities that are coming up at Gembrook Primary School.

Have a great week everyone and all the best, Bren

Grade 5/6 Camp Woorabinda





STARS OF THE WEEK TERM 2 WEEK 10

Oliver Prep G

What a fantastic term of learning you have had! It has been wonderful to watch your confidence grow as you have improved your focus and effort during learning times. Excellent work Oliver!

Mitchell Prep M

Well done Mitchell, on such a superb week of learning! I am so proud of the effort you have put into following our daily routines. Keep up the awesome effort!

Masie 2B

I am so proud of your efforts in reading, especially when you pay close attention to sounding out challenging words. You have made incredible choices for your learning this week and I am so proud of you!

Cooper 2W

For the commitment to your learning. It has been wonderful to see your self confidence grow in your abilities and how you are contributing to class discussion and asking questions. Well done Cooper, you are a joy to teach

Shaminka 3/4O

For planning, organising, and teaching a maths lesson on decimals. It was inspiring to watch you interact with your peers and complete activities that helped them to understand a new concept. Excellent work as always Shaminka!

Mitchell Prep M ITALIAN

Mitchell, your enthusiasm and learning in Italian is outstanding. You can count to ten fluently and to 20 with support. You are able to identify some clothes and classroom objects. You are a star!

Academic Awards Term 2 Week 10

Reader of the Week: Ava 3/4O
Writer of the Week: Hugh PrepL
Speller of the Week: Anna 2B
Mathlete of the Week: Elijah 1V

ART NEWS

Zart Student ART PRIZE

Competition Dates: Monday 14th June – Monday 19th July



2021 Theme: Our Celebration of Australia. Celebrate your vision of Australia, be inspired by Australia's colours, flora, fauna, landmarks, people, traditions, sports, foods. Everything and anything that means Australia to you. Artwork can be 2D (e.g. drawing, painting, sidewalk chalk drawing etc.) or 3D (e.g. sculpture, construction).

WIN!

The National Student Art Prize will be awarded to one entrant in each of the six categories, each winning a \$250 Zart art & craft voucher and a \$450 Zart art & craft voucher for their enrolled school.

Shortlisted Prizes:

20 x \$50 student art & craft vouchers per category.

People's Choice Prize:

\$250 student art & craft voucher per category.



There are six prize categories:

- Category 1: Primary School (Foundation to Level 3)
- Category 2: Primary School (Level 4 to Level 6)
- Category 3: Secondary School (Level 7 to Level 9)
- Category 4: Secondary School (Level 10 to Level 12)
- Category 5: Special Education (Primary Foundation to Level 6)
- Category 6: Special Education (Secondary Level 7 to Level 12)

Entry is **FREE** and open to all students across Australia! Visit www.zartart.com.au for more information about how to enter and to view terms & conditions.

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

From (T2W9)

Magic Squares

Fill in the following squares with digits 1-9 in a way that all rows, columns, and diagonals add up to 15. The trick is, you can use each digit only once!

8		

	3	

Try doing this as a family activity. Get your older sisters and brothers to help you.
Ask your Nan and Pop for the answer.

Come see Mrs D with your answers to receive a beautiful star smiley face.

Watch this space for the correct answers in the next newsletter

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY! July



12th Kayla 3/4L
12th Bronte 5/6M
14th Henry PrepJ
14th Grace 2B
14th Sophie 3/4O
15th Laura PrepM
15th Bridget 2B
16th Maisie 2B
17th Isaac 3/4L
17th Austin 3/4S
18th Lucy 5/6M
18th Charlize 5/6/M
19th Skye 5/6J
20th Max 3/4O
20th Bailey 5/6J
20th Max 5/6J
21st Tyler PrepJ
22nd Amelia 1F



PFA NEWS



PFA

FIREWOOD RAFFLE

\$5 each or 3 for \$12

DRAW DATE

FRIDAY 6TH AUGUST



Gembrook Primary School PFA team is burning to offer the Gembrook community the chance to win in this amazing fundraiser.

Tickets available at:

Gembrook Australia Post & Gembrook Bakery

K&D FIREWOOD

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GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

TERM 3

	Weekly Lunch Special \$5.00	Weekly Treat Special \$2.50
 16TH JULY	Sausage Roll With tomato sauce.	Apple Muffin
23RD JULY	Savoury Muffin Ham, cheese and herb.	Chocolate Muffin
30TH JULY	Pizza Ham, cheese and tomato paste.	Shortbread Cookie
6TH AUGUST	Pasta Bake Penne pasta, napoli sauce and cheese.	Gingerbread Cookie
13TH AUGUST	Sausage Roll With tomato sauce.	Blueberry Muffin
20TH AUGUST	Nachos Cheese, salsa and sour cream.	Choc Chip Cookie
27TH AUGUST	Grilled Chicken Tenders Honey soy Grilled Chicken tenders with rice.	Shortbread Cookie
3RD SEPTEMBER	Baked Potato Cheese, coleslaw, sour cream.	Chocolate and Raspberry Muffin
10TH SEPTEMBER	Sausage Roll With tomato sauce.	Lemon and Coconut Muffin

EXTRAS

Carrot Sticks	\$2.00
Beetroot Hummus	\$1.50
Corn Chips	\$2.00
Apple / Orange Juice	\$2.70

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lisa Maree's Hair & Beauty

OPENING JULY 1ST

Waxing. Massage. Lash Lifts. Tinting. Manis.
Pedis. Facials. Tanning.

Shop 1/74 Main St, Gembrook

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www.lisamarees.com.au
or call 59681342

@lisamarees.hair.beauty

School Reminders

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 below, with the following details:

- Name:** Chase HERRING
- Reason:** Illness/Medical
- Details/Comment:** Fever, aches

Important 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 not intended to be used as evidence to support a medical certificate in the absence of the appropriate and any treatment order or professional release of the doctor responsible for administrative, criminal and/or civil action against you. By your regional 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:

Activity	Start	Finish
06:00 - 06:15 (14 G...)	20/04/2019 06:00 AM	20/04/2019 06:15 AM
06:15 - 06:30 (14 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.

