



Greensborough Primary School—2062

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Borough Bulletin 15 August 2019	
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 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
Friday 30 August 2019	Footsteps Dance Session 7 Father's Day Stall
Monday 2 September 2019	Yoga Classes – Session 7
Thursday 5 September 2019	Walkathon 9.10am to 10.30am
Friday 6 September 2019	Premier's Reading Challenge Closes Footsteps Dance Session 8
Monday 9 September 2019	Yoga Classes – Session 8 Fire Education – Grade 6 School Council Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 10 September 2019	Southern Cross Recycling Pick Up – 8.30am
Friday 13 September 2019	Footsteps Dance Session 9
Monday 2 September 2019	Yoga Classes – Final Session
Tuesday 17 September 2019	Curriculum Day
Friday 20 September 2019	Last Day of Term 3 – Early finish 1.30pm Footsteps Dance Session 10

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Principal's Report

We were very proud of our school captains, Violet and Lachlan on Tuesday 6th August as they represented GPS as official delegates at the Victorian Primary Schools' Parliamentary Convention. This was a great opportunity for Violet and Lachlan to take their seats in Parliament House and showcase their leadership skills as they listened to keynote speakers and debated with delegates from other schools, the topic: *"Should athletes and other celebrities use their popularity to influence social and political issues?"* Violet and Lachlan greatly enjoyed the experience and I'm sure the valuable learnings they took away from the day will hold them in good stead to achieve their future leadership goals.



Cultural Exchange Programs

It has been delightful to see our students build relationships with our International students both in class programs and during recess breaks. This year we hosted six Chinese students for a four week short term study program and also participated in a three day program with Kids Unlimited. This program provided the opportunity for our students to 'buddy-up' with one of the thirty two Chinese students and engage in a variety of free educational activities which included, karate, coding and cooking. These programs provide opportunities for our students to practise their Chinese language skills and also develop their cultural awareness of China.



Tomorrow we say goodbye to our six students who have been with us for a month. We have greatly enjoyed having Carol, Levan, Alice, Ella, Dennis and Andy work alongside our students in Grade 5/6 and it's been a great opportunity for cross cultural exchange. We are having an extra assembly tomorrow morning, Friday 16th at 9.05am as the students and their families would like to thank our community for hosting them. They have each prepared a special performance item for us, showcasing their diverse talents and we are looking forward to their presentation. Parents are invited to join us in the hall for the assembly.

Book Week

Next week we're celebrating Book Week and later in the newsletter Jen Farley has included information about the week of activities she's organised, including the Book Fair and Multi-Age Day, and culminating in the Dress-Up Parade on Friday. I know many families have already prepared their outfits ahead of time, however I'm suspecting I'll bump into a few familiar faces at Savers over the weekend as we look for last minute inspiration. Book Week is a highlight of our year and focuses our attention on good quality literature and the enjoyment we derive from reading together or alone.

Poetry Competition

I encourage everyone to stop by the foyer from next Monday and read the short listed poems on display for this year's Book Week Competition. Students in each grade have voted for their top four poems and staff have the difficult task of voting for the winner in each class. Each year we are amazed at the standard of poems and the skill of the students, and I'm sure this year will be no exception. Winning entries will be announced at assembly on Monday 26th August.

Vietnam Veterans' Display

Tomorrow, Friday 16th August, the Vietnam Veterans Association Education Unit will bring a 'hands-on' display and talk to our Grade 5/6 classes and pass on some of our nation's history to our students. Following on from this, several of our School and House Captains and Vice Captains will represent Greensborough Primary School by attending the service at War Memorial Park on Saturday 17th August at 11am and laying a wreath, similar to the Anzac Day ceremony. If any school families would like to join them, they are welcome to come, dressed in school uniform and meet School Council member, Simone Wilson, at the wreath table. The Vietnam Veterans Commemorative 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.

Parent Opinion Survey

A friendly reminder to all parents and caregivers that the timeline to complete the 2019 Parent Opinion Survey has been extended to **Sunday 18 August 2019**. Your opinion is valuable to us and we greatly appreciate parent feedback on our school programs. Several weeks ago, 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. If you have misplaced your PIN, please contact the office and Meghan will reissue your family PIN.

The survey takes **10-15 minutes** to complete and 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.

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.



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.

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Library News

Book Week at Greensborough Primary School

Just a reminder – Book Week is nearly here. We have been sharing the shortlisted books in class and this week we will be voting for our favourites. We kick off our **Book Week** on Monday as outlined in the flyer that I sent home last week.

Book Fair

This will begin in the library on Tuesday 20th at 3.30pm. This is a great way to purchase a book but also support the school as we raise money from the total of items sold. The Book Fair will run each morning and afternoon from Tuesday until Friday pm.

Competition sheets are due in Thursday afternoon. Parents are quite welcome to assist their children with the answers.



On **Friday 23rd August** we will be having our Book Parade on the netball court- weather permitting. Otherwise we will relocate to the hall. We begin at 9.10am. Parents are very welcome to come and watch. There will be small prizes for some of the children who take part. We look forward to seeing some interesting outfits if the last few year's costumes are anything to go by. There is no need to spend a lot of money on

costumes. **'Reading is my Secret Power'** is this year's theme so we could have lots of super heroes flying about!

The winners of the 'Book of the Year 2019' are published in the newspapers and online this weekend.

If you are able to volunteer to assist at the Book Fair for 30 minutes it would be greatly appreciated. You can leave your name and phone number at the office and I will contact you as soon as possible. Thanks.

Happy reading.

Thanks,

Jen Farley
Teacher Librarian

Greensborough Primary School Uniform Shop

Currently under renovation

If you require any uniform items at this time please place an order with Mehgan at the office and we will endeavour to complete your order by the following day. Please note, availability of items and sizes may affect delivery. Your patience is appreciated at this time.



Pupil of the Week

Term 3 ~ Week 3 Week Ending 2 August 2019

Prep	<i>Liam</i>	For being so helpful to Rydah in the classroom after he had broken his arm. Well done!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Sacha</i>	For her excellent effort to improve her reading. You're a Star!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Maisie G</i>	For her fantastic effort during 'Big Write' this week. Well done!
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Adrian</i>	For trying his best during the Footsteps Dance session. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Alysha</i>	For your amazing 'Big Write' about Captain Cook's Diary from his 'Journey of Discovery'. What an achievement!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Nate</i>	For being a great friend to his peers and giving thoughtful compliments on their work. ☺
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Adam</i>	For working hard on his personal goals. Keep it up, Adam!
Art	<i>Lola 3/4B</i>	For her excellent work in Art this week, working with clay.
Chinese	<i>Isaac W Prep</i>	For always listening to teacher instructions and having beautiful manners.
Library	<i>Brendan 3/4B</i>	For giving some fantastic responses during our discussion about the Book Week slogans. Well done!

Term 3 ~ Week 4 Week Ending 9 August 2019

Prep	<i>Anjali</i>	For the excellent observation she made making paper planes with our Chinese visitors. We were all very impressed!
Grade 1/2A	<i>Vanessa</i>	For her effort and achievement, at home and at school. We are so proud.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Anne-Sophie</i>	For her funky dance moves in Footsteps Dance sessions.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>William</i>	For having a positive attitude to all classroom tasks this Semester. Well done!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Darcy</i>	For his 'Have a go' attitude during dance! Well done.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Emma</i>	For her humorous and witty ballad about a day at the zoo.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Mia</i>	For an outstanding week in behaviour, work output and attitude.
Art	<i>Olivia 1/2B</i>	For her exceptional knowledge on colour mixing and wonderful work painting her owl!
Chinese	<i>Sienna 3/4B</i>	For having a positive attitude to all work tasks and giving everything a go! Well done.
Library	<i>Harry 5/6B</i>	For always working with enthusiasm and positivity in class. Well done, Harry.

Grade 3/4 Excursion to Polly Woodside

Ahoy, we have docked back at port! Our learning experience has taken us to the 1900s and back! We, the Grade 3/4 crew, enjoyed an amazing adventure aboard the Polly Woodside on the day of Thursday 8th August. The seas remained calm as our crewmates experienced how life on the high seas would have been over a hundred years ago including a full tour of the ship! Other wonderful experiences include: a lesson on how to alert the ship's helmsman of dangers to the port and starboard of the ship from the bow; the perils of fastening sails during rough seas and weather; the luxury of being Captain and Navigator; using the ocean waves to scrub the decks to keep the deck ship-shape! Moreover, it was about all the rough and rotten bits in between life on a ship - just ask about the toilet paper (or lack thereof)!



Our hosts contained vast seas of knowledge of the Polly Woodside and its history. We viewed a film of what life on the ship was really like, scripted from the diary entries of George Andrews, a carpenter who boarded the ship in 1904 as a sailor and detailed the experiences of living in close quarters for months circumnavigating the globe. This was an incredible experience that will surely be remembered because it made history alive. This is important as we embark on our First Fleet expedition and learn about the perilous journey undertaken by the men, women and children of The First Fleet as the students are now under no illusions as to just how tough it was to journey on a tall ship in years past.

Well done to all Grade 3/4 students for representing our school so well on excursion. You have earned your ticket of leave.

Miss Hassett & the Grade 3/4 Teachers.



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Parents & Friends

Food Day – Friday 23rd August

We will be having another food day on **Friday 23rd August**. A huge thanks to the parents who are helping run it.

A friendly reminder that order forms need to be in by the Tuesday prior (at the latest). This allows the volunteers time to organise & purchase items for the day as many of them have limited time as they also work during the week. Any late orders will NOT be accepted – thank you for your understanding.

Scouts Raffle – Tickets due back by this Friday 16th August

Thank you to those who have returned their ticket books. If you have one still at home, can you please send it back (even if unsold). Ticket prices are \$2 of which the school receives \$1.50.

Good luck to all those who purchased tickets!

Father's Day Stall – Friday 30th August

On **Friday 30th of August** we will be holding a Father's Day stall in the school hall. We have a large range of gifts ranging in price from 50c to \$6. Some of the items on sale are keyrings (\$2.50), mugs \$4, water bottles \$5, travel mugs \$6 plus much more!

Please send money with your child in a named envelope, purse, or plastic bag on the day. It is also helpful to send a bag to place their purchase in. A reminder note will come home the Monday prior.



Entertainment Books

This year we are selling entertainment books. The purchase price is \$70, of which the school will receive 20%. A demo copy of the box is available at the office for those who would like to see what deals are available.

Hard copy books are available at the office or alternatively you can purchase a digital copy via www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/189481

For further information, please contact Cassie (mum of Josh in 1/2B) via the front office.

Thank you,

Kim Hill

On behalf of P&F



BREADTAGS
for wheelchairs



The **Junior School Council** have teamed up with the charity

'Bread tags for Wheelchairs'

to **collect as many bread tags as possible before the end of the year**. This is enabling us at GPS, to help someone in need to be provided with a wheelchair and also help the environment by recycling bread tags.

The JSC representatives in each grade have created a collection point, so please keep collecting to help us make a difference.

Yogakula @ Greensborough Primary School

This term we have welcomed Yoga teacher Sindhu into our school for the weekly Monday yoga lessons for the preps to year 4.

“Kind Hearts, Kind Words, Kind Thoughts” is the positive message and affirmation that we inculcate through the practice, for children to carry through life.

The program is structured to introduce yoga to children as fun, engaging and valuable. It includes story-telling, intention setting, postures, mindful moments, group work, games, breath awareness, gentle meditation and relaxation.

The students have been enthusiastically taking part in simple rituals, like spending a moment honouring the sun, singing a song to/or practising a heart-opening mudra that brings happiness.

One of the simplest and most powerful practices for children is breath awareness. Diaphragmatic breathing, the relaxed, deep breathing activates the parasympathetic nervous system, which induces a state of calm, improves focus, and reduces anxiety.

It's wonderful to create a school environment where children can reflect on themselves, where they have an opportunity to explore how vast life is, and what kind of values, belief system, and practices can make them happy, healthy and peaceful. Yoga has the potential to benefit not just them, but also the world they will live in.

Kind regards,

Sindhu



WasteWise Wednesday

Next **Wednesday 21st August**, Greensborough Primary School will be holding the first WasteWise Wednesday!

The task is simple: reduce waste. Our school produces far too much of it! The solution is simple BUT we need to work together as a community to reduce the amount of waste that comes with children to school and out to landfill.

On Tuesday night you are asked to pack a WasteWise lunch. This means that your child's lunchbox will need to have reduced waste. If you have wrappers, use Tupperware instead or reusable zip lock bags. Any waste that comes with your child will be counted towards a class tally that we will aim to reduce every week. The class who is most WasteWise will be championed as WasteWise Winners for this week and will receive a special prize at assembly. Every week from then on we will run WasteWise Wednesday every Wednesday to find out which classes are reducing the amount of waste and developing sustainable practice that will help our earth be clean and green.

Thank you!

From the WasteWise Wednesday Committee



Platypus killed by litter in Darebin Creek

My name is Therese and I'm a Ranger along Darebin Creek.

Last week we heard the sad news that a platypus had been found just above Northland Shopping Centre, along the Darebin Creek that was entangled in litter. It had a rubber band around its neck, packing straps as well as fishing line that prevented it from feeding. This is very sad as we have worked hard to get these rare creatures to return to our urban waterways. They have only been spotted in the creek twice in 10 years! You can help by picking up litter in your school grounds and on your way to school.

Litter that goes down the drain is on its way to your local creek. Rubber bands as well as hair ties are one of the worst litter types as they easily wash into the drains in your school and in the street and into our waterways. Platypus become entangled when feeding. Any litter that is round and has a diameter of eight centimetres or more is a hazard to platypus. It is recommended that you cut rubber bands and hair ties or any round litter before disposing of them in the bin.

Other ways you can help? Organise a clean up day at school or join a clean up group such as Darebin Creek Sweepers or a Friends group. We can also visit your school. Thanks for helping your local wildlife.
www.dcmc.org.au

From,

Therese

for Darebin City Council



Book Week Helpers

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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

Tuesday morning not available

Wednesday 21st

Thursday 22nd

Friday 23rd

AFTERNOON
3.30pm to 4.00pm

Tuesday 20th

Wednesday 21st

Thursday 27nd

Friday 24th

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rlpbc@outlook.com
AJ on 0423 782 970

For boys & girls aged 5-10 years

www.tballsmash.com.au

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For boys and girls aged 8-16 years

Starts Wednesday September 4th
at Glenaubum Park in Lower Plenty

Learn more and register
rlpbc@outlook.com
AJ on 0423 782 970

juniorbaseball.com.au

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War Memorial Park, McDowell St Greensborough

JUNIOR CRICKET SEASON 2019/20

Junior Cricket	Blasters Cricket
WEDNESDAY 5pm • Under 10 \$105 • Girls only 8 to 13 • Girls only 13 to 15 FRIDAY 5pm \$125 • Under 12 • Under 14 • Under 16 • Under 18	SATURDAY 10am • Master Blasters \$105 SUNDAY 9.30am • Junior Blasters \$105

Contact Lauren Cleary for more information
ph: 0402 224 409 e: greensboroughccjuniors@gmail.com

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1959 2019

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03 9435 5605
60atgreenhills@gmail.com

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Woolworths CRICKET BLAST

JUNIOR COMP

Come join the team at LPCC Junior Blasters, U10s, U12s, U14s, U16s and U18s
Girl players welcome

Junior Coordinator: Luke Preston
Mobile: 0400023940
juniors@lowerplentycricketclub.com
Register at www.playcricket.com.au

Lower Plenty Cricket Club, Lower Plenty Park, Para Road, Montmorency