

Gembrook Primary School

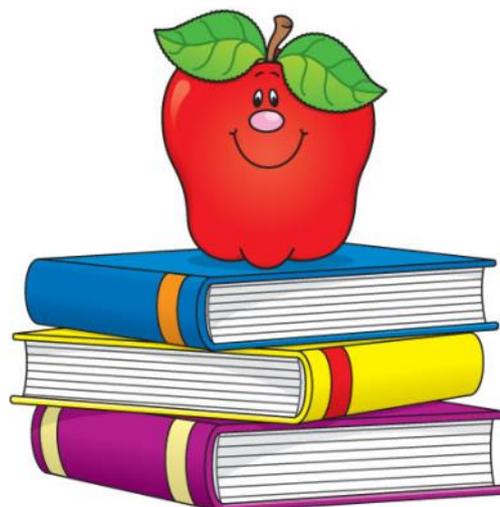


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Vision: To provide every student with every opportunity to be the best they can be.

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

21st October, 2021

OCTOBER	
Monday 4th October - 17th December	<i>HATS ON! All students are required to wear a hat for all outdoor activities until the end of term 4.</i>
Thursday 21st –Friday 22nd October	<i>Year 1/2 Onsite</i>
Friday 22nd October	<i>Year 5/6 Onsite</i>
Tuesday 26th October	<i>Human Relations and Sexuality Education Parent Information Session 5pm via Webex</i>
Tuesday 26th –Wednesday 27th October	<i>Year 3/4 Onsite</i>
Wednesday 27th October	<i>School Council Meeting via Webex</i>
NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 2nd November	<i>Melbourne Cup Public Holiday</i>
Friday 5th November	<i>All Students Back Onsite</i>
Friday 5th November - Wednesday 10th November	<i>Bookfair</i>
Monday 8th, 15th & 22nd November	<i>5/6 Human Relations and Sexuality Education Program (Student Sessions)</i>
Wednesday 24th November	<i>School Council Meeting via Webex</i>
Friday 26th November	<i>Colour Explosion School Fun Run</i>
Monday 29th –Friday 3rd December	<i>Grades Prep-6 Swimming TBA</i>



**SUN SMART 'HATS ON'
FOR ALL OUTDOOR
ACTIVITIES**

Hats available for purchase at the School office (\$10)



A VIEW TO THE FUTURE

Bren's Banter

Dear Families and Friends,

Such an exciting week as students in the junior school (P-2) and our grade 5/6s return to school as part of the DET staggered return arrangements. As I write this newsletter, our prep students have enjoyed three days back on-site, resuming their learning and social interactions. It's been absolutely awesome seeing our prep classrooms full again, at least for part of the next few weeks! We can't wait to have our grade 1/2 students resume on-site on Thursday and Friday. And of course, following the announcement last Sunday by Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews, our grade 5/6 students will also be on-site on Friday this week. Then starting next week, ALL students will attend on-site part time, before the target date of Friday 5th November, when we will all be back together again full time on-site – we truly can't wait!

I've included a staggered return to school timetable below.

Metropolitan Melbourne: Updated staggered return to onsite learning for schools

- Remote and flexible learning will continue to be delivered to students on the days they are not attending onsite.

Year Levels	From Monday 18 th October	From Monday 25 th October	From Monday 1 st November (Tuesday 2 nd Cup Day)	From Monday 8 th November
Prep	Mon & Tues & Wed	Mon & Tues & Wed	Mon & Wed & <u>Fri*</u>	Every week day
Year 1-2	Thurs & Fri	Thurs & Fri	Thurs & <u>Fri*</u>	Every week day
Year 3-4		Tues & Wed	Wed & <u>Fri*</u>	Every week day
Year 5-6	Fri	Thurs & Fri	Thurs & <u>Fri*</u>	Every week day

Fri* All students to return to school based on an achieved 80% double vaccination status.

Staggered Return to School Arrangements:

Thank you to all those who were able to attend our 'Returning to School Parent Information Session' held via Webex on Thursday 14th October, we hope you found it helpful. Thank you for the messages of appreciation for our school providing this session. For those who weren't able to attend, I've included a summary below:

Drop off and pick up arrangements:

Arrival:

- Please arrive at school between 8:45am – 9:00am. Student supervision commences at 8:45am
- Sign in ONLY for Remote Learning On-site students
- Please remain in your car and we will sign in 'remote learning on-site' students.
- Please no parents congregating on school grounds.
- For preps, a teacher will be at the kiss n 'drop to collect students.
- All students will proceed directly to class.

Departure:

Staggered departure..... P-2 @ 3:10pm
3-6 @ 3:20pm

Please note: Students in P-2 who are not being picked up at the kiss n drop via car, will finish at the normal time of 3:20pm.

Remote Learning On-site Supervision during the Staggered Return to School:

For the next three weeks, teachers will effectively be doing three jobs:

- Onsite learning
- Remote Learning onsite supervision
- Remote Learning planning

It is therefore vitally important that for the next three weeks, we keep the number of remote learning on-site students to an absolute minimum. On-site supervision should only be available as an absolute last resort, where no alternate means of supervision can be arranged.

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Masks:

From Monday 18th October:

Masks are required for Year 3-6 students

Masks are recommended for Prep – 2 students

Students will also need to bring:

A hat (dark blue, wide brimmed), clearly named.

A water bottle.

Any books/workbooks/stationery that has been taken home.

Finally, we want to let you know that our focus will be about supporting our students as they transition back to school. We absolutely understand that this has been a difficult and extended period of time away from school, and our intention is to provide students with lots of opportunities to re-connect with peers and staff. This will include opportunities and support for students to 'debrief' about their experiences with remote learning. Our focus will include re-establishing school routines and rigour, and providing our students with a positive term four experience.

ALL staff, including our wonderful School Wellbeing Officer Vikki are here to support, encourage and facilitate a successful transition back to school.

We know all of this detail is a lot to absorb, so please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

2021 NAPLAN CELEBRATION!

We have built a superb team at Gembrook, consisting of teachers and staff who are student focussed, skilled, dedicated and passionate about student learning and wellbeing.

As a school we have maintained our commitment to high quality teaching and learning, with a clear focus on literacy and numeracy, and I'm proud to share the following 2021 NAPLAN Relative Growth (Yr3 2019 to Yr5 2021) results:

Above state average high growth in Spelling

Above state average high growth in Grammar and Punctuation

Above state average medium growth in Reading

Above state average medium growth in Writing

Above state average medium growth in Numeracy

What a brilliant result and heartiest congratulations to our students, teachers, ES staff and parents!

Please share these amazing results with family and friends!!!!!!

Gembrook Primary School really is the place to be!

Enrolments for 2021:

Already we are well underway with planning 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.

Please don't forget to visit the school website for a fantastic 'virtual tour' of our beautiful school!

GPS Parent Survey:

Thank you to all families who participated in our school parent survey. We had thirty-eight eligible responses, and we really appreciate the positive and constructive input that we received. Following the same process as communicating our three annual DET surveys, we have shared and discussed results of the survey with our leadership team (GIFT Gembrook Improvement Focus Team), school staff, school council and a summary of the results is then shared with our community via the newsletter.

The survey comprised six questions:

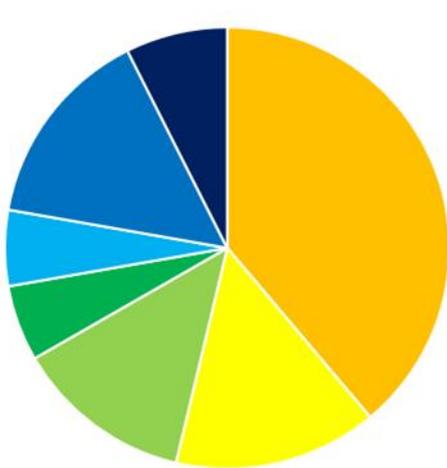
1. What are the reasons your child is at Gembrook Primary School?
2. In your opinion, what does Gembrook Primary School do well?
3. In terms of your child's journey through Gembrook Primary School, what have been the highlights?
4. What is your vision for our school over the next five years?
5. What improvements can we make to realise that vision?
6. In what way would you like to be involved in realising your vision/improvement ideas for our school?

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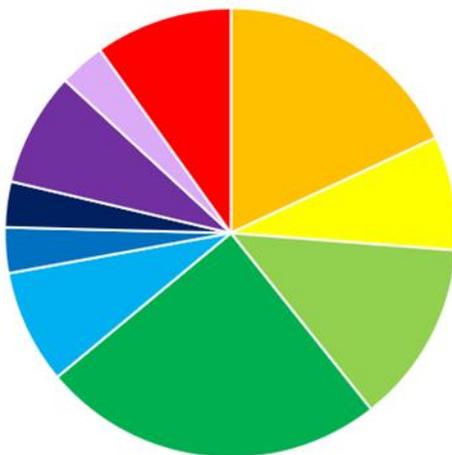
Results are summarised below and a huge thank you to Miss. Banks compiling this summary:

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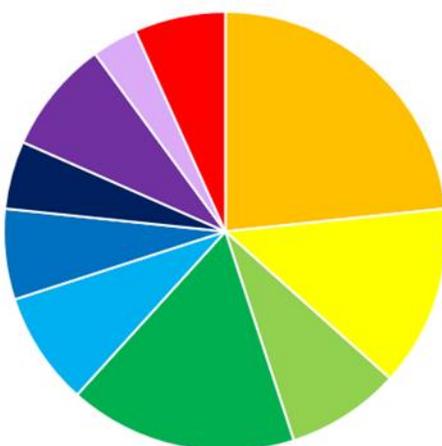
- Location
- Community network and connection
- Education and academic excellence
- Staff
- Facilities / Uniform
- Reputation / School feel / Supportive environment
- Other: family history, social experiences, low student numbers, extra / co-curricula activities offered

2. In your opinion, what does Gembrook Primary School do well?



- Staff / Teachers
- Communication
- Facilities / Grounds
- Inclusive and nurturing environment
- Learning programs and academic standards
- Celebrating student learning
- Class sizes
- Holistic development and differentiation
- Extra / Co-curricula activities
- Other: parent involvement, student voice, transition programs, staff professional learning, whole school approach, and 'most things'

3. In terms of your child's journey through Gembrook Primary School, what have been the highlights?

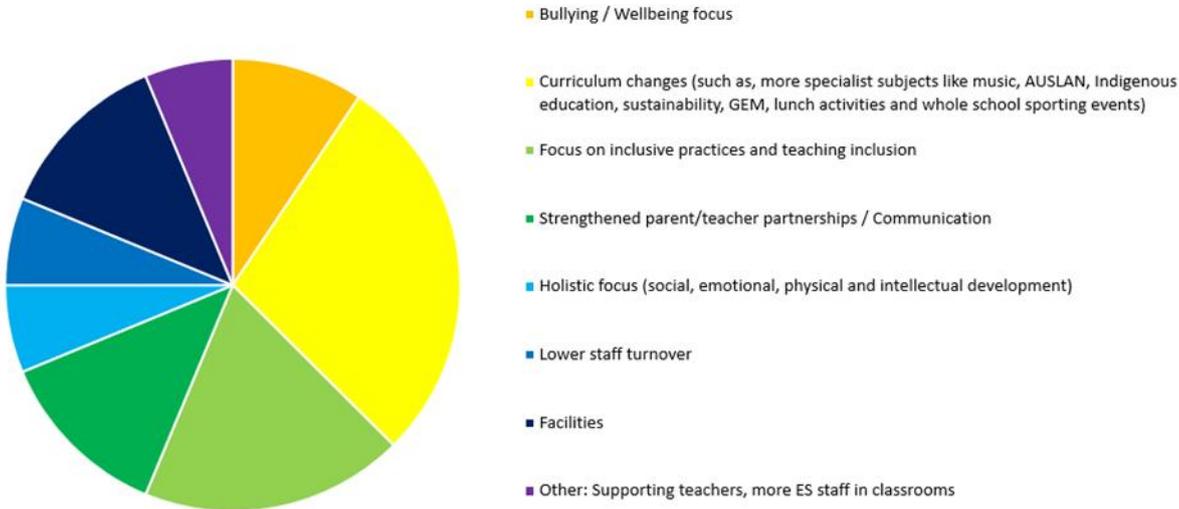


- Extra / Co-curricula activities (sports, camps, production, music program, and specialists)
- Awards / Celebrating student learning and success
- Friendships
- Teachers / Staff
- Academic outcomes
- Differentiation
- COVID response / Remote Learning support
- Community and School Connectedness / Supportive Environment
- Leadership opportunities
- Social development and developing positive students

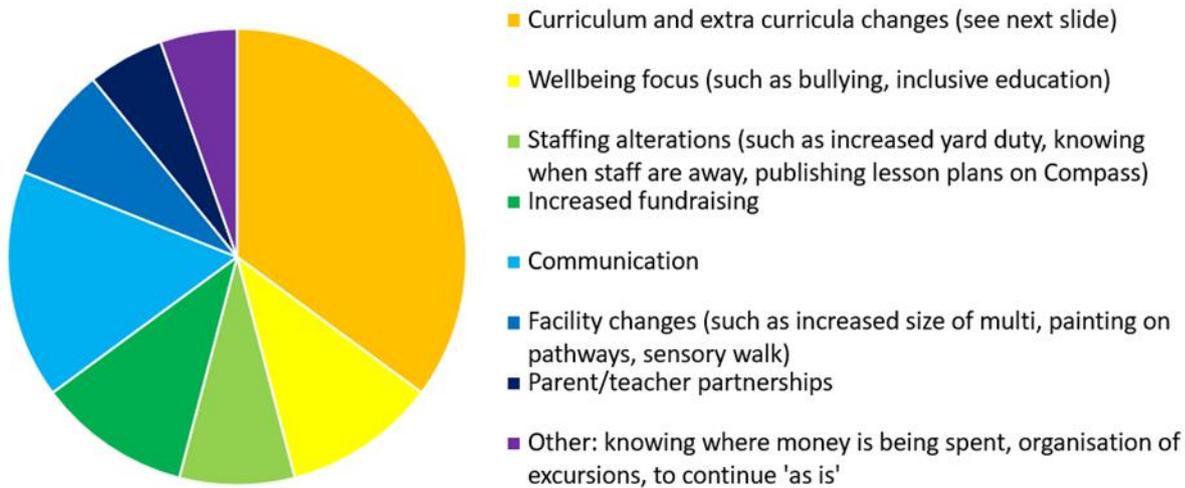
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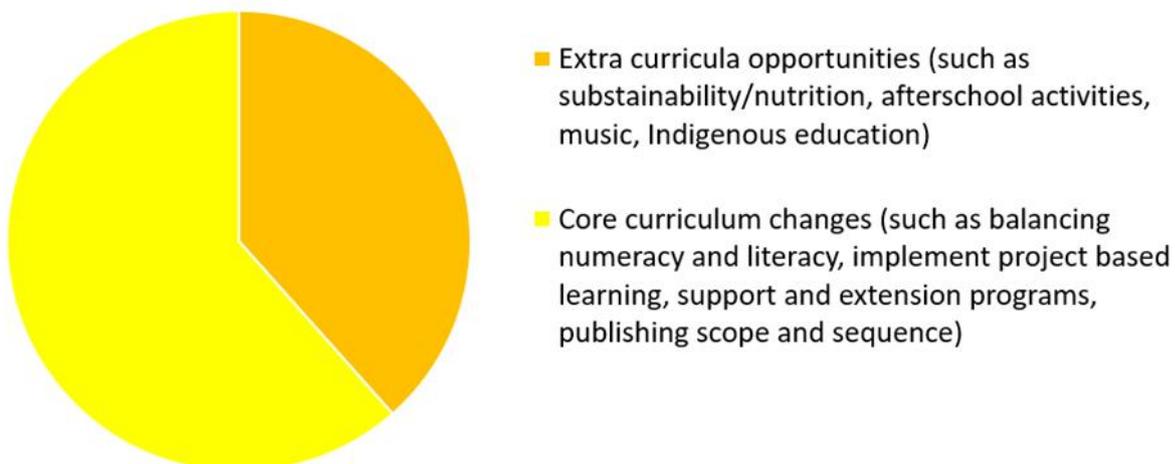
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Curriculum and extra curricula changes – further data



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6. In what ways would you like to be involved in realising your vision/improvement ideas?

- Establish 'working groups'
- Build partnerships
- Opportunities for parent input
- School council
- Guest speaker
- Volunteering/ donate time/ fundraising
- Increase parents/tutors in classroom
- Support during extra /co-curricula activities
- More surveys
- Participate in discussions

Our GIFT team has already committed to working regularly on feedback received via the survey. For example, we will action a suggestion about communicating teacher absence, once students return to full on-site learning. This action will allow parents to prepare students for a day without their usual classroom teacher, and assist in reducing potential anxiety and concerns. I will keep you updated as we work through other possible actions.

Term 4 = Hats on!

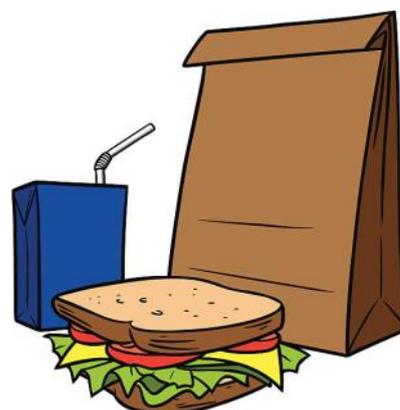
Just a reminder that we ALL need to have our hats on at all times when we are outside. All students need a dark blue wide brimmed hat (caps are not acceptable as they do not provide sufficient sun protection).

Thank you so much for your flexibility, understanding and support as we navigate this term together.

All the best, Bren

School Lunch Orders

At this stage Friday lunch orders will not be available
We will notify families when school lunch orders will be back.



SCHOOL NOTICES



Exciting announcement!

'Colour Explosion Fun Run @ Gembrook Primary School'

We are super excited to announce that on Friday 26th November, all our students will be participating in a 'Colour Explosion Fun Run' fundraising event!

Given all the challenges this year with lockdowns and remote learning, we thought it would be fantastic to hold this special fundraising event to help celebrate a 'job well done' this year and to raise important funds for our school.

It will be wonderful to see students and teachers joining together after such a difficult year, navigating their way through the obstacle course on the oval, while being covered with coloured powder and sprayed with the odd water gun!!!!

When is the Colour Explosion Fun4Run?

The big day is coming!

The Colour Explosion School Fun Run will take place on **Friday 26th November**.

Is the powder safe?

The non-toxic colour powder is made of high-quality corn starch and permitted food colours, so it's safe for skin and eyes. The powder used is not classified as a respiratory irritant, however if inhaled, may cause short term respiratory irritation. Students with asthma are advised to carefully consider wearing face protection etc. Please note that lots of school around Australia host Colour Explosion Fun Runs every year in a safe and fun filled manner.

What will your child need?

- Old white t-shirt
- Old hat
- Old shorts
- Water bottle
- Sense of fun!

What will your child receive?

A pair of UV400 sunglasses and a rainbow headband.

Participation certificates, incentive prizes and a highest fundraiser medallion for one lucky student.

A great opportunity to have lots of fun, whilst raising money for our school.

How does my child fundraise?

Fundraising is easy and online!

Fundraising starts on Tuesday 26th October

We will send out the link when our online fundraising portal is active.

You will be able to keep track on who is your highest fundraising student or class.

SCHOOL NOTICES

SCHOLASTIC  Book Fairs

You're invited to our Scholastic

BOOK FAIR

Reading Oasis: A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books!



From Friday 5th—Wednesday 10th November

EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

 SCHOLASTIC

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

(T4W3)

Maths Riddles

Estimation

Can you guess how many doughnuts there are in this giant box?

Can you think of some strategies to work it out?



Record your answers and email to the school or let your teacher know during one of your class Webex meetings. You can also bring it to the art room and give it to Mrs D.

If you would like a hint: Use a smaller model to work it out.



How many doughnuts are there?

Mrs. D will give you a small reward for your correct answer.

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

Answers to the last week's maths question (T3W9)

⇒ You planted sunflower seeds in your back garden. Everyday, the number of flowers doubles. If it takes 52 days for the flowers to fill the garden, how many days would it take for them to fill half the garden?

It would take 51 days.

If the number of flowers doubles every day, half the garden would be full the day before, on the 51st day.

⇒ Using only addition, how can you use eight eights to get the number 1,000?

888 +88 +8 +8 +8

Academic Awards Term 4 Week 2

Reader of the Week: ***Bronte 5/6M***

Writer of the Week: ***Cody PrepG***

Speller of the Week: ***Ina-Kaye 1F***

Mathlete of the Week: ***Emelia 3/4S***

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

October



18th Hunter 34L
21st Chelsea 1V
21st Cooper 34O
25th Liam Prepl
26th Maya 1F
26th Mitchell 56M
27th Olivia PrepG
27th Brody 34L
27th Shan 56J
29th Koby 2B



SCHOOL NOTICES



4/10/2021

Dear School Community,

Click and Collect in Metropolitan Melbourne

We're pleased to announce that Click and Collect services will now be offered in all of our Metropolitan Melbourne stores.

Families can purchase uniforms online at store.beleza.com.au and will be able to select either home delivery or Click and Collect as their preferred shipment option. Please note that Click and Collect services can only happen through your School's local Beleza store, due to differences in stock between our locations.

Please be aware that our Click and Collect orders have a processing time of 2 business days, so we won't be able to provide same-day collection. Additionally, in order to maintain a COVID-safe environment and ensure we're adhering to social distancing and density limit regulations, we've limited the number of orders to be processed per day - so if you're unable to select your preferred collection time at checkout, it will mean that we've hit our maximum number of orders for that time. We'll still be able to process your order, just at a later date.

We would also like to mention that for the beginning of this process, some of our stores won't be open on all of their usual trading days. As some of our retail staff have students of their own at home, not all of our team have been able to come back to work straight away. As students return to campus and our team becomes available again, we'll increase our operating hours so we can assist you as much as we can!

We'd like to thank you for your patience during this most recent lockdown, and look forward to helping families prepare for Term 4 or get ahead on their 2022 preparation. We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing you in Term 4!

Kind regards,

Beleza School Uniforms

COMMUNITY NOTICES



**THE SECRET CAULDRON'S
GRAND OPENING
AND
HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA**

**PREPARED TO
BE SCARED!!**

Trick Or Treat...

Games, Ghouls
and Food

Don't forget to
dress up!

**COME AND ENJOY THE HALLOWEEN PATHWAY OF
TERROR!!**

**GRAND OPENING AND FESTIVITIES TO BEGIN AT
4:30PM – 7:30PM SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER...**

365B MAIN STREET EMERALD

*Pick a
pack*

CARE BOXES

PICK A PACK DAY!

ORDER A **PICNIC HAMPER** OR A **CARE BOX**

Head to our website using the QR or Find us on Facebook

Grab a menu from the post office, Bendigo Bank, or Cockatoo IGA

i support shop local
"get your fill in the hills"

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PICK A PACK AND GET LOCALS BACK ON TRACK

Caters for all budgets and includes free bonuses

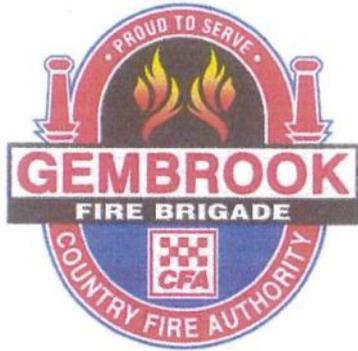
Pick up: Sat 6th Nov 2021 Gembrook

All care boxes locally made, with local products - here on the hills.

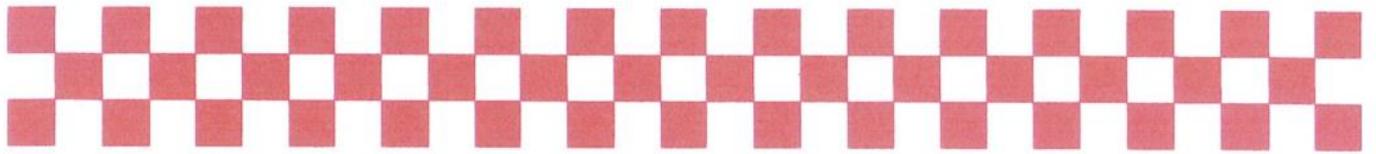
*'Take one home for you and a gift
for someone you care about.'*



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Gembrook CFA in the Park



Thursday 11th November 2021

6:30pm

JAC Russell Park

**Preparing your family and
your home for a bushfire**

Speaker: CFA Community Liason Officer

BBQ supplied

Contact Leon Creighton for more info:
0419 319 953 - leoncreighton@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Gembrook Cricket Club
Is looking for New Players and Coaches

ALL SENIOR TEAMS
JUNIORS
UNDER 10'S, 12'S AND 14'S

We are looking for players and coaches
across all age groups.

With our new Club Rooms due for completion at the
start of the season and a new look for the club with new
logo and uniforms we are looking forward to a great
season

For more information please call
Juniors; Ben Taylor 0413455650
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