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Borough Bulletin

1 August 2019

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
Wednesday 7 August 2019	Kids Unlimited at GPS
Thursday 8 August 2019	Polly Woodside Excursion – Grades 3 & 4 Basketball Clinic – Grades 3 to 6 Kids Unlimited at GPS
Friday 9 August 2019	Footsteps Dance Session 4 Chinese Students Excursion Kids Unlimited at GPS
Monday 12 August 2019	Yoga Classes – Session 4 Pre-school Children - Starting to Read - Last Session Empowering Girls – Session 4 School Council Meeting 7pm
Thursday 15 August 2019	Basketball Clinic – Grades 3 to 6
Friday 16 August 2019	Footsteps Dance Session 5 Chinese Students Final Day Vietnam Veterans Presentation – Grades 5 to 6
Monday 19 August 2019	Yoga Classes – Session 5 Poetry Competition – Display
Tuesday 20 August 2019	Book Week & Book Fair - Library
Wednesday 21 August 2019	Book Week & Book Fair - Library
Thursday 22 August 2019	Book Week & Book Fair - Library
Friday 23 August 2019	Book Week & Book Fair - Library Book Parade – Dress as your favourite Storybook Character Father's Day Stall Footsteps Dance Session 6
Monday 26 August 2019	Yoga Classes – Session 6 Poetry winners announced at Assembly
Thursday 29 August 2019	Prep & Grade 1 Breakfast – 8am

<i>Friday 30 August 2019</i>	<i>Footsteps Dance Session 7</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

Thank-you to the parents who attended the focus group last week, to speak to the panel members for our School Review. Our student and parent focus groups spoke with pride about our school and were keen to share what they considered to be our highlights and what makes our school unique and special to them. The feedback they gave about where our future work may lie, was informative and valuable. After speaking to parents/carers, students and staff, the panel was impressed with our sense of community and the quality of our Literacy, Numeracy and Student Wellbeing programs.

After analysing our data for student achievement and observing classroom practices, the panel was high in their praise of students’ learning growth, existing practices and exemplary teaching and learning programs. The commitment of our staff and community to our vision and the cohesiveness of our staff was a highlight. The challenge was to ‘uplift’ our results to take us to the next level and on our final review day on Tuesday we drafted our goals, targets and key improvement strategies for our next Strategic Plan (which pleasingly, were the same as those our staff had identified in our self-evaluation).

Much work goes on both formally and behind the scenes for school reviews and I would like to thank everyone for your contribution and determination in ensuring this process was successful. Special thanks to Margaret in the planning process for the review and School Improvement Team members, Marg, Alison, Erin, Literacy Coordinator, Anne and all staff members for their pre-work, expertise and eloquence in all discussions and presentations with the panel. Special thanks also to School Council President, Kim H. for her invaluable input on the fieldwork days.

A draft School Strategic Plan will be sent to us by our reviewer in the next few weeks and we have an opportunity to make any adjustments. It will then be endorsed by DET and become our focus for the next four years.

Mini Networks

Each term in week four, schools in the Banyule/Nillumbik Network come together for Professional Development opportunities and share their expertise with teachers from other schools. We congratulate our Grade 3/4 teacher, Jesse Stephens, who will be hosting a session next week. Jesse will present on ‘Understanding & Developing Critical and Creative Thinkers in the Primary School Context’. We expect Jesse’s sessions to be fully booked out and we thank him for sharing his expertise with schools in our network.

Athletics Trials

Thank you to Daniela Darling for organising the Athletics Trials recently at Willinda Park and the staff and parents who supported this event. The students greatly enjoyed this day, where, after practising their skills for various events at school, they then had the opportunity to compete on a 'real' Athletics Track, and try out for the team. The behaviour of students was exemplary and I congratulate them on their efforts. Good luck to the students who made the team and will compete at the District Athletics on Thursday 29th August.

100 Days At School!

How quickly time flies when you're having fun..... and receiving a great education! Last Friday our Prep class celebrated 100 days at Greensborough Primary and it was lovely to see students in other grades join with them to mark the occasion. Our Prep teacher, Laura, planned a day of special activities to commemorate the event, which was made even more memorable by the students dressing up as 100 year olds!

It's exciting to see the growth the students have made in all areas in such a short time, not only in academic programs, but also in their social and emotional development.



Art extension: Picket People Fence



We have had many complimentary comments about the 'Picket People Fence' created by our Art extension class last term. Janet Troy and students recycled the fence palings we removed from the corner of the school when we installed the cyclone fencing, and put them to good use to enhance our school grounds. If you haven't spied them yet, take a walk around to our amphitheatre and enjoy the view.

Extra-Curricular Program- Cultural Exchange

Next week, we will host 30 Grade 3-6 Chinese students for three days, from Wednesday - Friday. The students will arrive with teachers from their school in China, and also staff from Kids Unlimited. Our grade 3-6 students will have opportunity to 'buddy up' with a Chinese student for the day and engage in a variety of activities, including STEM, Arts, Drama or Sport project-based learning activities, organised and staffed by Kids Unlimited, free of charge. The original plan was for students to engage in these activities for half the day, but this has now been extended to full day programs. This is another great opportunity for us to develop our students' cultural awareness of China, further develop their skills during the different sessions, promote curiosity and build their personal and interpersonal skills.

Vietnam Veterans' Day August

Our school has been invited to attend the annual Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Service held at Greensborough Memorial Park this year, on Saturday August 17th at 11.00am. This Service is held each year on the Saturday before what is known as Long Tan Day, 18th August. This is the official Vietnam Veterans Day and is on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan at which eighteen Australians paid the

supreme sacrifice. The service is held to honour the service of those that died and those that have since passed on.

Several of our School and House Captains and Vice Captains will represent Greensborough Primary School by attending the service at War Memorial park and laying a wreath, similar to the Anzac Day ceremony. If any school families would like to join them, they are welcome to attend, dressed in school uniform and meet School Council member, Simone Wilson, at the wreath table.

The Vietnam Veterans Association Education unit will bring a display and talk to our Grade 5/6 students on Friday 16th August and pass on some of our nation's history to our students.

Parent Opinion Survey – We'd Love Your Feedback!

Your opinion is valuable to us and we greatly appreciate parent feedback on our school programs. Last week a letter with instructions and family personal PINS was sent home to all school families to complete the online DET Parent Opinion Survey. We are hoping that many families respond so we have a good representation of parents from across the school.

The survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete, and can be accessed on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones and is available in a range of languages other than English.

Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. 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. The survey will close on Sunday 11th August.

Community Feedback

Our students are always excellent ambassadors for Greensborough Primary and we know they represent our school values when they participate in excursions and community events. This was brought home to us last week when Margaret and Gayle (Education Support staff member) took a group, including our 6 visiting Chinese short term study students and their GPS 'buddies', to Greensborough Plaza for a social outing. A shopper was so impressed with our students' behaviour and staff rapport with the students, that they emailed the comment below:

'Dear Angela,

I was in Greensborough today at the food court when a group of your students and two teachers came in. The behaviour of your students was exceptional. The two teachers with the students were obviously in tune with their students. One teacher ensured that a boy who hung back was integrated into the group with a minimum of effort. The interaction between the group was calm, respectful and friendly.'

Angela Morritt

Principal

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.

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.



Banyule Nillumbik Tech School has a new program this term: The Lab Greensborough, is an after school program for 10-16 year olds with high-functioning Autism and Asperger's. This program will launch on 29 July and run each Monday afternoon during term. This program is open to any student to register, and has been extremely popular with places almost full.



Library News

Book Week at Greensborough Primary School

During the week Monday August 19th to Friday August 23rd we will be celebrating Book Week at G.P.S. **Book Week** is the week when the **Children's Book Council of Australia** announces the winners for the best of Australian children's literature that was published in 2018.

I will be sending home a **flyer** on the **9th August** outlining the events that will take place. There will also be a **Competition** sheet for children to complete with the help of adults if you wish. There will be a prize of a \$10 gift voucher for the winners to spend at the Book Fair. Winners will be announced the morning of the **Book Parade on Friday 23rd August**. All competition sheets can be placed in a box outside the library. The box will be in place from **Thursday 15th till Thursday 22nd August**.

One of the activities that we hold is our annual **Book Fair** organised through Scholastic. We have booked a Book Fair that will run from the afternoon of **Tuesday 20th August** until the afternoon of **Friday 23rd**. The Book Fair is held in the library and it's a little like a small book shop running out of the library for the week. This is a great way to purchase a book but also support the school as we raise money from the total number of items sold. The Book Fair takes the place of our Book Club that we hold each term. An advertising flyer will be sent home that outlines of just a few of the titles that will be for sale. The Book Fair will also be open after the Book Parade if you would like to make a 'secret' purchase!

Multi-Age Day

And of course we will be once again holding a **Multi-Age Day** where the children are broken into groups comprising children across all grade levels. They will take part in 3 different activities based around the short listed books.



'Reading is my Secret Power' is the theme for this year's Book Week. With the wonderful assistance of Ms Grima the Art teacher, we will soon have a display up outside the library!

Book Week Helpers

If you able to assist with the running of the Book Fair can you please complete the form at the back of the newsletter and return it to school as soon as possible. I'll then contact you with your date and time.

Premiers' Reading Challenge

Please feel free to visit the library to borrow books for the Premiers' Reading Challenge, I am quite happy to send home a bulk loan of books. The children have until the 6th September to complete the challenge. Books can also be added at school if your child does not have access to a device at home. With the help of some parents we have started placing PRC stickers on the spines of books. There is still plenty of time to enrol and start reading.

Thanks,

Jen Farley

Teacher Librarian

3-6 Athletics Trials

Willinda Park

On Thursday 25th July, the Grade 3-6 students had their Athletics School Trials at Willinda Park. They participated in all Track and Field events such as 100m sprint, 200m, 800m, 1500m, hurdles, high jump, long jump, triple jump, discus and shot put.

All students were exemplary in their behaviour and they all tried their best in each event.

A BIG thank you to all the teachers, ES staff and parent helpers for making sure the day ran smoothly and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The district team is currently being organised and selected students will be notified in the next week and receive a permission form. District Athletics will be on Thursday 29th August at Meadowglen.

Daniela Darling

Sports Coordinator



Change of days for School Banking

Every

Wednesday

Please note, if you send your child's banking to school on Tuesday it will be returned to the student as we are not allowed to keep the bank books at the school overnight.

Cooperation **A**chievement **R**espect **E**mpathy



Pupil of the Week

Term 3 ~ Week 1 Week Ending 19 July 2019

Prep	<i>Hugo</i>	For his active participation and enthusiasm during dancing on Friday! You've got the moves!
Grade 1/2 A	<i>Aidan H</i>	For making a confident start to Term 3. Keep it up!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Jensen</i>	For a great start to Term 3. Great effort!
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Willow</i>	For working very hard to produce Haiku poems during writing. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Alysha</i>	For showing fantastic care and respect with working in a team to care for our new chickens.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Chloe</i>	For improving her organisational skills. Keep up the good work!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Abbey</i>	For always giving 100% during learning. Keep up the fabulous work!
Art	<i>Edward Prep</i>	For his insightful comments during our discussion about clay and where it comes from.
Chinese	<i>Kashton 1/2B</i>	For neat, accurate and colourful work presentation.
Student Wellbeing	<i>Sofia 3/4A</i>	For being a great friend to our new student, Lily, at lunch time.

Term 3 ~ Week 2 Week Ending 26 July 2019

Prep	<i>Malachai</i>	For demonstrating the PATHS strategies he has learned.
Grade 1/2 A	<i>Tyler</i>	For the effort he put into his 'Big Write' this week.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Liam</i>	For his wonderful 'Big Write' narrative: 'The Evil Shoes'
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Sienna F</i>	For trying her best in all her school work and demonstrating the school values. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Brad</i>	For setting an excellent example to others during Athletics Trials. Great work Brad!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Colin</i>	For always being a kind, caring and honest friend.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Toby</i>	For his enthusiasm and positive participation at Athletics Trials.
Art	<i>Holly S 3/4A</i>	For her excellent work making her pinch pot animal out of clay.
Chinese	<i>Daniel 3/4B</i>	For always showing respect to everyone in class with his amazing listening and manners.
PE	<i>All Grades 3 – 6 students</i>	Well done to all students for trying their best on Athletics Day and demonstrating the school values. So proud of all of you!
Library	<i>Jett 1/2A</i>	For working very well during his library session, answering questions directed to him. Well done!
Student Wellbeing	<i>Ella F 5/6B Bailey</i>	For being caring members of our school community and interrupting their own games to look after someone else!

Grade 3/4 Excursion to Polly Woodside



Ahoy Me Hearties! All Aboard! Sails Ahoy! Batten Down the Hatches! The Grade 3&4 students' (Convicts) are going time travelling to the Polly Woodside.

When: Thursday 8th August 9am – 1.30pm

Where: Melbourne Exhibition Centre

How: Tide levels indicate the best time for the buses to set sail is **9am**. Therefore, we are departing school **9am prompt**. *Be on time or miss out!* We will arrive in time for some brain food before our excursion begins at 10am-12pm. We will then depart the Melbourne Exhibition Centre around 12.40pm and arrive back into port (G.P.S.) just in time for lunch!

Why: To bring history *alive*. Convicts shared cramped conditions on long sea voyages in ships similar to the Polly Woodside. By having a glimpse inside the boat, students can better appreciate the hardship and sheer accomplishment that was undertaken by men, women and children in Australia's recent past.

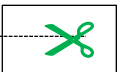
We urge all students and families to be here by **8.45am** so the roll can be taken and students can be organised for the day ahead. We appreciate your assistance on the morning with getting your child ready and on time and ensuring permission and payments are made in advance by the due date – this **Friday 2nd August**.

Please Note: this boat is docked and stationary. Some students have indicated concern at possible sea sickness. This will not be an issue on the day as we will not be setting sail on the high seas!

Kind regards,

Captain Stephens, Lieutenant Darling & Master Byrne

The 3/4 Teachers



Book Week Helpers

I am able to assist at the Book Fair on the following morning or afternoon.

Please tick the date you are available on the table below and return to the office. Mrs Farley will send back a confirmation slip.

Name: _____

Child/ren's Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

BOOK WEEK FAIR	
MORNING 8.30am to 9.00am	AFTERNOON 3.30pm to 4.00pm
<i>Tuesday morning not available</i>	Tuesday 20 th
Wednesday 21 st	Wednesday 21 st
Thursday 22 nd	Thursday 27 nd
Friday 23 rd	Friday 24 th