



Greensborough Primary School—2062

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Borough Bulletin **18 July 2019**

Thursday 18 July 2019	NAIDOC Week
Friday 19 July 2019	NAIDOC Week Footsteps Dance Session 1
Monday 22 July 2019	Chinese Students commence at GPS Yoga Classes Commence Pre-school Children - Starting to Read - First Session Empowering Girls – Session 1
Tuesday 23 July 2019	Online Parent Opinion Survey
Wednesday 24 July 2019	Parent/Guardian Focus Group – 9.10am to 9.50am
Thursday 25 July 2019	Athletics Trials – Wilinda Park – 9.30am to 1pm
Friday 26 July 2019	100 Days of Prep Celebration Footsteps Dance Session 2 Chinese Students Excursion
Monday 29 July 2019	Yoga Classes – Session 2 Pre-school Children - Starting to Read - Second Session Empowering Girls – Session 2
Wednesday 31 July 2019	Free Dress Day to raise funds for the Friendship Tree
Thursday 1 August 2019	Basketball Clinic – Grades 3 to 6
Friday 2 August 2019	Footsteps Dance Session 3 Chinese Students Excursion
Monday 5 August 2019	Yoga Classes – Session 3 Pre-school Children - Starting to Read - Third Session Empowering Girls – Session 3
Thursday 8 August 2019	Polly Woodside Excursion – Grades 3 & 4 Basketball Clinic – Grades 3 to 6
Friday 9 August 2019	Footsteps Dance Session 4 Chinese Students Excursion P & F Special Food Day
Monday 12 August 2019	Yoga Classes – Session 4 Pre-school Children - Starting to Read - Last Session Empowering Girls – Session 4 School Council Meeting 7pm

<i>Thursday 15 August 2019</i>	<i>Basketball Clinic – Grades 3 to 6</i>
<i>Friday 16 August 2019</i>	<i>Footsteps Dance Session 5</i> <i>Chinese Students Final Day</i>
<i>Monday 19 August 2019</i>	<i>Yoga Classes – Session 5</i> <i>Poetry Competition – Display</i>
<i>Tuesday 20 August 2019</i>	<i>Book Week & Book Fair - Library</i>
<i>Wednesday 21 August 2019</i>	<i>Book Week & Book Fair - Library</i>
<i>Thursday 22 August 2019</i>	<i>Book Week & Book Fair - Library</i>
<i>Friday 23 August 2019</i>	<i>Book Parade – Dress as your favourite Storybook Character</i> <i>Footsteps Dance Session 6</i>
<i>Monday 26 August 2019</i>	<i>Yoga Classes – Session 6</i> <i>Poetry winners annouced at Assembly</i>
<i>Thursday 29 August 2019</i>	<i>Prep & Grade 1 Breakfast – 8am</i>
<i>Friday 30 August 2019</i>	<i>Footsteps Dance Session 7</i> <i>Father's Day Stall</i>
<i>Monday 2 September 2019</i>	<i>Yoga Classes – Session 7</i>
<i>Thursday 5 September 2019</i>	<i>Walkathon 9.10am to 10.30am</i>
<i>Friday 6 September 2019</i>	<i>Premier's Reading Challenge Closes</i> <i>Footsteps Dance Session 8</i>
<i>Monday 9 September 2019</i>	<i>Yoga Classes – Session 8</i> <i>Fire Education – Grade 6</i> <i>School Council Meeting 7pm</i>
<i>Tuesday 10 September 2019</i>	<i>Southern Cross Recycling Pick Up – 8.30am</i>
<i>Friday 13 September 2019</i>	<i>Footsteps Dance Session 9</i>
<i>Monday 2 September 2019</i>	<i>Yoga Classes – Final Session</i>
<i>Tuesday 17 September 2019</i>	<i>Curriculum Day</i>
<i>Friday 20 September 2019</i>	<i>Last Day of Term 3 – Early finish 1.30pm</i> <i>Footsteps Dance Session 10</i>

Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term Three everyone! I hope everybody had an enjoyable break over the holidays and a chance to relax and enjoy some quality family time. A special welcome back to Gemma Pearce returning from Family Leave and Tanya Dulics returning from an amazing trip abroad! Our students are greatly looking forward to resuming their Chinese language lessons with Tanya.

We've had a very smooth start to the term, thanks in part, to teachers coming in over the holidays and setting up their class programs, but mainly because students have settled in well and are very focussed on their learning programs. During Term Three staff use the results of the Semester One reports to focus on the specific academic outcomes students need to achieve to progress to the next level. This term we will continue our focus on Numeracy, Literacy and History.

We started the term by celebrating NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) week. This year's theme '**Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let's work together,**' is an opportunity for us to explore ways where we can be a voice and work with local Koorie communities to share a truthful understanding of our shared history with our students. The beanies we purchased to help us commemorate the week certainly were appreciated with the cold weather we're experiencing.



Parent Focus Group – We'd Love Your Feedback!

This is the last year of our current four year Strategic Plan and we have spent Semester One, conducting a thorough self-evaluation with students, School Council members and staff of our progress towards meeting our goals and targets. During this self-evaluation, we have analysed data and discussed the enablers or barriers that had an impact on our results. We identified what we do well and also identified areas for improvement. We have had a Validation Day with independent School Review panel members to look at our evidence to support our findings. Panel members include a Reviewer assigned by DET, a regional Senior Education Improvement Leader, two primary school principals, our School Council President and members of our school's leadership team.

*The next stage is to have focus groups of parents/caregivers and students contribute their thoughts and observations to the conversation. Parents and caregivers are warmly invited to participate in the focus group at **9.10 – 9.50 am next Wednesday 24th July in the staff room**. Panel members will meet with parents over a cup of tea or coffee and have an informal chat about your perspective of your child's learning and how the school is supporting your child's learning needs.*

We are very keen to have as many parents as possible attend and share your views. To assist with catering, please return the reply slip at the end of the newsletter if you are able to participate.

After recess panel members will meet with two focus groups of students from Prep – Grade Two and Grades Three- Six, as well as staff from each teaching team. During the self-evaluation process, staff identified what we believe to be our areas for future focus in our next strategic Plan and we are keen to have input from all community members. The findings from the School Review will assist us to develop our goals and targets for our next Strategic Plan and we highly value the inclusion of student and parent Voice in our planning.

Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has supported our efforts to make our chicken coop more secure and ensure our new chickens are safe and cosy in their coop. We raised \$194 from last term's Free Dress Day which was used to pay for materials to fortify the fence. A huge thank you to Wayne and Geoff for generously giving their time over the holidays to fix the fence and install the heavier duty wire.

Many thanks also to Troy, father of Liam for cleaning the coop and donating three new chickens of different breeds: an Australorp (The very first chicken breed developed right here in Australia. It was once a record-breaking egg-layer! A black Australorp chicken once laid 364 eggs in a single year. That's only one day off!); an Isa Brown (sweet, friendly, quiet mannered chickens that enjoy sharing affection with their human

families and prolific layers. Typically, a single hen will provide your family with three hundred to three hundred and fifty big brown eggs per year!) and a Silkie Bantam (named for its fluffy plumage, which feels like silk. The breed has several other unusual qualities, such as black skin and bones, blue earlobes, and five toes on each foot, whereas most chickens only have four.) For further information please visit:

- <https://www.backyardchickencoops.com.au/>



Thank you also to the Schultz family who have organised for four 'rescue chickens' to join our brood. The children are greatly enjoying the new inhabitants and the Grade 3/4 chicken monitors are pleased to be back at work.

Thank you also to Anthea and Megan, mothers of Anastasia and Charlotte respectively, who have been tidying and planting in our vegie patch and to the Sinclair family for caring for the rabbits over the break. We have a terrific team of parents and community members who support us at Greensborough Primary and we appreciate all your efforts!

Extra-Curricular programs

Next week, as part of their PE program, the Grade Prep – Four students will begin Yoga classes on Mondays. The benefits of **Yoga** for children are well documented and we know that it enhances their flexibility, strength, coordination, and body awareness, as well as improving their concentration, sense of calmness and relaxation. For more information see <https://www.doyouyoga.com/8-benefits-of-yoga-for-kids/>



Tomorrow all grades will commence classes with **Footsteps Dance Company**. These sessions will run each Friday for the rest of the term culminating in a concert for parents. To coincide with our history unit, the theme is 'Flashback 80's'.

Next week we will begin hosting five **Chinese students** for a four week study program. This is a great opportunity for cross cultural exchange and language skill building for our students and our visitors. The short term study has been endorsed by DET and we are looking forward to welcoming the students and their families. Margaret and I have timetabled opportunities for extracurricular events as well as normal class programs, to ensure the students participate in a range of activities to develop their language.

Friendship Tree: Free Dress Day on Wednesday July 31st



Our Student Wellbeing Leaders are running a Free Dress day on Wednesday 31st July to raise funds to replenish our Friendship Tree resources (e.g. games and craft supplies). All students who come to school in free dress will donate a gold coin.

Each day during recess and lunch breaks our Student Wellbeing Leaders invite students to join them at the Friendship Tree to play games, read stories, and develop skills of empathy, turn taking and sharing, and being a good friend. We thank you for supporting their efforts with this fundraiser.

Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is usually conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

This year we have decided to give all parents the opportunity to complete the survey and a letter with instructions and family personal PINS will be sent home next Tuesday 23rd July. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22nd July to Sunday 11th August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. Laptops will be made available in the Library for any parents. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September and communicated to parents in our Annual Report to the community. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

2020 Prep Enrolments

This term we are planning in earnest for staffing and grades for 2020. So if you know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please advise them to register their details as soon as possible, (this includes siblings of current students) as we will be finalising numbers in the Prep class.

Angela Morrìtt

Principal

Reminder: Curriculum Days - Terms 3 & 4

Families are reminded that our two remaining curriculum days for the year will be Tuesday 17th September and Monday November 4th. The focus for these days have been outlined in previous newsletters. Students will not attend school on these days and if numbers permit, OHS Club will provide care for students – please contact them for more information.

NCCD – Information for all Parents, Guardians and Carers

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) takes place every year.

The NCCD is a collection that counts:

- The number of school students receiving an adjustment or 'help' due to disability.
- The level of adjustment they are receiving to access education on the same basis as other students.

Students are counted in the NCCD if they receive ongoing adjustments at school due to disability. This 'help' allows them to access education on the same basis as a child without disability. The NCCD uses the definition of disability in the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*.

Schools provide this information to education authorities.

Contact the school if you have questions about the NCCD. You can also visit the NCCD Portal.

There is also a free e-learning resource about the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and *Disability Standards for Education 2005*.

Student Late Arrivals and Absences

Just a friendly reminder to all families... Any student who is arriving late to school must be signed in by their parent/guardian. There is a Late Arrivals Register at the office for this purpose.

If your child is away from school for any reason you must report their absence to the office and teacher. For family holidays or extended absences you must inform the school in writing 14 day prior to the date. Please call the office on (03) 9435 1496.





Pupil of the Week

Term 2 ~ Week 9 Week Ending 21 June 2019

Prep	<i>Kody H</i>	For working with determination and resilience during Reading.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Jett</i>	For working hard all week and bringing his best self to class. Amazing.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Josh</i>	For his focus and determination to complete all set tasks in Magic Maths.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Jonathon</i>	For working hard to publish his procedural text 'How to make Popcorn'. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Blake</i>	For an outstanding procedural text! I was so impressed with your effort. Well done!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>William B</i>	For your hard work during writing your Self-Assessment for your report. Well done!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Amber</i>	For a fabulous term of learning. Keep up your determination to achieving your goals.
Art	<i>Jensen 1/2B</i>	For his fantastic effort and concentration in Art, especially with learning to knit.

Term 2 ~ Week 10 Week Ending 28 June 2019

Prep	<i>Cody C</i>	For achieving so much in the first semester. Well done!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Zoe C</i>	For her excellent efforts in regards to all aspects of school.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Cleo</i>	For trying to produce neat, legible handwriting with consistent size and shape of letters.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Shannon</i>	For demonstrating the school values so well in Semester One.
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Harmony</i>	For your great Pen Pal letter! Well done.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Emily</i>	For working hard to achieve her goals!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Magnus</i>	For an outstanding term of learning. Keep up the fabulous work!
Art	<i>Jesse 1/2B</i>	For staying focussed in Art and creating amazing spiders! Fantastic work.
Library	<i>Jett 1/2A</i>	For working very well during his library session, answering questions directed to him. Well done!

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'2040' SCREENING

Sustainable Greensborough and Montmorency Community Group have joined together to bring you this important film about our children's future.

When: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 6:30 PM – 10 PM

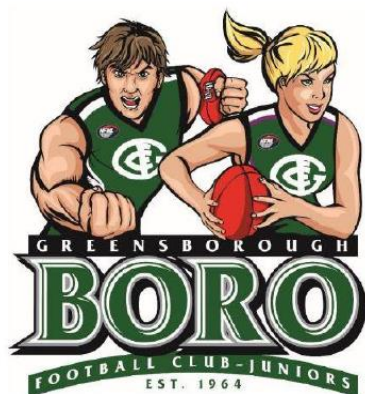
Where: Hoyts Cinemas, Greensborough

Tickets: \$22

2040 is a hybrid feature documentary that looks to the future, but is vitally important NOW!

Award-winning director Damon Gameau (That Sugar Film) embarks on journey to explore what the future could look like by the year 2040 if we simply embraced the best solutions already available to us to improve our planet and shifted them rapidly into the mainstream.

Structured as a visual letter to his 4-year-old daughter, Damon blends traditional documentary with dramatised sequences and high-end visual effects to create a vision board of how these solutions could regenerate the world for future generations.



18TH JULY 2019
25TH JULY 2019

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
TRAIN WITH THE
GREENSBOROUGH U9
TEAM AT ANTHONY BEALE**

Thursday 18th & 25th July – 5pm to 6pm

Greensborough Junior Football Club Under 9s currently field 4 amazing teams & we would be delighted to have your Auskickers join us for two special training sessions. We will be able to answer any questions you may have about Junior Football at a "tacklers" level. Wear your footy gear!

If you have any queries please feel free to contact either Sara Flottl on 0412 389 456 or Damien Toomey on 0407 564 406.

**Are you considering
U9s in 2020?**

**If your child is born
before 1st April
2013 they are
eligible to play in
2020**

**Modified rules
encourage U9s to
learn new skills**

**Two Special
Training Sessions
held by U9s Coach
& Head Auskick
Coach**

**ANTHONY BEALE
RESERVE**

St Helena Road, St Helena

www.gjfc.org.au



What's On About Kids' Feelings

About Kids' Feelings: Developing Emotional Intelligence helps you understand your children's feelings so that you can help your child develop their emotional skills.

This practical seminar is suitable for parents with preschool or early primary school aged children who would like to learn ways to support their child's emotional development.

What is covered:

- Understand why feelings matter
- Help children identify and manage their feelings
- Learn ways to develop your child's emotional skills

What others have said:

"These seminars are proving to be a fantastic resource for me"
"I knew the basics but this expanded on them better"
"Very informative"



When: Monday 5 August 2019
Where: healthAbility
917 Main Road Eltham
Time: 7pm sharp (finish 8.45pm)
Cost: \$30 (or \$45 per couple)
(\$15 for Health Care Card holders)

Bookings: Essential via
www.trybooking.com/BCWJP

For more information

Please contact Joan Lauricella
Family Support Worker at
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Phone 9430 9100.



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Multi Sport Program

- Fun sports including basketball, athletics, handball as well as frisbee, dodgeball and other fun sporty games
- This program will improve your child's general coordination levels as well as muscle tone

Day: **Wednesday**

Time: **3:40-4:40pm**

Start Date: **24th July**

Finish Date: **11th September**

Who: **Prep-Grade 4**

Cost: **\$90**

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DEVELOPING POSITIVE FUTURES

*All our sports coaches are Australian Sports Commission Qualified (2 courses minimum)
All our dance instructors have Dance Teaching & Management Cert. IV Qualifications*



Dance Program

- Introduce children to the fundamentals of the dance
- Movement, space and energy.
- No Competitions, no uniforms
- Step to the beat in a number of sequences to learn a choreographed dance routine

Day: **Wednesday**

Time: **Lunchtime**

Start Date: **24th July**

Finish Date: **11th September**

Who: **Prep-Grade 4**

Cost: **\$90**



Soccer Program

- Introductory soccer skills
- Passing, shooting, heading, ball control, running with the ball and turning.
- Principles of attack, defence, passing play, 2-1 situations, crossing and finishing.

Day: **Wednesday**

Time: **3:40-4:40pm**

Start Date: **24th July**

Finish Date: **11th September**

Who: **Prep-Grade 4**

Cost: **\$90**



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Parent / Guardian / Carer Focus Group

9.10 – 9.50 am - Wednesday 24 July 2018 - Staff room

I would like to participate in the Focus Group Session:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____

To assist with catering, please return this reply slip by Tuesday 23 July 2019.