

# 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

4th March, 2022

<b><u>MARCH</u></b>	
Tuesday 8th	<i>Grade 3-6 Athletics</i>
Wednesday 9th	<i>KMotion</i>
Thursday 10th	<i>Crazy Hair Day (PBL Reward) and Icy Pole day</i>
Monday 14th	<b><i>Labour Day Holiday (Student Free Day)</i></b>
Tuesday 15th	<i>Easter Raffle Tickets go on sale</i>
Thursday 17th	<i>Close the Gap Day</i>
Wednesday 23rd	<i>EDEC Athletics—Selected Students</i>
Wednesday 23rd	<i>School Council</i>
<b><u>APRIL</u></b>	
Friday 1st	<i>Free Dress Day and Board game Afternoon (PBL Reward)</i>
Friday 1st	<i>No School Assembly Today</i>
Monday 4th	<i>School Assembly 9.00am (Final one for Term One)</i>
Monday 4th	<i>Easter Raffle Drawn at Assembly</i>
Wednesday 6th- Friday 8th	<i>5/6 City Camp</i>
Friday 8th	<i>Last Day of Term One</i>

# A VIEW TO THE FUTURE

## Bren's Banter

Dear Families and Friends,

Last Friday, teachers participated in an outstanding day of professional learning around writing with highly respected education consultant Danny Hyndman. Danny travels extensively in his role of sharing his skills, knowledge and passion for education with improving schools and facilities such as the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership. We are a vibrant and aspirational school that is focussed on improving student learning, and therefore student life choices, and we are extremely grateful to have the opportunity to work and learn alongside Danny.

### School Council 2022

Last Wednesday evening we had a fantastic and positive first school council meeting for the year. The meeting was chaired superbly by Dean Prouse, who kept track of time, and conducted the meeting in such a positive and supportive manner – thank you Dean! We are all very much looking forward to a fresh, positive and reinvigorated school council for 2022!

I'm very excited to announce our School Council members for 2022. The composition of School Council for this year is:

### DET Council Members:

Kerri Drew  
Ellie O'Mara  
Kirsten Varga  
Jess Banks

### Parent Council Members:

Jon Clayton  
Ian Brown  
Tamara Hawkins  
Adam Loughhead  
Dean Prouse  
Kafi O'Connor-Ward  
Vera Camoes-Costa  
Nicola Power  
Nicola Todd

### Community Member:

Clare Stribbles

### Executive Officer:

Brendan Fitzpatrick

Congratulations to all of our 2022 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.

### Exciting Announcement! Launching GPS Student Digital Learning Portfolios!

This year, we are implementing student digital learning portfolios across the whole school. We see this as a wonderful opportunity to increase family engagement, and increase the level of communication to families around individual student learning. For 2022, we are commencing with numeracy, and in particular, the applied topics covered within the strands of 'Measurement & Geometry' and 'Statistics & Probability' throughout the year.

Digital Learning Portfolios will be available on Compass and further details in relation to access will be communicated shortly. Students will contribute to their digital portfolio via a 'DPAT' – Digital Portfolio Assessment Task. There will be one DPAT for each numeracy applied topic, and each will contain a text and graphic representation of the assessment task, student reflection, as well as a teacher assessment comment and grade allocation against the Victorian Curriculum.

At Gembrook Primary School, we see this as the first step towards what will eventually become 'ongoing reporting'. Ultimately, instead of receiving just two reports per year, parents will receive ongoing feedback about learning, achievement and areas for improvement.

The first DPAT is already underway for the whole school on the topic of 'Shape and Angle', which is part of the 'Measurement and Geometry' strand of numeracy.

A massive thank you to our GIFT team (school leadership team), all teachers and in particular our ICT leaders Miss. Banks and Miss. Lagerwey for the huge amount of work that has gone into the design and implementation of student digital learning portfolios. We hope to have the first DPAT available for you to access via Compass within the next week.

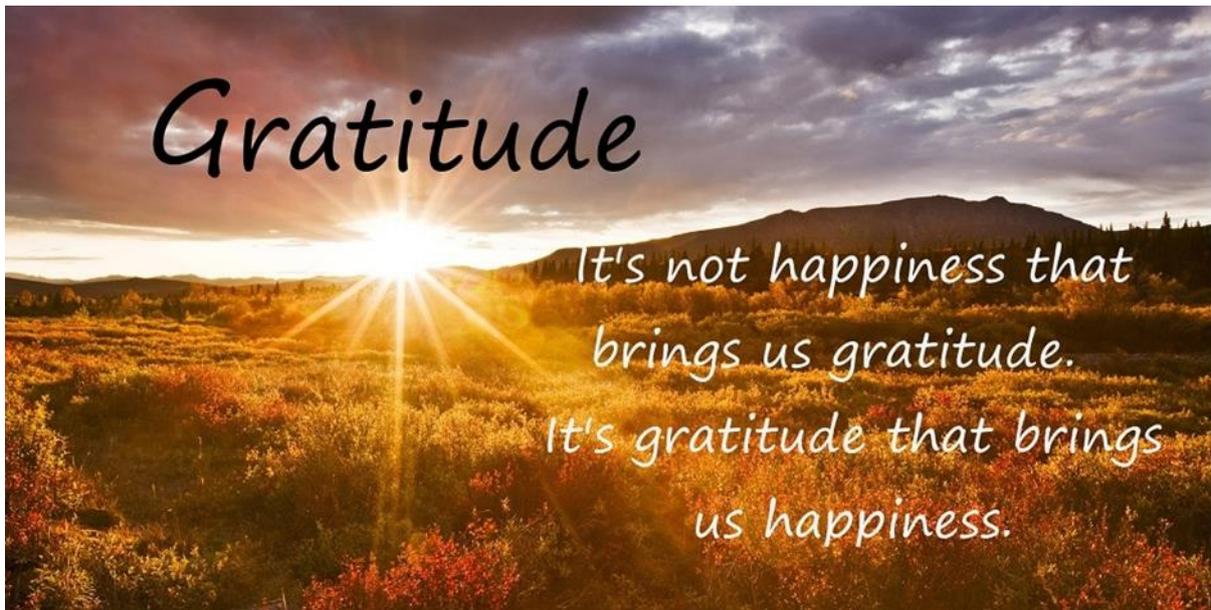
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## Bren's Banter

### Gratitude

Along with empathy and mindfulness, gratitude is one of the three pillars of happiness. Gratitude is about appreciating and concentrating on what we have, rather than on what we think we want. It's about noticing the positive things and moments in our life. This can help us overcome the many negative messages our brains receive on any given day. Empathy of course, involves understanding the emotions of others. It also involves thinking of others before you think of yourself. It's also about doing something kind for other people.

Let's spend some extra time this week being grateful for all the great things and people in our lives.



### Gembrook PS Division Swimmers are Winners!

Heartiest congratulations to our aquatic superstars Matilda C-C, Curtis, Shannon, Georgia, Sierra, Koby M, Nate, Ivy, India Amelia, Flynn, Leni, Max, Lia, Matilda C and Finn who represented Gembrook Primary School superbly at Division Finals held at Croydon Memorial Pool. Ivy came third in her individual breaststroke, whilst Matilda C-C won her individual backstroke and breaststroke events and is now off to regional finals - what an outstanding achievement! Congratulations to all our division swimming superstars and thank you to parents who attended and supported our swimmers so well.

### 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. Children 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!

### Respect and High Expectations

As a school we place great importance on our two school values – Respect and High Expectations. There are a number of things that you can do at home to help reinforce these values.

Research shows that reading with or to your child every day for 15 – 20 minutes improves their learning immensely. It also helps to develop a lifelong love of reading.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school in plenty of time to make their way to the classroom and be ready to commence learning at 9:00am.

Thank you so much for your support of our high expectations in relation to wearing the correct and full school uniform. Our school uniform policy states that shoes should be **black** in colour. Plain black runners are absolutely fine.

Just as it's important that we have quality fuel in our vehicles, it's also important that we send our kids to school with quality fuel in their bodies. A healthy breakfast, snack and lunch really provides them with the fuel they'll need to concentrate on their learning throughout the entire day.

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## Bren's Banter

### Maths is 'Mathnificent' at Gembrook!

We have spent lots of time during the first weeks of term establishing solid understandings about place value. Place value refers to the value of where a digit is in a number.

For example, in 352, the 5 is in the 'tens' position, so it shows a value of 50, but in the number 5789, the 5 is in the 'thousands' position, so it shows a value of 5000. The 'value' of the 5 changes according to its 'place' in the number.

Place value knowledge is the foundation on which more complex maths skills and knowledge is built.

It would be great if you could please spend some regular time with your child practising and reinforcing concepts around place value.

### Close The Gap Day Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March

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 raise awareness and work together towards finding ways to solve this level of inequality.

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 AnTAR, the organisation that runs Close The Gap Day.

Have a great week everyone and all the best, Bren.

# Academic Awards Term 1 Week 3

Reader of the Week: **Evan PrepG**

Writer of the Week: **Ivy-Lee 1/2W**

Speller of the Week: **Chel-C 5/6J**

Mathlete of the Week: **Lowan 3/4V**

## GPS SCHOOL COUNCIL SNAPSHOT: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

It was so wonderful that GPS School Council was able to come together for a face-to-face meeting for the first time in a very long time.

### Student Voice and Agency

Jasmine, our 2022 SRC school council representative, presented her report to school council;

*I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation we pay our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples present past and emerging*

*Good evening everyone, my name is Jasmine Anderson and I'm really excited to be the school council's student representative for 2022.*

*My role will include reporting to you at school council meetings about some of the exciting things that students have been involved with. In other words, I will be reporting about student voice at Gembrook Primary School.*

*I will be attending all SRC meetings (that's Student Representative Council) and taking notes that I can then report back to you at school council.*

*We've had a great and positive start to school and our start up celebration involved every student making their own PBL Goal, presenting and displaying it in the classroom.*

*Our PBL reward system is going really well and the term one choices so far are:*

*Crazy Hair Day*

*Board Games Afternoon*

*Crazy Hair Day is winning at the moment!*

*Of course, we're all super excited about the student electives program that's coming up in term two.....I think I'm going to choose something that includes digital drawing as I love drawing and animating*

*I'll be able to tell you more once we get underway with SRC meetings so that's it for my first report.*

*Thank you.*

### School Council members 2022

Existing SC members	New SC members taking office at the AGM
Brendan Fitzpatrick (DET)	Jess Banks (DET)
Kerri Drew (DET)	Jon Clayton
Kirsten Varga (DET)	Adam Loughhead
Ellie O'Mara (DET)	Clare Stribbles
Nicola Power (Parent/DET)	Ian Brown
Nicky Todd	
Kafi O'Connor-Ward	
Vera Da Costa	
Dean Prouse	

### OSHC

There has been a change of co-ordinator and we welcome Rylee to GPS. The program is operating with high numbers and it is wonderful to see the increase in our pre-school students attending onsite.

Bookings are open for the new school holiday Program, so be quick if you want a place.

### Communication

#### Policies

The following policies were tabled and can be viewed on the GPS website;

*DET Parent Payment Policy 2022*

*DET Gifts benefits and Hospitality Policy 2019*

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

### Excursions & Activities

#### House Athletics Carnival

Years 3-6 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March @Mountain Rd. Reserve, Cockatoo

Years Prep-2 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March @GPS

## **Buildings and Grounds**

*Line marking:* There has been plenty of work going on to gain quotes and plans for fun and engaging line marking around the school. The next stage is to take the ideas to SRC for student voice and agency. A grant application is in process to support this project.

*Shed installation:* A shed will be erected to store bushfire preparedness resources.

*Shade sail grants:* We were successful in two shade sail grants; one for the sandpit area and another for the basketball court area, as an outdoor learning space.

*Library painted:* If you get the chance, check out the library/original building, as it has had a new exterior paint job.

## **Curriculum Days**

GPS School Council has approved the 2022 Curriculum Days;

25/02/22

22/07/22

20/12/22

The fourth date was the first day of the year (28/1/2022 which is DET mandated).

## **Fundraising**

Fundraising is in full swing, with many ideas being planned for term 1 by the PFA, with the following being approved by SC;

Free Dress Day

Icy Pole Day

Easter Raffle

## **Finance**

Council reviewed the financial position for the end of 2021 and for January 2022.

The school has a healthy operating reserve and has carried forward funds for the swimming program, the HPV program, the respectful relationships initiative and the student excellence initiative. The funds raised in the past towards the oval improvements and an undercover walkway between the Parker Centre, Barak Centre and gym have been conserved. The school is also holding unexpended grant funds for projects which are in progress such as the sand pit shade sail, the basketball court/Wilson centre outdoor learning space shade sails and the shed to be built through the bushfire preparedness grant.

## **Community Engagement**

Following two challenging years with COVID-19 and remote learning etc, this year school council will work through a 'Community Engagement – School Assessment Tool'. The tool aims to assess current family and community engagement practices and evaluate the school's progress with implementation of strategies designed to strengthen engagement. Student Representative Council members will also be involved in this process throughout the year. One of school council's key functions will focus on supporting the school with community engagement initiatives. We will keep our school community informed of progress, initiatives and achievements throughout the year.

## **Thank you**

Thank you to Brett Horwood (outgoing SC member) for his contribution to GPS School Council.

We welcome all of our new SC members to Gembrook Primary School Council and we look forward to working with you all.

# STARS OF THE WEEK TERM 1 WEEK 3



## ***Tom Prep L***

Tom, you have been such a brave writer this week! You are really striving to hear the sounds in the words that you choose. Keep working hard, remember that the more we practice the better we get!

## ***Harry Prep G***

Harry, you have settled into the routines of school wonderfully! You are always showing active listening during mini lessons, and working hard during learning times. You are also a kind student who takes great care of your friends. You should be very proud of your amazing efforts!

## ***Mila 1/2H***

What amazing persistence you have shown this week Mila! You have tried your best during every lesson. Even when it was a bit tricky, you remained focused! Keep up the excellent effort!

## ***Layla 1/2W***

Layla, what a fantastic week you have had! I am so impressed by how you always take care and pride in your work, and always try your best. You continuously approach tasks with a growth mindset and take on feedback to grow as a learner. You are an absolute star Layla, I can't wait to see where you will fly off to this year!

## ***Ella 1/2F***

Ella, congratulations on a fantastic week of learning. You are following our PBL matrix for Learning Spaces and focusing on your learning and trying your best. You are so polite and kind to your friends, we are so proud of you. Well done.

## ***Hunter 1/2M***

Hunter, you are very deserving of this award and I feel so lucky to be your teacher this year. You always try your best, listen attentively and show a respectful attitude towards others. I love how you ask questions to clarify your understanding and use feedback to challenge yourself even more. Your effort with your recount writing has been outstanding and I am so proud of what you have achieved! Congratulations

## ***Kobe 3/4V***

This week we have been focussing on writing small moments in time. I enjoyed reading your piece about 'Christmas Eve'. You engaged your audience by showing not telling. You used amazing descriptive language allowing the reader feeling like they were right there with you. I look forward to reading more of your fantastic writing. Keep up the great work Kobe!

## ***Jordan 3/4S***

Jordan, you are receiving this award for the outstanding efforts you put into your work this week, particularly in writing! You finished your writing piece independently and engaged in making edits and revisions. You have also shown confidence in answering questions during class discussions. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, Jordan. Keep up the hard work!

## ***Anna 3/4B***

Anna, you have had such an exceptional start to the year. You have confidently contributed to class discussions and have supported your peers wherever possible. I love your passion and enthusiasm for learning. Congratulations, and well-deserved Anna!

## ***Aurora 5/6L***

Aurora, you are such a joy in our classroom! You continually hold yourself to a high standard, and are a great example to your peers. It has been fantastic to see you asking clarifying questions in class. I am so proud of the positive influence you have had on your buddy, giving him guidance and support, and making such a genuine effort to connect with him. Continue being the superstar that you are, Aurora!

## ***Kalana 5/6J***

Kalana, your attitude towards learning this year has been exceptional. You have demonstrated a growth mindset across all of your subjects. Your passion for reading and writing is infectious, and I love seeing you looking to develop your knowledge in mathematics.

## ***Kane 5/6O***

Kane, you are receiving this award for your hard work and dedication in 5/6 sport this week. It was excellent to see you engaged and focused

Crazy  
Play Hair



PFA

Crazy  
Play Cool



**Fancy  
Icy Poles  
\$2.00  
each**



**\$1.00 each**  
(sugar free option available)

## **Pre-order or pay on the day**

Gembrook Primary School PFA team is excited to offer a chance for our kids to  
**CHILL**

**Thursday 10th March**

### **ORDER FORMS**

Distributed to each child and available on COMPASS.  
Misplaced it? Ask for a new one at school reception :)  
Please supply correct change and NAME each order form

# KMOTION IS BACK!

A FREE after school program for Foundation to Grade 6. Full of fun, games & Prizes.

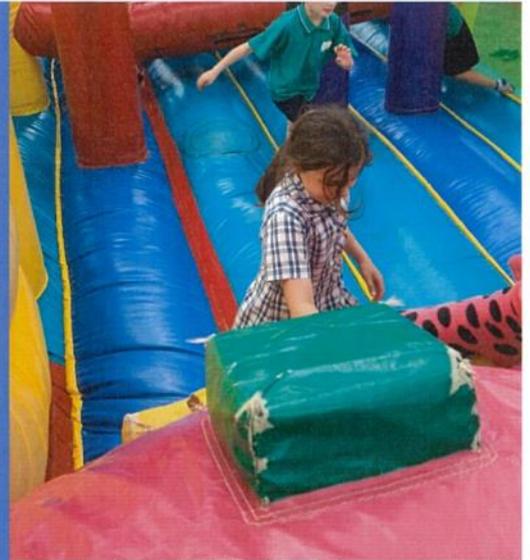
## KMOTION @ GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

**WEDNESDAYS:  
MARCH 2ND, 9TH, 16TH & 23RD  
3.20 - 5.00PM**

Enter at the front door of the  
Multi

Themes include:

**Water Frenzy**  
**Jumping Castle Craziness**  
**Easter Eggsravagnanza**  
and more



# OSHClub NEWS



**STOP PRESS!!**

## Exciting news from OSHClub

In April 2022 we will be opening a **Holiday Program at Gembrook PS**

Watch this space for further details in Term 1

In the meantime, why not get ahead of the game and enrol with us now – it's free! – so you will receive updates from us on the program for April. Visit [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au)

We can't wait to welcome your children to the Holiday Program fun next year!

From the OSHClub team



# PFA NEWS

## 2022 PFA TEAM

Would you be interested in joining this amazing group of volunteers?

Throughout the year, we organise fun events such as Discos, meal days, Trivia nights, Mother's/Father's Day stalls, Food drives, Raffles and more.

It makes me smile as I walk through the school and kids recognise me, say hello with big smiles as they remember the activities we arranged for them over the year.

There are many ways in which you can contribute in the lead up to these events.

Many of these can be done at home or involve approaching shops or ordering/collecting products. Food days, stalls, discos etc are concluded on school premises.

To help on premises: Dept of Education requires volunteers to be vaccinated and to complete the Volunteer induction program run within the primary school.

Please show your interest by contacting 5968 1313 or  
[gembrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:gembrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AT GPS

## 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.

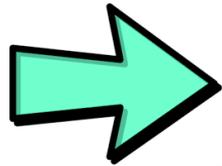
Thank you for your support



# SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

## GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS TERM 1 2022

	<i>Weekly Lunch Special</i> <i>\$5.50</i>	<i>Weekly Treat Special</i> <i>\$3.00</i>
11TH FEB	<b>Sausage Roll</b> With tomato sauce.	<b>Blueberry Muffin (DF)</b>
18TH FEB	<b>Pizza</b> 1 - Hawaiian. 2 - Margherita.	<b>Shortbread Cookie</b>
25TH FEB	<b>Nachos (GF)</b> Cheese, salsa and sour cream.	<b>Chocolate Muffin (DF)</b>
4TH MARCH	<b>Savoury Scroll</b> 1 - Cheese and Vegemite. 2 - Cheese and Ham.	<b>Gingerbread Cookie</b>
11TH MARCH	<b>Baked Potato (GF)</b> Cheese, coleslaw, sour cream.	<b>Apple Muffin (DF)</b>
18TH MARCH	<b>Quiche</b> 1 - Mushroom and Spinach. 2 - Bacon and Capsicum.	<b>Choc Chip Cookie</b>
25TH MARCH	<b>Pasta Bake (GF)</b> Penne pasta, spinach, napoli sauce and cheese.	<b>Lemon Slice</b>
1ST APRIL	<b>Pizza</b> 1 - Hawaiian. 2 - Margherita.	<b>Mint Slice</b>



<i>JUICE</i> <i>\$3.00</i>
Apple
Pineapple
Orange

### HOW IT WORKS

WRITE ORDER ON ENVELOPE WITH  
Full Name  
Grade  
Sub Total of Order

PLACE CORRECT CHANGE IN ENVELOPE

PLACE ENVELOPE IN CLASS TUB BY 9.05AM

LUNCHES WILL ARRIVE AT THE START OF LUNCH

★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

March



3rd Emmi-Lou Prepl  
3rd Abbey 12W  
7th Evita 34B  
8th Ruby-Lee 56L  
9th Banjo 56L  
9th Tanisha 56O  
11th Henry 12F



# ENTERING AN ATTENDANCE NOTE

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

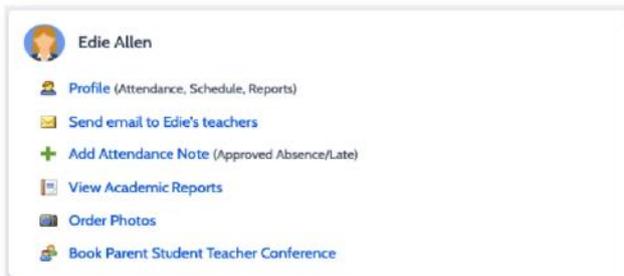
From the pop-up window

Select the reason

Enter a brief description of the absence

Select the start and finish time

Click the 'Save' button



## What is an Attendance Note?

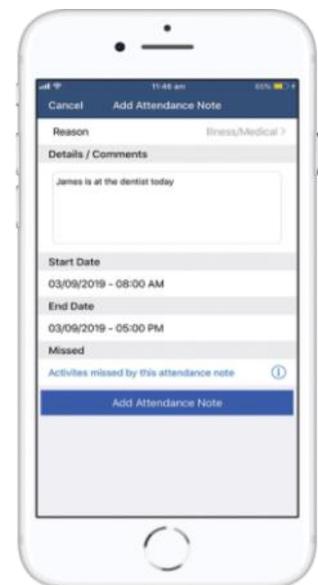
An Attendance Note is used to explain when your child is absent or late for school.

A screenshot of the 'Attendance Note Editor' form. The form is divided into several sections: 'Note Details', 'Potentially Affected Sessions', 'Important Notice', and 'Start/Finish' fields. The 'Note Details' section includes fields for 'Person' (Edie ALLEN), 'Reason' (Medical/Illness), and 'Details/Comment' (Feeling unwell - have a medical appointment this afternoon). The 'Potentially Affected Sessions' section is a table with columns for 'Activity', 'Start', and 'Finish'. The 'Important Notice' section contains a disclaimer about the use of the feature. The 'Start' and 'Finish' fields are date and time pickers.

Activity	Start	Finish
05GEN_05A (Yr 5 Gene...	08/02/2021 09:00 AM	08/02/2021 12:00 PM
05GEN_05A (Yr 5 Gene...	08/02/2021 12:30 PM	08/02/2021 03:30 PM

## 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.



# 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 24/6/2022, 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



## Brookdale Farm Open Garden

**Emerald**

Sat 5 - Sun 6 March, 2022

Open 10.00am - 4.30pm

**12 Charman Ave Emerald**

This is a spectacular garden developed over the last 20 years. Some sections, particularly many trees, date back to the early 20th century.

Entry \$10 Students \$6 U18 free via Trybooking  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BWMYX>

[opengardensvictoria.org.au](http://opengardensvictoria.org.au)

Photo: Claire Tanases

## GEMBROOK HANG OUT

**Come and join in the fun with various activities each week!**

**Where:** Gembrook Community Centre, 4 Gembrook Road, Gembrook

**When:** Tuesdays at 3.45-5pm  
From 15 February to 29 March 2022

**Age:** 12-17 yrs

**Cost:** Free

For more information call 1800 496 884  
or email  
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# YOUTH SERVICES

**TERM 1 PROGRAMS 2022**

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<p><b>BE UR SELF</b> MONDAYS 4-6pm A safe and inclusive space for young people 12-17 years, who identify as LGBTIQ+ and allies. To join contact My Place Youth Facility</p>	<p><b>CARDINIA PRIDE</b> WEDNESDAY 6.30-8pm Are you 17-24 years and passionate about creating change for the LGBTIQ+ community in Cardinia Shire? To join contact My Place Youth Facility</p>
<p><b>SWITCH</b> THURSDAY 3.30-5pm For young people aged 12-17 years to make new friends and enjoy fun activities. My Place Youth Facility, 5-7 Main St Pakenham</p>	<p><b>YOUNG PARENTS GROUP</b> WEDNESDAYS 11am-12pm A fun and supportive social group for young parents and their children. Pakenham Library, John St &amp; Henry St Pakenham</p>
<p><b>YOUTH ACTION COMMITTEE</b> WEDNESDAYS 5.30-7pm Youth Action Committee (YAC) is for young people 16-24 years who are passionate about the environment, sustainability and mental health in Cardinia Shire. To join contact My Place Youth Facility</p>	<p><b>CATCH UP</b> WEDNESDAYS 5.30-7pm Come join the catch up crew! Make new friends, learn some new skills and have fun 17-24 years. My Place Youth Facility, 5-7 Main St Pakenham</p>
<p><b>GEMBROOK HANG OUT</b> TUESDAY 3.45-5pm Fun activities for young people aged 12-17 years. No need to book, just pop in and join the fun! Gembrook Community Centre 4 Gembrook Rd Gembrook</p>	<p><b>EZINE</b> Would you like to contribute to our quarterly Ezine Magazine? Contact My Place to find out more</p>
<p><b>YOUTH SUPPORT</b> We offer free, confidential, short-medium term support to young people aged 12-24 years who live, work, study or play in the Cardinia Shire. Contact My Place to find out more</p>	<p><b>MY PLACE YOUTH FACILITY</b> MONDAY TO FRIDAY 1-5pm Pop into the youth centre for a chat, to use the computers or to get information, advice or practical support from one of our friendly youth workers.</p>

\*In the event of lockdowns, Cardinia Shire Youth Services team will adapt to online delivery of groups and programs as much as practically possible.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Emerald Secondary College School Tours



Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 – 9.30 – 10.30am  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 – 9.30 – 10.30am  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 – 9.30 – 10.30am  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 – 9.30 – 10.30am  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022 – 9.30 – 10.30am  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 – 9.30 – 10.30am  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 – 9.30 – 10.30am  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022 – 9.30 – 10.30am  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 – 9.30 – 10.30am  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 – 9.30 – 10.30am

Book a tour to experience Emerald Secondary College.

Bookings are essential using the QR Code or via <https://www.trybooking.com/BXUSU>



Please contact the College if these times don't suit or your preferred time is booked out on 5968 5388.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



*Come join the Vibe*

**\$5 CLASSES**

**FROM THE 14/3/22 - 27/3/22**

**5968 2398**



## School Attendance Support Program - Transitions into School

Presented by School Attendance Support Program  
Uniting

Going to school is a big change for the whole family.

- Are you wondering how the child can cope with the change of routine?
- Do you want to learn how to make the change less unsettling for the child?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, this workshop is for you.

When: Tuesday 15 March 2022

Where : Online via Zoom

Time: 6:30pm - 8pm

Register:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_\\_YKRz49S4yZ0zLapKIKHw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__YKRz49S4yZ0zLapKIKHw) OR Scan QR Code



Queries: [CFCCardinia@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:CFCCardinia@anglicarevic.org.au)/ 0457 825 076

CFC is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Social Services.  
See [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.



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## Building Children's Self Esteem

For Parents, Carers and Volunteers

Presented by Jasbir Singh Suropada

Learn how to :

- Recognise low self esteem in children
- Help children build a positive mindset, better resilience and improved self-confidence.
- Help them recognise what makes them special.

CFC is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Social Services.  
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When: Tuesday 26 April 2022

Where : Online via Zoom

Time: 6:30pm - 8pm

Register:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ZjVolu\\_xSb203-\\_aXSlpiA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZjVolu_xSb203-_aXSlpiA)

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## Gemco Youth Theatre fun for young people.



*Acting, Drama,  
role play,  
creating,  
performance  
skills, team work,  
self expression,  
confidence,  
improvisation,  
games.*



At the Gem Community Arts Centre.  
19 Kilvington Drive Emerald.

Wednesdays from the **2nd Feb**

Juniors - (Prep to Year 4) 4.15 till 5.30pm - Leaders Joy + Linda.

Intermediates - (Years 4 to 7) 5.45 - 7.00pm. - Leaders Mandy + Amanda + Sharon

Seniors - (Years 7 to 12 ) 7 - 8.30pm Lachy + Sarah.

Class sizes are limited, so enrol on 2nd of Feb at the Gem to secure your place.

For further information call Joy McLeary 0433193234.

Try out the first session for free then if you love it, join the group!  
Cost \$60 per 10 week term plus \$15 membership/insurance per year.

