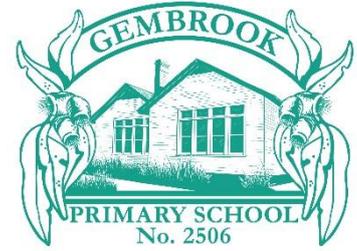


**GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**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 4, 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 B at the end of 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 encourage students to continue recording when they practise their weekly spelling words.



# LITERACY

In literacy this term, we will be focusing on two genres: memoirs and persuasive speeches, and students will participate in a group book club. We will continue to use our reading comprehension strategies, and have free choice reading and writing. We will begin the term with an introduction to our memoir unit, with examples and opportunities to consider their own moments of importance. This will lead to students creating their own memoirs, about an explicit moment in time that shaped them as a person. We will then move into persuasive speeches, where students will have the opportunity to revisit the persuasive features, and create a piece of work about something they're passionate about. Students will conclude the unit by presenting a speech to their peers, where they will receive and give feedback to others. In reading, they will have two lessons a week where they will focus on comprehension strategies, such as determining importance, visualising, synthesising, and inferring. 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 improve their reading. **Please ask your child what is currently in their book tubs at school!**

# NUMERACY

In our number and applied units this term, we will be revisiting areas of maths we have covered this year to revise, and practice using our knowledge. We will look at things such as fractions, place value, number patterns, and all the applied units. We will continue to have a weekly numeracy problem solving lesson, where we incorporate the four operations, and students develop problem solving skills in hands on activities. Students will revisit converting fractions to decimals and percentages, identifying why decimal numbers are smaller/larger according to their place value, and a focus on improving our times tables. Students will have an opportunity to revisit telling the time to the nearest minute, identifying angles, using directional language, and creating/analysing data displays. They will continue to practise problem-solving strategies such as drawing diagrams 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.



# 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
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Dress up Disco
26 <sup>th</sup> October	3-6 T20 Blast Cricket
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Day for Daniel
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
4 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Fair
29 <sup>th</sup> November – 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Swimming
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Step Up Day
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert
14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Camp B
16 <sup>th</sup> December (3:20pm finish)	Last Day of School
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Curriculum Day

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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