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<i>Friday 25 August 2023</i>	Swimming Session 4 Footsteps Dance Session 5
<i>Monday 28 August 2023</i>	Footsteps Dance Make Up Session 6 School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
<i>Tuesday 29 August 2023</i>	Footsteps Dance Concert at Montmorency Secondary College – Cancelled
<i>Thursday 31 August 2023</i>	Father's Day Stall
<i>Friday 01 September 2023</i>	Swimming Session 5 Footsteps Dance Session 7 Last day of the Premier's Reading Challenge
<i>Monday 4 September 2023</i>	Prep 2025 – Morning Tea for new parents 10:00am to 11:00am
<i>Friday 8 September 2023</i>	Swimming Session 6 Footsteps Dance Session 8 P&F Food Day
<i>Monday 11 September 2023</i>	Police Presentation – Family Talk on Cyber Security 2:30pm to 3:30pm
<i>Thursday 14 September 2023</i>	R U OK Day – 'Footy' or 'Wear Yellow' Free Dress Day Fundraiser – Gold Coin Donation
<i>Friday 15 September 2023</i>	Swimming Session 7 Footsteps Dance Session 9 Last Day of Term 3 2023 – Early Dismissal at 1:30pm
<i>Monday 02 October 2023</i>	First Day of Term 4
<i>Friday 06 October 2023</i>	Swimming Session *
<i>Monday 09 October 2023</i>	Melbourne Zoo Excursion – Prep to Grade 2
<i>Thursday 12 October 2023</i>	Grade 2 Sleepover
<i>Friday 20 October 2023</i>	Swimming Session 9 – Fun Day
<i>Monday 06 November 2023</i>	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
<i>Tuesday 07 November 2023</i>	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
<i>Thursday 09 November 2023</i>	Prep & Grade One Breakfast at School
<i>Friday 10 November 2023</i>	2024 Prep Transition – Session 1
<i>Friday 17 November 2023</i>	2024 Prep Transition – Session 2

<i>Friday 24 November 2023</i>	2024 Prep Transition – Session 3
<i>Friday 01 December 2023</i>	2024 Prep Transition – Session 4
<i>Thursday 07 December 2023</i>	Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony
<i>Friday 08 December 2023</i>	2024 Grade Allocations sent home
<i>Monday 11 December 2023</i>	Grade 6 Big Day Out
<i>Tuesday 12 December 2023</i>	Meet the Teacher
<i>Friday 15 December 2023</i>	2023 Semester 2 Reports to go home Ice-Cream Truck visit
<i>Tuesday 19 December 2023</i>	Last Day of School for 2023 – Early Dismissal at 1:30pm

Principal's Report

'Surprise Mondays' continue to be greatly enjoyed by students and staff. The 'wonderings' begin in earnest on Fridays when Surprise Boxes are delivered to classrooms and students' curiosity continues to build until they're opened on Mondays. It's lovely to see the whole school playing together in pairs, groups or side by side. This wellbeing program promotes not only curiosity and social interactions, students also build their resilience and problem-solving skills.

Students' wellbeing is definitely receiving a boost this week as they enjoy the Book Week activities Frankie, our Librarian, has planned for us. The Book Fair is enormously popular with families, and the Parade this morning was once again a highlight of not only the week, but of our school year. The creativity and artistic talent of our families is very evident and we thank everyone for dressing up and contributing to the excitement of the day. The multi-age activities that ran for the rest of the day were terrific opportunities for students to enjoy the short-listed books. In our next newsletter we'll include photos of the day's events.



Poetry Competition

Congratulations to the poets who had their poems shortlisted by their classmates in the Poetry Competition. As always choosing the overall winners for each grade was an extremely hard task for staff. The shortlisted poets and winners for each grade are underlined below. We congratulate all students for their choice of poetic styles and the creativity of their poems. Winners were announced at the parade today and received a prize from the Book Fair.

- Prep:** Sophia, Vidur, Celeste & Harriet
- 1/2A:** Elsie, Dash, Sidra & Kashvika
- 1/2B:** Ella, Atri, Lily & Olivia
- 3/4A:** Imogen, Raiden & Liam, Lachie & Fatima
- 3/4B:** Ivy, Kaitlin, Carter & Hugo
- 5/6A:** Joel, Charlotte, Jess & Talia
- 5/6B:** Matthew, Bella, Liam & Olivia

The shortlisted poems are still on display in the foyer for students and family members to read and enjoy.

Dance Concert Rescheduled

As stated in our COMPASS post we were very disappointed to cancel the Footsteps Dance Concert next week and reschedule for a later date this term. The decision was unavoidable due to lessons being cancelled due to the instructor's illness and the relief from students is evident. They are now able to enjoy the remainder of their lessons as they have done in previous years. When we confirm the date of the concert we will let families know.

2024 Grade Planning- Parent Requests

Behind the scenes we are busy planning for 2024! Early next term, teachers will ask students to nominate friendship groups so we can begin the process of allocating students to their 2024 grades. This process includes teachers' consideration of students' friendship groups, school data on academic abilities and needs, and parent input on specific requests for their children. We will be finalising grades by the end of October, so we can begin handover of student information from this year's teacher to next.

Therefore, if parents or caregivers have any specific requests for next year, it's very important that you send in your requests via email, phone, handwritten note or in person, to Margaret or myself by Friday October 20th and this can be factored into decision making. We do not have the capacity to change placements once grades are finalised. Notification of 2024 grades will be sent home with reports on Friday December 15th and students will meet their 2024 teachers and spend the morning with them on Tuesday 12th December.

JSC Dress Up Day Thursday 14th September: Footy Theme or R U OK?



Our JSC members have organised a fundraiser for Graduation and Kids' Helpline on Thursday 14th September. Normally these are 2 separate days, however as they are so close to Book Week this year, we want to reduce the financial and 'dress-up' pressures on families, so they'll be held on the same day. Students are free to come dressed in the colours of their favourite team or in yellow to celebrate R U OK? Day. Students who come out of uniform will donate a gold coin to support these excellent programs – money raised will be split equally between the two fundraisers.

District Athletics

Congratulations to all the students who represented our school at the District Athletics Carnival yesterday. We are always proud of the sportsmanship our students display and their endeavour to achieve a personal best in their events. Special congratulations to Bella, Billee, Philippa, Anne-Sophie and Raiden who came in the top three in their events and to Anne-Sophie and Raiden who will proceed to the Division Athletics Carnival. See Mr Derrick's article later in the newsletter for photos!

Staff Professional Development

Over the last few weeks our staff teams joined with other teachers in our NESST group on Thursday afternoons to have professional development in their identified areas. Inclusion in this network provides our teachers with an excellent opportunity to share and develop the teaching skills and knowledge of programs to support and extend our students. We are very fortunate that our regular CRTs (Casual Relief Teachers) know our students and class programs well, so that class programs can continue uninterrupted.

Three of our graduate teachers and their mentors will engage in professional development next Monday to enhance and extend their skills. The Department's Career Start program provides funding to provide CRT coverage so that our graduates and mentors can have the additional planning time and professional development they are mandated to have.

Thank You Parents and Friends

A huge thank you to Kate, our P&F President and all the parent helpers for their efforts to raise funds for our school this term. The Bunnings BBQ last weekend was a great success and we appreciate our family members helping out on the day.

With the Pie Drive and Fathers' Day stall, it's been a very busy term for P&F and we encourage as many parents as possible to donate a few hours when possible to help organise or assist with activities. The students and staff appreciate your efforts and the wonderful resources you purchase for our school.

Free Little Anglers Kit for Grade 5 Students



The Victorian Government is investing \$1.5 million from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Fund to provide up to 95,000 Little Angler Kits to primary school aged children in Victoria. The free kits provide a wonderful school holiday activity for children with their families and help ease the cost of living, providing a fun activity close to home.

Grade 5 students at all Victorian schools, including ours, will be offered the opportunity to receive a FREE Little Angler Kit. Grade 5 students have been selected based on the Victorian Curriculum focus, movement and motor development, and safety considerations. The program is entirely voluntary. Schools were provided with the option to opt out of the program. Our school has opted to stay in the program so that parents can decide whether they want their child(ren) to receive a free fishing kit.

Parents of Grade 5 students can advise the school if they do not wish their child(ren) to participate for any reason whatsoever. We support parents in making decisions that align with their family values and beliefs. The roll out of kits will occur through the second half of 2023 (16 October - 4 December) so that all participating children will have a kit in time for the summer school holidays.

The kits include a rod, reel with line, tackle tray, some tackle and information on how to use them to catch a fish. Please note that the tackle tray includes fishing hooks. The tackle tray will be wrapped in cardboard and placed inside a pocket inside the fishing kit bag, which will be sealed with a cable tie to discourage students from opening their kits until they are with a parent or carer.

Kits will be handed out to students to take home with them as soon as the school receives them. Teachers will tell students not to open the kits until they are safely at home with a parent or carer, however parents can contact the school and request to collect their kit from the school themselves if they prefer.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority will create a Little Angler hub on their website, which will be live when the kits start being distributed. It will have useful information, instructional videos and online resources about where and how to fish linking to existing resources from Fishcare and new resources to be produced just for the Little Angler Kits program. This initiative aims to grow recreational fishing participation in Victoria by actively encouraging primary school aged children to learn how to fish, as well as learning more about marine life and the natural environment.

Angela Morritt

Principal

Reminder:

2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is Open on COMPASS

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is open until Friday 8 September 2023. The survey is conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. A link was sent to families on 7th August on COMPASS to complete the survey and I have also included the link and instructions below. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

To complete the survey, simply:

1. Click on the link below or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey.

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

2. Select the School and Campus name below.
 - ❖ School Name: Greensborough Primary School
 - ❖ Campus Name: Greensborough Primary School
3. Enter the School PIN below.
 - ❖ PIN: **388886**
4. When complete, please click on the tick button at the end of the survey to submit your answers. Please note that the survey will time out after **60 minutes of inactivity**.

Thank you for taking the time to participate. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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Tournament of Minds (ToM)

On Saturday 19th August, our ToM team performed their long-term project and a spontaneous performance at La Trobe University. Charlotte, Hugo, Josh, Maisie, Xavier, Bella and Kobe impressed the judges with their literacy response, performing their own script about the need for a statue of fictional character, Pax, to be built in Petersburg, Russia, to address their military ambitions and 'bring peace' to the world. They had been writing and creating props for this project for the last six weeks and I want to congratulate them on their amazing (and many) achievements!

They have been an inspiring group to work with and I want to thank them for being the first ToM group at Greensborough Primary School! I would like to also thank Nicole and parents for their support with ToM 2023 - it could not have been done without you!

We are now on the lookout for potential ToM candidates for 2024, building on the foundations to go one further in years to come.

Great work, Greensborough!

Mr Stephens

ToM Coordinator



Challenging the World



Next week, we are beginning to write our stories and will be completing these stories in the next few weeks. My story will be about a girl who has had to move states, therefore schools, and has to make new friends but has some problems in doing this. We have been working in our class with roughly fifteen other students and our teacher provides us with ideas and feedback regarding our plot, setting and writers' voice. - By Charlotte



In VHAP English sessions, we have been learning about the different genres of writing and how to make stories more interesting to the reader. Next week we are going to begin writing a Narrative story. We have decided upon our characters, complication and resolution and our going to use the work that we have completed in our 'Writers Notebook' to provide us with further information and ideas. - By Reese



Congratulations to the following students who have commenced this years' Premiers' Reading Challenge:

Prep Sofia, Celeste, Liam M, Lee-May and Matias.

1/2A Shyamala and Natasa.

1/2B Olivia M, Victor, Lily, Abigail and Ella F.

3/4A Ren, Yamee, Isaac W and Lachie G.

3/4B Scarlett, Dan Anh, Anjali and Tomas.

5/6A Joel.

5/5B Elouise C, Bella, Josh and Liam S.

The following students have completed this year's Challenge and are excited to receive their special fish and chip day in Term 4 with their certificates:

Prep Thomas M and Max.

1/2A Kashvika, Raythan, Elsie, William and Ethan R.

1/2B Mary and Billie G.

3/4A Ella M, Evelyn and Jacob.

3/4B Kaitlin and Lizzie.

5/6A Charlotte.

5/5B Hugo and Maisie.

Happy reading,

Claire Storey

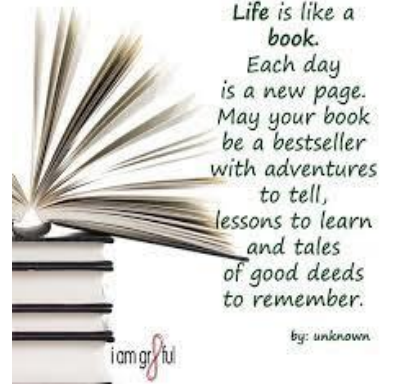
VHAP & PRC Coordinator

STUDENT WELLBEING

Hi Everyone,

What a great day we all had at GPS today, as we celebrated '**BOOK WEEK**' – the colour, the creativity, the excitement!

I sometimes talk to students about **LIFE** being like a book. **LIFE** has a beginning, and, with all life's choices and events, it has many **CHAPTERS**. Each of our '**BOOKS**' will be different, with many **twists and turns**, **adventure**, **excitement**, **sadness**, **hurts**, **failures** **kindness**, **disappointments**, **joys**, **achievements**, etc...



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." -Dr Seuss

What will your **BOOK** be like? How does it begin? What would you name each chapter? Are there chapters of regret? Are there chapters of great joy? Are there chapters of achievement? Which feelings, beliefs and values are on display? How will the 'reader' feel as they 'read' your **BOOK**?

The great thing about life is that we can be the **AUTHORS** of the next chapter.

Reality tells me that unfortunately some things are beyond our control, **BUT** by seeking the support and help we need and by changing our thoughts we can turn the page to a new **CHAPTER** by being in charge of the things we can **CHANGE**.

Dwell on the positive chapters in our lives and allow the next chapter to begin. Dwelling on the negative things that impact us, can lead to poor mental health and prevent us from turning the page and entering into a new, exciting chapter!



District Athletics

What an amazing day out at District Athletics, with so many students showing great sportsmanship and trying their best. A big well done to Anne-Sophie and Raiden who will move on to the next level! Below are a few quotes from athletes who competed on Wednesday.



"I was very nervous at the start, when you see the distance and all the other schools. But once I started running it didn't seem as hard or as far"

"I saw amazing sportsmanship after each race, especially GPS".

"In the relay, the girls' relay team. We all tried our best, we came 7th but it doesn't really matter, because we all tried our best".

"It was amazing to see other schools, persevere with attempts in Discus U12s".



WELL DONE GREENSBOROUGH!

Leo Derrick
Sports Coordinator



Parents and Friends Association

Hello Families and Friends,

Bunnings Barbeque

It has been a busy term so far for fundraising. This past weekend we had our Bunnings Warehouse BBQ, hosted by Eltham Bunnings. I'd like to give a shout-out to all of the volunteers who helped us raise over \$1000 for the school. Your time and effort is much appreciated.

Pie Drive Update

This Thursday our Pies will be delivered from Tony's Pies. Thank you to all those who have placed orders. The orders will be packaged up and be sent to the children's classes to go home with them.

Father's Day Stall



Next week we have our annual Father's day stall. This year it will be held on Thursday 31st of August and flyer was sent home yesterday. Father's Day Gifts will be available for purchase between \$1.00 to \$7.00. Please place your child's money in a named ziplock bag and include a carry bag with your child's name on it so they can bring home their gift. Any parents who can volunteer some time on the day will be very welcome. Contact the office if you can assist.

Silent Auction Fundraiser



We will still be conducting our silent auction and this will be commencing this week. We will be adding new items weekly. Items will be on display in school foyer area from this Thursday afternoon. More details to follow via compass.

Thanks again for your support.

Kind regards,

Kate S Doyle

For Parents & Friends Association

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Grade 6 Graduation



Cadbury Fundraiser

To help offset the cost for the Grade 6 Graduation, we are running a Cadbury fundraiser this term. Each box has a variety of chocolates costing \$1 each, with \$20 profit per box (60 chocolates in total) going towards our 2023 Graduation.

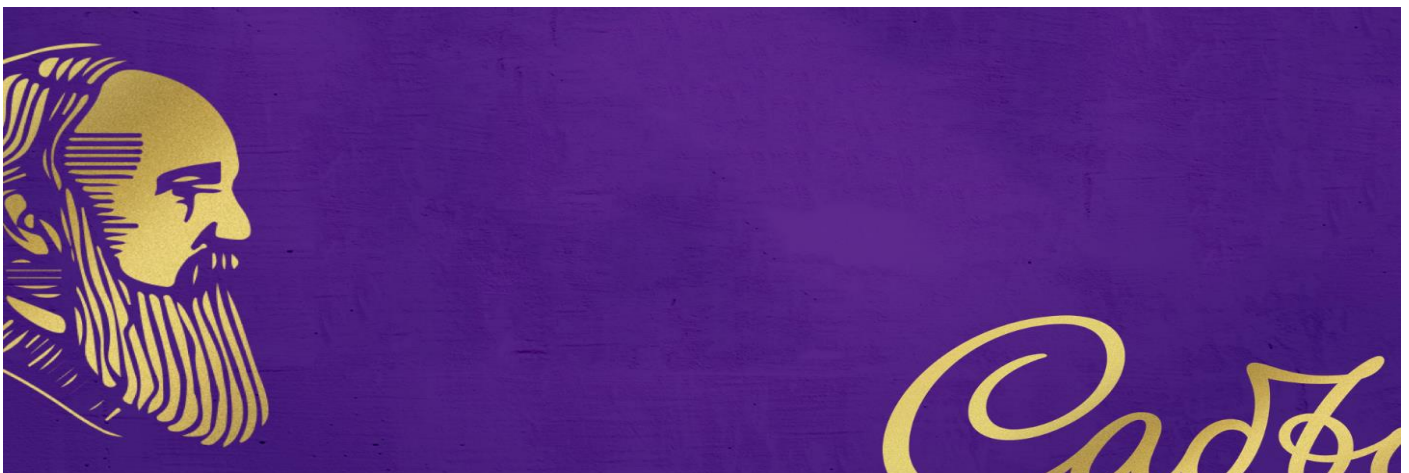
Forms are coming home tomorrow for Grade 6 families. Please complete and return the **Expression of Interest** to **Mr. Stephens** by **Friday 31st, August**. From there, an order will be made with Cadbury and distributed to families. *If you are not in Grade 6 but would like to place an order for a box to sell, please contact Mr. Stephens as soon as possible.*

Thanks for your assistance with fundraising for the 2023 Graduation.

Kind regards,

Mr Stephens

On behalf of the Graduation Committee





Dear families and other members of the school community,



The Kindness Crusaders are supporting a new cause. Could you please help us collect blankets and towels for the Cat Protection Society? This is a local organisation that is dedicated to helping cats find their forever homes.

We are collecting blankets and towels for the cat's pens to keep them warm in Winter. Could you please clean out your cupboards to help these cold cats? We will be collecting them in the last 3 weeks of term (August 28th – September 15th). Blankets and towels need to be in a reasonable condition and can be placed on the tables outside the Art room.



Thank you so much for helping support this cause,

Maisie and Bella
on behalf of The Kindness Crusaders



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Pupil of the Week



2023 ~ Term 3 ~ Week 5

Prep	<i>Amos</i>	For settling so well into Greensborough Primary School and learning our classroom routines. Well done, Amos!
Grade 1/2 A	<i>Kira</i>	For writing a great story during rocket writing. Wonderful writing, Kira!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Abigail</i>	For developing fantastic friendships at school. Well done!
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Isaac</i>	For his fantastic concrete poem titled 'Ice Cube'. Well done, Isaac!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Dan Anh</i>	For always giving her best effort and contributing to discussions in reading groups.
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Talia</i>	For your fantastic efforts during our poem unit. Well done!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Elouise</i>	For your great poem – 'Apple Core, on the Floor'. It was great!
PE	<i>Lachie G 3/4A</i>	For being calm and controlled, under pressure, in Hockey.
STEM Prep – Grade 2	<i>Sidra N 1/2A</i>	For always being focused during our unit of Light!
STEM Grades 3 – 6	<i>Hugo S 3/4B</i>	For being a supportive learner and helping his friends.
OSHClub	<i>Sofia F Prep</i>	For coming to OSHClub and having a go.

2023 ~ Term 3 ~ Week 6

Prep	<i>Sofia</i>	For taking great care of the new student in our class and leading by example.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Dash</i>	For always putting care and effort into his learning tasks.
Grade 1/2B	<i>Noah</i>	For your fantastic effort in packing your bag this week. Keep up the great work.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Charlotte</i>	For the descriptive writing completed in our quick writes this week.
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Lizzie</i>	For the amazing effort you have put into achieving your personal goals – with great success. The world is your oyster!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Kobe</i>	For demonstrating great leadership skills during Surprise Monday! Keep it up. 😊
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Josh</i>	Great measuring and construction during our 'Applied Maths – Build a City', task!
Discovery	<i>Elise G Prep</i>	For building a creative underwater scene. Well done!
PE	<i>Kleo T 1/2A</i>	For your enthusiasm for and at the AFL clinic.
STEM Prep – Grade 2	<i>Natasa K 1/2A</i>	For her amazing designs and for being so kind.
STEM Grades 3 – 6	<i>Mounina C & Mia D 5/6B</i>	For your parachute design, you proved everyone wrong!

What's been happening at OSHClub

Our children have become more comfortable in running their own activities selected from the purple Adventure Box. (some examples can be seen in the pictures a little further In our Newsletter Item). Some exciting additions are headed our way with new adventure cards and experiences being added. Whilst our Friday Fun Day themes have been amazing they have fallen a little flat due to low attendances so we would love to see you. Watch out for the launch of our latest promotion which could see you receive 50% off your first booking. Creative Inventors - loads of things for you to try and experience all within the safety of familiar surroundings. There is also our special August Rise then Shine promotion. Our menu is always the talk of the schoolyard and why not. Pizza, fruit/veg, smoothies. Come taste the fun.

Photo Gallery



Special Announcements

Spring Holiday Program is now open for bookings. Parents should have received an email to advise you accordingly. Please ensure Children are booked into all sessions as sometimes we do single staff which means we can NOT accept walk ins. As Term 4 approaches we remind families that wearing Hats and sunscreen for outdoor play are compulsory.

Coming Up

- 23rd th** Playdough Making
- 25th Aug** Friday Fun Day - Wellness, Well Being Pamper Session
- 29th Aug** Cooking Club - yummy treats for Father's Day

Student of the Week

Please join us in congratulating this week's OSHClub Student of The Week, Charlie Parkinson. Charlie doesn't come all that often but when he does he puts on a smile and makes the best of his time. What more can we ask for. We love your yoyo tricks and look forward to seeing more of you. Our congratulations again Charlie.



Have you heard about Friday Fun Day???

Come and see some of the amazing activities we do on Fridays.

This week we are going to have a Pampering session and take care of our body, mind and soul. See you there.

Quality Area Reflection

QUALITY AREAS WE ARE FOCUSING ON:
Links with the Community.

Hurstbridge Wattle Festival



**Sunday 27th August
10am - 4pm, Hurstbridge**

Live music
Vintage cars
Kids rides

100 market stalls
Face painting
Camel rides

FREE SHUTTLE BUSES FROM DIAMOND CREEK AND MERNDA

wattlefestival.org.au

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**Little Athletics is back
at Diamond Valley**



Greenbriar Little
Athletics Club

Come & Try Days

Registration:

Sat 2nd Sept

10am-12pm

2023/24 Fees

U6-8 \$240

U9-17 \$260

Warm Up:

Rounds:

9, 16, 23 Sept

from 8.30am

Find out more

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