

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

28 April, 2022

<u>APRIL</u>	
Thursday 28th	<i>Parent Information session Grade 2 Camp 3:30pm</i>
<u>MAY</u>	
Tuesday 3rd—Thursday 5th	<i>Mother's Day Stall</i>
Monday 9th—Thursday 12th	<i>NAPLAN</i>
Friday 13th	<i>PFA Disco</i>
Tuesday 17th	<i>EDEC Cross Country</i>
Wednesday 18th—Thursday 19th	<i>Grade 2 Camp</i>
Wednesday 25th	<i>School Council Meeting</i>
Thursday 26th	<i>Landcare Day Grades 3-6 Ecowarriors</i>
Saturday 28th	<i>GPS Open Day</i>
Monday 30th	<i>Whole School Activity—Puffing Billy</i>
Tuesday 31st	<i>School Photos</i>
<u>JUNE</u>	
Thursday 2nd	<i>Landcare Day Grades 3-6 Ecowarriors</i>
Monday 7th	<i>Division Cross Country</i>
Monday 14th	<i>Queens Birthday public Holiday</i>

A VIEW TO THE FUTURE

Bren's Banter

Dear Families and Friends,

A very warm welcome back to what is shaping up to be an exciting term of learning at Gembrook. I hope you all had a lovely holiday and Easter, and are now feeling energised as we resume our year of learning together.

I'm very proud to say that during term one I completed many school tours which has resulted in an unprecedented number of new enrolments across many levels. These new enrolments have come from schools near and far, and we welcome our new (and returning) students and their families.

There is plenty happening this term (as always) including the introduction of our Electives program, Teaching and Learning day with Danny Hyndman, DPATs (Digital Portfolio Assessment Tasks) for applied topics in numeracy, Grade 2 Camp at Log Cabin Ranch, Mother's Day Stall, NAPLAN, School Disco, EDEC Cross Country, School Photos, Eco Warriors in Gr 3-6 Gembrook Park Project, Puffing Billy whole school excursion, Our School Open Day and of course Student Semester 1 Reports. Further information regarding these initiatives and activities will be communicated shortly.

School grounds:

We are VERY proud of our buildings and grounds, as well as our awesome views across the fields and valleys towards the superb Great Dividing Range. As a school, we are always striving to improve and this definitely includes our facilities. Major repair work was carried out to the asphalt in the main car park. Also, a big thank you to Stu Watson who completed lots of improvement work over the holidays including blower vacuuming, weeding, acorn collecting, repairs to pavers in the circle of harmony and building planter boxes outside the Italian Room! The planter boxes will be a brilliant potting and planting project for our Eco Warriors. Autumn is such a beautiful time of the year and our school is looking absolutely superb!

Grade 5/6 Camp:

Our grade 5/6 students had a brilliant and very busy time at city camp during the last week of term one. Attending camp is a massive undertaking for staff, who give up their own time, leaving their own families to be on duty at camp 24 hours a day.

Thank you to the beautiful and thoughtful parents who took the time to express their gratitude and appreciation to staff when students were collected from Belgrave Station on the last day of term.

Mathematics:

Our two Applied Maths topics for this term are Chance and Mapping & Location. These topics have brilliant links to 'real life' maths skills that our students will be able to take with them and apply throughout their lives. Teachers have planned some fantastic 'hands on' learning activities for these great maths topics. All students complete a pre-test at the beginning of each topic that establishes prior skills and knowledge, and informs differentiated lesson planning in order to maximise individual student learning and engagement. At the completion of each topic, all students complete a post-test that is used to measure student learning growth and to assess further areas for instruction.

Enhancing community engagement in learning:

Once again, this term, as part of our Student Digital Learning Portfolio initiative, DPATs (Digital Portfolio Assessment Tasks) will be completed for each applied topic in Numeracy and uploaded to Compass. DPATs increase family engagement, and increase the level of communication to families around individual student learning. Students will contribute to their digital portfolio via their DPAT and each DPAT will contain a text and graphic representation of the assessment task, as well as a teacher assessment comment and grade allocation against the Victorian Curriculum.

Thank you so much to the many parents who provided us with extremely positive and supportive feedback following the launch of our first DPAT in term one.

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ANZAC Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in the ANZAC Day ceremony on Monday at Gembrook. ANZAC Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember all Australians who served and died in all wars and in operational service. The spirit of ANZAC, with its qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

Open Day Saturday 28th May

Our Open Day will take place on Saturday 28th May commencing at 9:00am and concluding at 12:00noon. We would love to see lots of new prospective families come and take in a comprehensive tour of our beautiful school during the morning. Families of students from ALL levels are most welcome and student work will be on display in all classrooms. This is a fantastic opportunity to visit Gembrook Primary School and experience the welcoming and lovely community spirit that exists, as well as getting a feel for the comprehensive teaching and learning program on which Gembrook Primary School prides itself.

Electives:

We are so very excited to launch our very first Electives program this term! Starting in week three, students will participate in an 'elective' activity of their choice on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you to our very talented (and creative!) staff who have offered such a wide range of interesting and engaging electives. Electives for this term include Beaded Jewellery, Macrame, Cartooning, Origami, 'Sparkies', Dance, Cooking, Auslan, Coding, Bucket Drumming, Clay, Woodwork, Ukelele, Stop Motion Animation, Drama and Boot Camp!

And finally, we're missing Mrs. Drew like anything, and we wish her an awesome and very well-deserved holiday as she and her family explore the many beautiful regions of South Australia. Mrs. Drew returns to school on Monday 9th May.

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



Breakfast Club at Gembrook Primary School has opened!!

We've had a fantastic start to our much anticipated Gembrook Primary School Breakfast Club, which has had a 'soft opening' for the past week as we have refined our systems to ensure that the students have access to healthy breakfast choices, in a COVID safe environment. Breakfast Club operates 8.30 – 8.45, in the Parker Centre, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

As the Breakfast Club motto 'Eat. Learn. Succeed.' reminds us, beginning the day with nutritious food is a huge step to ensure that our brains are well fueled to have a successful day at school. So far over 30 of our students have ventured in, to sample the food on offer.

We have a range of foods, including lactose free milk and gluten free cereal for those students who have those dietary requirements.

Everyone is welcome, and there is absolutely NO cost. The program is funded by the State Government in partnership with Foodbank Victoria.

It's a great place to have some nutritious food to start the day, or even for a 'top up' if students have already had breakfast at home.

Lisa Hughes has thrilled everyone with her lyrical welcome each morning, announcing the opening of our Breakfast Club over the PA system.

We are all delighted to have discovered this never before revealed talent that Lisa has kept hidden until now.

The Breakfast Club team is looking forward to welcoming even more students over the coming weeks. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Vikki Noisette, at school.



ANZAC DAY PARADE 2022



Academic Awards

Term 1 Week 9

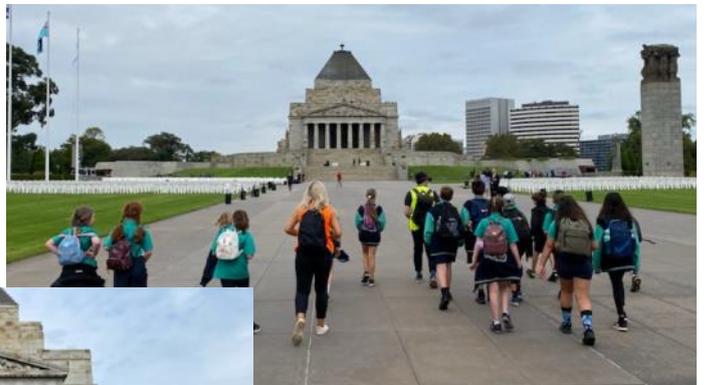
Reader of the Week: **Arlo PrepL**

Writer of the Week: **Ruby 12H**

Speller of the Week: **Brooklyn 34B**

Mathlete of the Week: **Bronte 560**

Grade 5 & 6 City Camp 2022



PFA NEWS



PFA



- ♥ *A Wonderful range of gifts*
- ♥ *Children choose what to give
- ♥ their Mums (& Nanna's)*

Stall open: lunch break and after school

Location: PFA kitchen window

TUES 3RD TO THURS 5TH MAY

(unless sold out prior)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Contact Michelle 0422844250 or any PFA team member



ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS MAY OCCUR IF
REQUIRED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS



Prices from
\$1.00 to \$15.00

PFA NEWS



SCHOOL DISCO

Location: GYM

Prep & Grade 1/2: 4.30pm - 6.00pm

Grade 3: Choose ONE timeslot

Grades 4 - 6: 6.15pm - 7.45pm

FRIDAY 13TH MAY

\$5- per student

Check COMPASS for PMT link or pay cash on entry
Icy Poles, Lollies, Lucky Dip and Glow Sticks
for sale from \$0.50 to \$3.00



ELECTION DAY

BBQ

CAN YOU HELP?



BBQ

Big fundraiser

DRINKS

Community support

Roster in the Office

8am - 2.30pm (incl setup/packup)

GPS Parent & Friends Association (PFA) is in need of some help at our upcoming BBQ.

Held at Gembrook Primary School, this will raise much needed funds towards various activities and equipment around the school premises.

If you can spare an hour or two, please add your name to the ROSTER located in the school office (timeslots are a guide).

Or, email gembrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au with your contact details and time slot you can help with.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS TERM 2 2022

	<i>Weekly Lunch Special</i> \$5.50	<i>Weekly Treat Special</i> \$3.00
29TH APRIL	Pizza 1 - Hawaiian. 2 - Margherita.	Blueberry Muffin (DF)
6TH MAY	Nachos (GF) Cheese, salsa and sour cream.	Shortbread Cookie
13TH MAY	Sausage Roll With tomato sauce	Chocolate Muffin (DF)
20TH MAY	Savoury Scroll 1 - Cheese and Vegemite. 2 - Cheese and Ham.	Gingerbread Cookie
27TH MAY	Baked Potato (GF) Cheese, coleslaw, sour cream.	Apple Muffin (DF)
3RD JUNE	Quiche 1 - Mushroom and Spinach. 2 - Bacon and Capsicum.	Choc Chip Cookie
10TH JUNE	Pasta Bake (GF) Penne pasta, spinach, napoli sauce and cheese.	Lemon Slice
17TH JUNE	Pizza 1 - Hawaiian. 2 - Margherita.	Mint Slice
24TH JUNE	NO LUNCHES	

<i>JUICE</i> \$3.00
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

KMOTION IS BACK!

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

KMOTION @ GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

**WEDNESDAYS:
MAY 11TH, 18TH, 25TH, JUNE 1ST
3.20 - 5.00PM**

Enter at the front door of the
Multi

Themes include:
**Toilet paper day,
Messy day, Jungle Bungle
and more**



★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

April/May

25th Darcy 34V

30th Arabella 34V

2nd Marlee PrepG

2nd Mitchell 12M



COMMUNITY NOTICES

2022 Parenting Seminar

THE CONFIDENT PARENT 4-PART SEMINAR



PARENT
confidence
PROJECT

Introduction to
Parent Confidence Project

A program to strengthen parent's confidence in their capacity to facilitate their child's flourishing.

STARTING: TUESDAY 10TH MAY
7.30PM- 9.30PM

ST LUKES CHURCH
1 McBride Street, Cockatoo



- This video seminar by Dr. Jenny Brown will be presented during a 4 week period
- Join other parents in discussing topics and questions you may have
- Role- play ideas to find which scenarios work best to help
- Focus on your parenting techniques which will then benefit your children!

Facilitators:
Holli Boniface
Karen Geoffrey

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karen.geoffrey@echo.org.au

COFFEE & TEA
PROVIDED

Proudly presented by:



COMMUNITY NOTICES

HAIRY DOG CAFE PRESENTS

80's Trivia

80S THEMED ATTIRE WITH A PRIZE
FOR BEST DRESSED

GRAZING PLATTERS AVAILABLE

APRIL 30, 2022
6:00 -9.30 PM
TICKETS \$55

Hairy Dog Cafe 68 Main Street Gembrook 3783

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Demystifying Brain, Behaviour and Trauma

CFC Frankston Community Workshop Series is designed for local parents/carers, sport and recreational groups, volunteers and staff working or living with children, who are seeking information and practical strategies.

Facilitated by Building Better Brains

The first of two workshops

This workshop will help you to:

*Learn how stress and trauma impact children's brain and behaviour, regulation capacity and relationships.

*Explore practical ideas that can help restore regulation, calm, safety and connection to your family/group and help process traumatic events. AND MORE

Building Better Brains is led by Sian Chambers- Vallance, a clinical play therapist and creative counsellor and Tony Vallance, a counsellor and award winning teacher. For more information on the work of Building Better Brains, visit <https://buildingbetterbrains.com.au/>



DATE: Thursday 12th of May 2022
TIME: 7pm - 8.30pm
WHERE: Online via Zoom webinar.

SCAN TO REGISTER for online attendance via zoom:



CFC is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Social Services. See www.dss.gov.au for more information.

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BETTER TOMORROWS



2,4,6,8 This is how we regulate!

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This workshop will provide information on:

*How our ability to regulate our nervous systems and manage stress forms the basis of our daily functioning and sets up patterns of behaviour, emotions and thoughts.

*Practical tools and strategies that you can start using yourselves and with children to help improve behaviour, emotional functioning, to strengthen relationships, promote positive mental health and resiliency. AND MORE

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DATE: Thursday 16th June 2022
TIME: 7pm - 8.30pm
WHERE: Online via Zoom webinar.

SCAN TO REGISTER for online attendance via zoom:



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Join the JOEY RANGERS



Join Scouts Victoria and Parks Victoria for a combined Scouts and Junior Ranger program for 5-8 year olds at Lysterfield Park.

Enrol today for this six week program, to learn valuable life skills, foster independence, and immerse yourself in the beautiful bushland of Lysterfield Park.

Activities will include canoeing, bushwalking, forest firefighters, water bug discovery, much more!

Cost is free!

Applications close on April 29.

Visit scoutsvictoria.com.au/joey-rangers to join.



Gaming Safely for Children

For Parents, Carers and Volunteers

Presented by Grace McArthur

An online workshop to help parents understand the key issues related to

- Gambling and young people, and how they can help their child develop informed attitudes to gambling.
- How pokies machines work.
- Sports betting.
- The blurred line between gaming and gambling, and more

CFC is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Social Services. See www.dss.gov.au for more information.

When: Tuesday 10 May 2022

Where : Online via Zoom

Time: 6:30pm - 8pm

Register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_31QcJZAVQdOaYNFDIquIA or Scan QR Code



Queries: CFCCardinia@anglicarevic.org.au / 0457 825 076



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