

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

3 November 2022

NOVEMBER	
Monday 7th	<i>Life Education</i>
Tuesday 8th	<i>Life Education</i>
Tuesday 8th	<i>PBL Lunch Time Disco/Icy Pole Day – FINAL ORDERS MONDAY 7TH</i>
Wednesday 9th	<i>2023 Prep Transition 9.30-12pm</i>
Wednesday 16th	<i>School Council Meeting</i>
Thursday 24th	<i>Colour Explosion Run</i>
Monday 28th	<i>Delivery of Mango fundraiser orders during this week</i>
DECEMBER	
Thursday 1st	<i>Enterprise Market and Christmas Concert (Christmas Raffle Drawn)</i>
Tuesday 13th	<i>Step Up Day</i>
Tuesday 13th	<i>Prep Information Session 3.30pm-4.30pm</i>
Thursday 15th	<i>Grade 6 Graduation</i>
Friday 16th	<i>Grade 6 Big Day Out</i>
Monday 19th	<i>Last Day of Term 4</i>
Tuesday 20th	<i>Curriculum Day (Student free day)</i>



Remembrance Day 11th November
An assortment of badges, pens and wrist bands are available to purchase from the school



A note from Mrs Drew....

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to update the community on why we haven't seen Mr Fitz around school and when we can anticipate him back at Gembrook Primary School (GPS).

Following Brendan's completion of three weeks long service leave at the end of week two this term, he was asked to undertake targeted work at DET Regional Office Ringwood. His role is around supporting the work of Senior Education Improvement Leaders in the DET Outer East Area, his expertise greatly appreciated.

Brendan has asked me to convey that he is enjoying his current role and gaining significant experience working alongside Senior Education Improvement Leaders. He is gaining further knowledge which will benefit our school on his return to his substantive role as Principal of GPS. I can also assure you that Brendan is currently involved in 2023 planning for GPS.

For the immediate future, Brendan will continue his role at DET Regional Office, and I will communicate further once we have an updated timeline, in relation to Brendan's return to Gembrook.

As you will appreciate, term four is extremely busy, and so if necessary, members of our Gembrook Improvement Focus Team (GIFT) may occasionally be released from classroom teaching duties, in order to continue to work on our school improvement journey and to assist me with school operational and administrative work.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Remembrance Day Ceremony Friday 11th November

November is the time of the year when we wear a red poppy in memory of those who sacrificed their lives for us during wars.

Always
&
Forever



The **eleventh hour** of the **eleventh day** of the **eleventh month** marks the signing of the Armistice, on 11th November 1918, to signal the end of World War One.

At 11am on 11th November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare.



What is Remembrance Day?

Remembrance Day is on 11 November. It is a special day set aside to remember all those men and women who were killed during the two World Wars and other conflicts. At one time the day was known as **Armistice Day** and was renamed **Remembrance Day** after the Second World War.

At 11:00am next Friday, our school will participate in one minute of silence to commemorate Remembrance Day.

2023 Prep Transition Sessions

We have had two 2023 Prep Transition sessions, which have been led superbly by Miss O'Mara and Miss Guglielmi, the final session will be on Wednesday 9th November from 9:30am – 12:00pm and concluding with the Orientation Day and Information session on Tuesday December 13th 2022.

It was so wonderful to see our 2023 Prep student's enthusiasm for school and their excitement at receiving a small bag of goodies to take home.

Enrolments for 2023

Our enrolments are very healthy going into 2023. 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 5968 1313.

Planning for 2023

As Bren has previously mentioned, planning is in full swing now for the 2023 school year. We are now determining the student's nominations and will shortly have our class allocation meetings, which will entail a considerable amount of thought and time. Staff follow a carefully planned procedure for allocating students to their grade for the following year:

Students nominate five peers that they would like to be placed with. Students are advised that we will do everything possible to ensure that they will be placed with AT LEAST one of their nominated peers.

Classroom teachers meet and use the criteria of academic, social and emotional to compile draft grade lists. At this stage parent requests received in writing are also considered.

Draft lists are taken to our Gembrook Improvement Focus Team (GIFT) for discussion/input and final lists are then completed.

Students participate in 'Step Up Day' on Tuesday 13th December, spending time in their classroom for 2023 with their new grade and teacher.

Life Ed

Our Life Ed program is well underway. Life Ed is such a valuable program, with someone different adding their voice to the sharing the message of children's safety, across a myriad of areas. Please see the time schedule;

Monday 31st October postponed due to the unavailability of the educational facilitator

Wednesday 2nd November – 5/6O, 3/4V and Prep G

Monday 7th November – 5/6L, 3/4S and 1/2F

Tuesday 8th November – 5/6J, 1/2W and 1/2M

Prep L, 1/2H and 3/4B, date is yet to be set (I will notify families, as soon as I know).

School damage

Over the last few months, we have been having young people hanging around the school over the weekend. It is so disappointing to come in on a Monday morning and have to clean up rubbish left behind, graffiti/tagging on the buildings and damage done to the roof and gutters.

Last week we had a professional graffiti remover clean the school of the tagging. We would appreciate it if you could spread the word that police are now patrolling the area, and if you see any suspicious activity at GPS, that you please let the police know.

Bushfire Preparedness Tree Removal

The Victorian Schools Building Authority (VSBA) recently carried out a vegetation audit and created a Vegetation Management Plan for our school.

A significant recommendation is the removal of pine trees and woody weeds adjacent to the rear access to our school. This is to ensure the safety of the CFA accessing our Shelter-in-place to protect our students in the event of a bushfire. Our Shelter-in-place building is the Barak Centre where the Grade Prep and Grade 5 & 6 classrooms are currently located. The rear access allows emergency services vehicles to gain the best access to that building to support our staff and students.

We are currently seeking quotes for these works and expect the tree removal to be carried out this year. Once the area is cleared, there will be no replacement planting within 20 meters of the access track. The plan is that the remaining length of the border with Station Rd will be replanted in winter 2023 with native shrubs assessed against the CFA plant selection key which provides:

- an overall flammability rating
- a firewise rating
- maintenance advice
- advice about whether the plant is appropriate for a garden in a high bushfire risk area.

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/landscaping/plant-selection-key>

If you have any questions please contact the school on 59681313

2022 Attitudes to School Survey

We place great importance on student voice and agency as a means to improving student learning, engagement and wellbeing. The **Attitudes to School Survey** is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training (DET) to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will discuss the survey results with students in focus groups and use the results to assist in planning programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. Students from Years 4, 5 & 6 completed the survey this year, and below is a summary of the results. We are proud to say that the survey results were overwhelmingly positive, and compared very favourably with similar schools and other schools in our network. A few outstanding results were:

My teacher helps me to do my best: 91%

My teacher expects me to do my best: 99%

My parents believe that going to school is important: 94%

There is no doubt that the incredible amount of work by staff over the past five years around common instructional models, effective teaching time, whole school language and practice is starting to gain traction. We see our next step is around building intrinsic motivation for learning with our students. Another cause for celebration is the positive anecdotal evidence that our Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) initiative is working well.

The survey has six main domains which are then divided into subheadings. The summary below, lists the sub-headings in order of highest positive endorsement to lowest.

EFFECTIVE TEACHING PRACTICE FOR COGNITIVE ENGAGEMENT
Differentiated learning challenge
Effective Teaching
Stimulated learning
Effective classroom behaviour
TEACHER-STUDENT RELATIONS
High expectations for success
Teacher concern
Effort
LEARNER CHARACTERISTICS AND DISPOSITION
Self-regulation and goal setting
Motivation and interest
Attitudes to attendance
Sense of confidence
Perseverance
STUDENT SAFETY
Advocate at school
Respect for diversity
Managing bullying
SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT
Sense of inclusion
School stage transitions
School connectedness
Student voice and agency
EMOTIONAL AND RELATIONAL ENGAGEMENT
Peer relationships
Emotional awareness and regulation

Gratitude

Finally,

Hugh VanCuylenburg, founder of 'The Resilience Project', states that gratitude is one of the three pillars of happiness. But why is showing and communicating appreciation and gratitude so important? Current research shows that people who practice gratitude consistently report a host of benefits:

Physical

- Stronger immune systems
- Less bothered by aches and pains
- Lower blood pressure
- Exercise more and take better care of their health
- Sleep longer and feel more refreshed upon waking

Psychological

- Higher levels of positive emotions
- More alert, alive, and awake
- More joy and pleasure
- More optimism and happiness

Social

- More helpful, generous, and compassionate
- More forgiving
- More outgoing
- Feel less lonely and isolated.

The social benefits are especially significant here because, after all, gratitude is a social emotion. Gratitude is a relationship-strengthening emotion because it requires us to see how we've been supported and affirmed by other people.

Just something to think about, who have you shown gratitude to today?

Take care everyone.

Kindest Regards

Kerri Drew

GPS SCHOOL COUNCIL SNAPSHOT: 19th October 2022

Hi everyone,

There has been so much going on at Gembrook Primary School lately, and this meeting was longer than usual to be able to ensure everything was discussed. Thank you to all school councillors for dedicating their time to the meetings and to Gembrook Primary School.

Student Voice and Agency

School Council Student Representative Jasmine's presentation.

Good evening everyone, tonight I will be informing you about Gembrook Primary Schools' recent activities since our last school council meeting.

First, I would like to tell you about our production 'Matilda Junior the Musical'. We had our production at Emerald Secondary College on the last week of term 3. It went over 2 nights, it was AMAZING! I played the parent in the song "Miracle" and a big kid in "School Song", I was also the mechanic which was super FUN. We rehearsed every Friday, and it was great to see it all come together. The feedback was that the parents loved the show, and were very proud.

We've also had Hooptime basketball, which was extremely fun and we played against other schools in Dandenong Ranges. My team lost, but we tried our hardest.

Our Footy Colour's Day was a huge success. We got to have a hot dog lunch and show off our team colours, and the kinder kids came to join in for the parade. Mr. A. set up footy activities for us to have a go at.

Now to tell you about PBL. On the last day of term 3, we had our whole school dodge ball reward, and once we fill the waterfall with enough gems, we have our lunch time disco and BYO device day coming up. These rewards were selected again by our SRC, as they were a huge success the first time.

Thank you for listening and have a good night.



OSHC

Price changes in OSHClub: An increase of \$1 per session for before and after school care, however the holiday program is staying the same.

OSHClub will not be running on 20/12/22.

Policies

The following policies were tabled at the School Council meeting and can be found on our website;

Volunteers Policy

Visitors Policy

Attendance Policy

Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy

Excursions & Activities

Grade 6 Graduation

Plans for Grade 6 Big Day Out were discussed

Buildings and Grounds

Bush Fire Preparedness

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Boy's Toilet Repairs

Difficulties gaining quotes has extended our timeframe for toilet repairs. We are now anticipating the works to be carried out over the Christmas break.

Playground Audit

The Playground Audit has been received. The essential items are topping up of the soft fall, reviewing fixtures, and reviewing the current slide in the junior playground.

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

There are many wonderful fundraising activities happening soon;

Icy Pole Day is combining with the PBL reward disco on Thursday 10th November. All icypole orders need to be in by Monday 7th November.

State Election BBQ will be held on Saturday 26th November. Further volunteers are required, so if you can help out for a short period of time, please contact the office.

Christmas Raffle will start selling on the 14th November and will be drawn at the Christmas Carol event on 1st December.

The wonderful efforts from our PFA has raised wonderful funds towards the school across August and September;

Event	Profit
Special Friend's Day BBQ	\$1,368.74
Special Friend's Day Cuppa & Cake	\$485.59
Father's Day Stall	\$977.76
Trivia Night	\$3,551.75
Footy Day Hot Dog Lunch	\$997.05

A huge thank you to Michelle Van Der Vlugt and the PFA team for all of the wonderful work they have done.

Finance

The August & September 2022 accounts and proposed alterations to the school cash budget were discussed. Casual relief teachers have been a high cost throughout the year as the school has prioritised minimising disruption to the students return to school and learning following the pandemic related lockdowns. Unfortunately, this has reduced the school funds kept aside for the costly projects on the buildings and grounds wish list.

The Greener Government School program, under which the school solar system was installed, has not requested the agreed repayment for 2022, the school will hold over the funds as planned. The required second yearly asset audit has been completed; fully depreciated items have been removed and staff are aiming to locate three iPads not found during the audit. The revenue audit report from February was presented to council.

The Inclusive Schools Grant application has been successful. The grant covers landscaping and structural components, and sensory line marking activities but not any non-fixed items. The PFA fundraising already done for this project will go towards the nonfixed items. The remaining PFA fundraising for the year will go towards classroom kits of sports equipment to use at recess and lunchtime.

GPS 140 Anniversary

Next year, we will be celebrating Gembrook Primary School turning 140 years old. If anyone is interested in joining a team to coordinate the celebration, please contact the office.

Communication

The GPS web address is: www.gembrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Next School Council Meeting: 16th November 2022@6pm



**Thursday 24th November
Colour Explosion Run**

How is your Fundraising Going?

Colour Explosion: 24th of November



Don't forget to take advantage of the AMAZING online portal that is included with our fundraiser! 🖥️

There are lots of interactive features, and plenty of rewards up for grabs, like free incentive prize credit!

Visit

www.australianfundraising.com.au



We still have three weeks to go and need lots more donations to reach our goal of \$10,000 towards upgrades to the school oval. Can you help us?

Imagine an oval that is flat! No potholes! Upgrades to the cricket pitch, long and triple jump pit and goal posts!

Top Fundraisers

Highest Student:	Highest Class:	Most Pages Created by a Class:
\$240	3/4V	11 pages by 1/2W
Jaxon		

GOAL: \$10,000



Oval Upgrade

Emergency Management at GPS



Schools on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and Category 4

School preparedness and pre-emptive actions for the bushfire season



Fire danger ratings indicate how dangerous a fire would be if one started in those conditions and provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. They can be a trigger for action in the community and for school and household level fire plans.

Schools and children's services listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR), and those at some lower risk of bushfire or grassfire on the Category 4 list, will be closed when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

Gembrook Primary School has been identified as a BARR school and our school will close when there is a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating in the CENTRAL fire district.

Schools and early childhood services listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at lower risk of bushfire or grassfire on the Category 4 list take pre-emptive actions on elevated fire danger days to minimise the risk of being caught in a fire in these conditions. The category of risk (per the BARR or Category 4 list) determines the actions that the school or early childhood service will need to take on days of elevated fire danger.

Our school will enact its pre-emptive action plan and also plan to close, in liaison with the Regional Director, on a day forecasted as Extreme Fire Danger Rating in our local government area (LGA), Cardinia Shire.

The department will advise our school of the potential for a **Catastrophic fire danger rating** as information becomes available, however the pre-emptive closure will be **confirmed by 1pm the day prior to Catastrophic fire danger day**. Fire danger ratings are forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology up to four days in advance. Should a Catastrophic day be forecast, we will notify you of the closure by an SMS, COMPASS and email. If we are unable to ascertain whether our message has been delivered, we will attempt to contact you by telephone. A hard copy letter will be provided if time allows. Please ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be CONFIRMED ON THE DAY PRIOR and we will provide you with this 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 Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- Depending on which fire weather district is impacted, bus route cancellations may affect our school.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan cleared our facility's grounds and gutters of debris.

Emergency Management at GPS



Schools on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and Category 4

School preparedness and pre-emptive actions for the bushfire season Page 2:



Families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

The Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day. Please ensure your plan includes alternative care arrangements for your children in the event that our school is closed.

You can access current information about school and early childhood services closures, including those due to elevated fire danger, on the Department of Education and Training's website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
 - VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
 - Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
 - Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
 - Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Mango Delivery

Mango Fundraiser Orders to be delivered in the week beginning the 24th of November.

An alert will be put out via Compass as soon as the Mangoes are available for collection.





2022/2023 Prep Transition Program

Please note that if your child does not attend Gembrook Kinder or Little Gems Childcare we ask you to book in for all whole group activities on 59681313.

Term 3 –Whole Group Activities		
Date of Event	Description of the Activity!	Time
Thursday 15 th September Footy Colours Day	2023 Prep students are invited to our Footy Colours Day. Dress up in your favourite footy or sports team colour's 11:30am Parade 12:00pm Footy activities 12:30pm Hot Dog lunch	11:30am - 1:00pm
Term 4 –Whole Group Activities		
Wednesday 19 th October Wednesday 26 th October Wednesday 9 th November Transition Classroom Experiences	Transition classroom experience details: Wednesday 19th October Wednesday 26th October Wednesday 9th November 9:30am meet at the school library. Parents will sign students in. 12:00pm pick up and sign out is at the school library. Students will participate in three 40 min rotations, having been split into 3 groups. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a range of classes over the three visits such as Reading, Writing, Maths, Italian, P.E, Art and Science. Students should bring a bag packed with a snack, lunch, water bottle and hat. Sunscreen should be applied prior to arriving at school. Please note that if your child does not attend Gembrook Kinder or Little Gems Childcare we ask you to book in for all activities on 5968 1313.	9.30am -12.00pm
Tuesday 13 th December Step Up Day	STEP UP DAY Transition Day 9:30am – 12:00pm, Prep 2023 students will spend the morning in their expected classroom, with their teacher for 2023. They will need to bring a bag packed with a snack, a water bottle and hat. Sunscreen should be applied prior to arriving at school.	9.30am – 12.00pm
Tuesday 13 th December Information Session	Information Night from 3.30pm. We will discuss start dates and times as well as assessment interview times.	3.30pm to 4.30pm
Thursday 1st of December School Christmas Concert.	School Christmas Concert. Families are invited to our School Christmas Concert. This is a great opportunity to meet other Gembrook families, other teachers, and enjoy the Christmas festivities together.	Times and details to be confirmed closer to the day.

Please Note: All prep students will start school on Monday 30th January the first official day of Term 1, 2023. They will attend for a full school day 9am -3.20pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesdays are designated rest and assessment days. Prep students first Wednesday at school will be the 15th of March. The first Wednesday after Labour Day weekend.

If you have any questions about these activities, please feel free to give us a call. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your children!

Brendan Fitzpatrick
(Principal)

Steph Guglielmi
and Ann Liston
(Prep Teachers)

Gembrook Primary School
Phone: 5968 1313



STARS OF THE WEEK

TERM 4 WEEK 4

Arlo Prep L

It has been wonderful to see you engaged and striving to meet your new learning goals Arlo! You have truly applied yourself during Blitz-master lessons, and look what you achieved... level 9 in three days! Bravo! Keep up this fantastic attitude!

Toby Prep G

What an incredible start to school you have had! I am amazed at how quickly you have learnt all our classroom routines, and become such a valued member of our team. You should be very proud of your effort Toby!

Oliver 1/2W

Oliver, what a number whiz you have become this year! You have demonstrated your strong understanding of number patterns to help solve problems. This week you have made fantastic contributions to class discussions and have been an asset to our team

Jack 12F

Well done Jack on the positive start you have made this term. You try your best with all learning tasks and are always willing to help others. It has been great hearing about some of your travels and having you back in our class!

Zarah 1/2M

Zarah, we are so lucky to have you in 1/2M. You are a determined student who is always willing to tackle challenges with a growth mindset. Your ability to focus during independent work time is commendable and helps those around you to develop their own work habits.

Thank you for being such a positive role model

Anna 3/4B

Anna, this week your peers have noticed how hard you have focussed throughout every independent work session. You have taken such pride and care in your writing, completed your numeracy assessments with attention to detail, and focussed on refining your spelling knowledge. Well done, Anna!

Wil 5/6L

Wil, your peers have acknowledged how hard you work in class, and recognised the positive attitude you always hold. Thank you for continuously setting an example of high expectations.

Liam 5/6O

It was so great to see your motivation when writing your persuasive speech. You included a variety of persuasive devices, and your passion for the topic was evident. Amazing work Liam!

Academic Awards

Term 4 Week 2

Reader of the Week: **Maaike 34B**

Writer of the Week: **Alex 56L**

Speller of the Week: **Brooklyn 12H**

Mathlete of the Week: **Liam 12F**

Academic Awards

Term 4 Week 4

Reader of the Week: **Phoenix 56O**

Writer of the Week: **Billie PrepG**

Speller of the Week: **Fergus PrepG**

Mathlete of the Week: **Blake 34V**

PFA NEWS



PFA

LET'S CHILL



\$1.00 each

(sugar free option available)



Fancy Icy Poles

\$2.00 each

(Gluten Free & Preservative Free options available)

PRE-ORDER NOW

(limited sales on the day)

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

Thursday 10th November

(Orders due by Mon 7th)

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

PFA NEWS



PFA



Tickets on sale from
Monday 14th
November

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE REQUEST



GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL PFA team is seeking **donations** towards our Annual CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



We are asking our school community:
Could you please offer a donation towards our prizes?



Alternatively, we would appreciate assistance in seeking donations from our local communities.



Donations can be taken to the school reception.



To be drawn on Thurs 1st December



Please include business details if you would like your business promoted.



School Lunch Orders

GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS TERM 4 2022

	Weekly Lunch Special \$5.50	Weekly Treat Special \$3.00	Juice \$3.00
7TH OCTOBER	Lamb Kofta or Falafel With couscous, garlic sauce and diced tomato and cucumber.	Shortbread Cookie	Apple Pineapple
14TH OCTOBER	Nachos (GF) With Cheese, Salsa and Sour Cream	Mixed Berry Muffin (DF) (V)	Orange
21ST OCTOBER	Pasta Bake (GF) Spinach, napoli sauce and cheese.	Lemon Slice	<p>PLEASE NOTE Due to items being prepared in Bulk in a short amount of time.</p> <p>We can unfortunately not make alterations or substitutions to the menu items.</p> <p>If a week has 2 options and none is selected, the vegetarian option will be provided to your child automatically.</p>
28TH OCTOBER	Roast Beef Sandwich With Slaw, Cheese and Aioli	Gingerbread Cookie	
4TH NOVEMBER	Savoury Muffin Cheese, Spring onion, Spinach, Corn and Capsicum	Apple Muffin (DF) (V)	
11TH NOVEMBER	Baked Potato(GF) With Cheese, Slaw and sour cream	Choc Chip Cookie	
18TH NOVEMBER	Pizza 1 - Hawaiian. 2 - Margherita.	Cookies & Cream Slice	
25TH NOVEMBER	Soft Taco Chicken or Falafel With Salsa, Lettuce and sour cream	Mint Slice	
2ND DECEMBER	Savoury Scroll Tomato, cheese and herbs	Shortbread Cookie	
9TH DECEMBER	Sausage Roll With Tomato sauce	Orange and Poppyseed Muffin (DF) (V)	
16TH DECEMBER	Pizza 1 - Hawaiian. 2 - Margherita.	Gingerbread Cookie	

ORDER ONLINE VIA OUR WEBSITE

Select your order from the School Lunch Section Only.
Add Student's name and class in comments.

HOW IT WORKS

PLACE AND CHECK-OUT ORDER BETWEEN
4PM WEDNESDAY AND 9.00AM FRIDAY

Happy Birthday

November



2nd Ella 12F

7th Niamh 12H

9th Lachlan 56L

10th Nate PrepG

11th Ashleigh 12W

12th Bladen 12H

14th Liam 12W

14th Lia 12W



SWALLOWFIELD VINEYARDS



The best DIY wedding venue in the Yarra Valley



This year our Grade 6 Graduation will be held at the stunning Swallowfield Vineyards. Located just down the road from us in Gembrook.

Swallowfield Vineyards is a family owned commercial vineyard on 150 acres at the forest's edge. They are the most southern commercial vineyard in the picturesque upper Yarra Valley.

Our students and staff will dine in the Stables. A rustic country style barn. The converted stables are fully equipped with a commercial kitchen, bar & refrigerators. The venue provide tables and chairs to accommodate up to 100 people for a sit down function. The wood fire place & banquet style tables really make this space sing, and there's still plenty of room for all that

*post
dinner*



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Gembrook CFA in the Park

Wednesday 16th November 2022
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



Surviving Separation

Are you in conflict with the other parent?

Would you like to:
Manage your parenting arrangements with less conflict?
Learn how to best support your children through separation?

- Learn better ways to deal with your emotions and theirs?
- Build communication skills for the future, for yourself and your children?

When: Mondays - October 10th - December 5th inclusive (eight evening sessions, no session on October 31)

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Where: Online via Zoom

Who: Separated parents

Cost: Free (Bookings are essential)

Bookings: [Click here to register](#)

Questions: Julia at Parentzone 9721 3629 or 0400 866 495

Come along, learn some skills to resolve conflict and connect with other parents about the best ways to co-parent, always putting your child's needs first.

PARENTZONE

Happy Birthday
**SACRED HEART
100 YEARS**

**Sunday
13th Nov**
FREE Morning Tea
FREE Jumping Castle
FREE Entertainment
with BBQ Lunch



**JOIN US @ MASS: 9AM
CELEBRATIONS: 10AM - 1PM
MAIN ST, GEMBROOK**



GEMBROOK COMMUNITY

**Christmas
CAROLS**

Saturday
3rd
December

Gembrook Primary School
50 Main St, Gembrook

5-6pm

FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES
Sumo, Obstacle Course, Popcorn,
Face Painting, Sno-Cones!

Sausage Sizzle, Coffee and Donuts at a small cost

6pm

**Community Carol
Singing**

Bring your
friends
and family!



Alcohol free event



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Rotary
Club of Emerald & District



KIDS FUN RUN

with **THOMAS**



4th December 2022 at Puffing Billy Station Gembrook
Children 3-12 years running with Thomas The Tank Engine
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Monash Children's Hospital

THANKS TO OUR FANTASTIC SPONSORS



Trophies to 1st Girl & Boy in each run!
Train rides with Thomas the Tank Engine
Show Bags & Certificates for runners

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www.kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au
Information Line 0408 769 491



Find us on facebook.
Kids Fun Run with Thomas

Would you, or someone you know, like to make a difference in your community?



Relief School Crossing Supervisor positions now available.

Enjoy the benefits of casual work!

Some of the great reasons to join the Cardinia Shire team as a Relief School Crossing Supervisor:

Receive on-the-job training and your uniform is provided

Up to 7.50 hours per school week

Remuneration of \$37.00 per hour

Approximately 12 weeks of leave a year (School Holidays)

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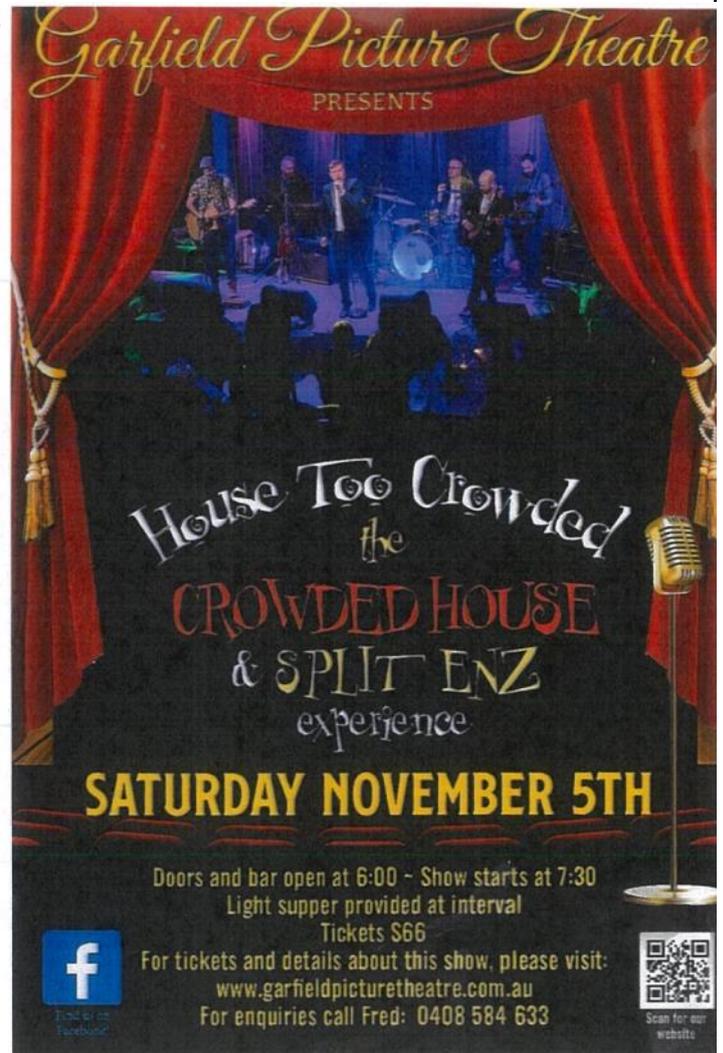


Twilight Lunar Markets

AT
DIVINE ALCHEMY'S SECRET CAULDRON
365B MAIN ROAD EMERALD, VICTORIA

Saturday 5th of November 4 - 9 pm

FOR ENQUIRIES CALL KYLIE 0432 374 291



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Doors and bar open at 6:00 - Show starts at 7:30
Light supper provided at interval
Tickets \$66

For tickets and details about this show, please visit:
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Dads Den

Modern Day Parenting Workshop



NEW DATES

Wednesday
16th November
and
30th November
7pm-9pm

*This workshop runs over 2 sessions

Japara Neighbourhood House
54-58 Durham Rd, Kilsyth

Dad's, Step Dads, Grand Dad's and father figures of children 0-8 years, are invited to a FREE interactive workshop supporting and strengthening your role as a father/carer, building positive relationships with your child and exploring the important role a Dad has in their child's life:

- Tools to further connect with your child.
- Partnership of parenting.
- Supporting your child's development and play.
- Talking, sharing and developing trust.
- Services and supports for Dad's and male carers.
- Meet some other great Dads!

Please note -

Due to the conversation content this workshop is for adults only, children cannot be accommodated for.

To register visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/CDLRE>
or contact Michelle Lehmann at Yarra Ranges Council on
9294 6207 / m.lehmann@yarraranges.vic.gov.au



Yarra Ranges Council is a Child Safe Organisation



Dads Matter

Dad's at their best - helping children to thrive

Are you a dad who would like to:

- Better understand your importance in your child's life?
- Have agreements that work?
- Further develop your relationship with your young people?
- Get your head around what they need from you?

Come along to these 6 online sessions. Share strategies, strengths and stories. Take some time out for you and celebrate the importance of being a Dad!

When: Tuesdays (6 evening sessions)
8th November - 13th December 2022

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Where: Online - Via Zoom

Who: Dads

Cost: Free (Bookings are essential)

Bookings: [Click here to book](#)

Questions:

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INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS



Saver Plus pairs you with a savings coach so you can learn tips, tricks and information to grow your budgeting and saving skills. You save for 10 months, then ANZ matches your savings dollar-for-dollar up to \$500. We'll talk about how it all works, plus who is eligible and how to join.

MEETING DETAILS

Kindergarten Parents

Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th November 2022

Prep Parents

Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th November 2022

Year 7 Parents

Monday 21st & Wednesday 23rd November 2022

Time: Times available on registration form (RSVP)

Zoom Meeting Link:

[https://bsl.zoom.us/j/68016074995?](https://bsl.zoom.us/j/68016074995?pwd=K2d4dWI4WjRMbGRlRng0NGhoVVVVZz09)

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Passcode: 027166

KEY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO JOIN SAVER PLUS

- Have a current health care card OR pensioner concession card
- Have a child in school OR be studying yourself
- Have regular income from work (yourself OR your partner)



RSVP

Scan the QR code or click the link below to register

<https://forms.office.com/r/zPTAvyaP5e>

[SAVERPLUS.ORG.AU](https://www.saverplus.org.au)

1300 610 355

SAVERPLUS@BSL.ORG.AU

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