



# Greensborough Primary School - 2062

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## Borough Bulletin ~ 24 July 2025

Friday 25 July 2025	Circus Crew Session One
Tuesday 29 July 2025	100 Days of Prep Celebration 
Friday 1 August 2025	Circus Crew Session Two
Thursday 7 August 2025	P&F Food Day
Friday 8 August 2025	Circus Crew Session Three
Wednesday 13 August 2025	GPS Athletics Competition Day 09:00am to 01:30pm
Thursday 14 August 2025	School Council Meeting 07:00pm
Friday 15 August 2025	Circus Crew Session Four
Monday 18 August 2025	Book Week 2025 Student Poems on display
Tuesday 19 August 2025	Book Week 2025 Book Fair – Library 3:30pm (Afternoon session only)
Wednesday 20 August 2025	Book Week 2025 Book Fair – Library 08:45am & 3:30pm Book Parade – 09:10am Multi-Age Activity Day 
Thursday 21 August 2025	Book Week 2025 Book Fair – Library 08:45am & 3:30pm
Friday 22 August 2025	Circus Crew Session Five Book Fair – Library 08:45am & 3:30pm (Last Day)
Friday 29 August 2025	Circus Crew Session Six
Tuesday 02 September 2025	Circus Crew Concert – Montmorency Secondary College 09:00am
Wednesday 3 September 2025	District Athletics Competition
Friday 5 September 2025	Prep Father's Day Breakfast
Monday 8 September 2025	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm – TBC
Wednesday 10 September 2025	Grade 6 Excursion
Thursday 11 September 2025	R U Okay Day P&F Food Day 
Friday 12 September 2025	Premiers' Reading Challenge Ends
Wednesday 17 September 2025	Science Week Celebration Day Multi-Age Activity Day 
Thursday 18 September 2025	Grade 2 Sleepover STEM – Big Science Show – Cosmic Chemistry - Incursion
Friday 19 September 2025	Last Day of Term Three – Early Dismissal – 01:30pm

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## Principal's Report

It was terrific to welcome not only our own students back after the term break, but also a group of short-term international students from Taiwan and China. The students stay for periods of 1 – 4 weeks and are spread from Prep – Grade 6, which means all our students have a chance to enjoy and learn from the cross-cultural exchange. Once again, it's pleasing to see how inclusive our GPS students are, as they welcome our visitors and invite them to join games during the breaks or work collaboratively during class sessions.

Our students have settled in well to class programs and routines after the break and we're looking forward to building on the outcomes students achieved in Semester One, through our highly differentiated class programs, intervention and extension programs. With tutoring, oral language, English as an Additional Language, High Achievers' Programs, GATEWAYS, Maths Olympiad, Corrective Reading and other small group or 1:1 supports, we ensure all students' learning programs are aimed at their point of need.

### Extra-Curricular Programs

As well as our regular class and specialist programs, we continue to offer a wide range of extra-curricular programs this term. Whilst we have a strong focus on academic achievement, we know students have passions and interests in a variety of areas and I'd like to thank staff for their commitment to offer engaging activities and programs that go beyond the standard curriculum.

We started the term celebrating **NAIDOC Week** with this year's theme: "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," celebrating not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead. To enhance the celebration and raise awareness of the week's importance, each student was given a ball in the colours of the aboriginal flag, which have specific symbolic meanings.



Next Tuesday our Prep students will celebrate their '**100 days Of School**'. This is a great milestone in their school life and Emily has planned a fun-filled day, completing tasks related to 100. We're looking forward to seeing students arrive dressed as if they were centenarians! Our Librarian, Bec, has planning for **Book Week Parade, Muti-Age Day** and **Book Fair** well underway, and I know many families and staff members have already started planning their outfits. Our **Poetry Competition** coincides with Book Week and we're looking forward to reading student entries.

Our Grade 3 – 6 students are honing their **Athletics** skills in preparation for the trials for District Athletics Carnival and PE teacher Leo, has also secured another Sports in School Grant and is liaising with external providers for **Hockey** sessions. Our STEM teacher Leah has planned a **Science Incursion and Mult-Age Day, Cosmic Chemistry**, in the last week of term to celebrate Science Week. Several **Incursions and Excursions** have been planned, including 'History of Toys' Incursion for P – 2 and our Grade Twos have their annual **Sleepover** which is always a highlight of their school journey.

As well as yard duty, teachers are also rostered for extracurricular programs and clubs during lunch breaks. We have two teams of Grade 5/6 students entered into **Tournament of the Minds** and class teacher, Jesse, will work with students two lunchtimes per week. We also have **Recorder, Gardening** and **Sports Clubs, Friendship Tree activities, Chill Out Zone**, as well as the return of **Choir** and the **Library** open for lunchtime enjoyment.

External providers also offer **Tennis and Coding Lessons** during lunch breaks and **Instrumental Music and Singing Lessons** are timetabled during class times. If any parents would like further information about these external providers and programs, please contact the office.

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**Circus Skills** begin this Friday and continue for six fun-filled sessions, culminating in a concert at Montmorency Secondary College on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Permission and payment can be made via the COMPASS app. Families who have School Saving Bonus (SSB) or CSEF funds remaining can contact the office and make requests for payment options. If there are any families who are unable to pay the \$50 at this time, please contact the office, and we will offer any available support.

## Parents and Friends

A huge thankyou to P&F for their work in organizing the Trivia Night and Silent Auction on Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup>. The Silent Auction items are amazing with over \$4000 of donations received so far. There is definitely something for everyone on offer, from family activities to gym memberships. This is our major fundraiser for the year, and all funds raised will be going towards new playground equipment for your children to enjoy. We urge parents to bring along family and friends or purchase tickets and share a table with other school families. Tickets are available at the office- see the COMPASS post for further details or later in the newsletter.

## Kindness Crusaders: Waste Wise Wednesdays

Student Voice and Agency are very important to us at GPS and class teachers are very pleased to support an initiative from our Kindness Crusaders: Phillippa, Myla, Harriet, Indie and Lilyana. Our KCs outlined their ideas to reinstate **Waste Wise Wednesdays**, designed to minimise waste and encourage sustainable practices. The outcome is that **Waste Wise Wednesdays** will resume next Wed 30<sup>th</sup> July, and we ask students to come with a zero-waste lunch that contains no throw away packaging, instead all food is packed in re-usable containers.

The KCs will monitor student lunchboxes each Wednesday and record the number of students who have a waste wise lunchbox. The number of students who have participated within the class will be converted into a percentage and recorded on a whole school chart. The class with the highest percentage of participation will earn a certificate for the week and after 3 wins, students will be rewarded with a cookie or icy-pole from JSC on Friday. The Kindness Crusaders thank families for your support to reduce litter and waste.



*We're looking forward to a terrific Term Three and we thank families in advance for your support.*

**Angela Morrìt**

Principal

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## 2025 Prep Enrolments

If any families know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please encourage them to register their details as soon as possible, (this includes siblings of current students). We have already had a number of enquiries and school tours for places in 2026 and the sooner we get a sense of our intake for next year, the sooner we can start planning for grade structures.

Greensborough Primary School regularly reviews and updates our policies and procedures to ensure they meet the Department's requirements. These are available on the school website, or a hard copy can be obtained from the office.

We are committed to continuous improvement and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our policies and procedures.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions please contact Angela or Margaret.

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## STUDENT WELLBEING

Hi Everyone,



It is great to see the students looking well rested and happy, especially as many were unwell before the term break. I hope you all enjoyed some special family time together and fun activities.

**CHANGE AND RESILIENCE** – Once again I had my 'fur grandchild' to look after for my son – a beautiful smoothcoat border collie. We enjoyed lots of exercise in the great outdoors! I also spent a lot of time in the kitchen (NOT MY FAVOURITE PLACE) cooking meals for my daughter and her hubby as they settle in their beautiful baby daughter! Sorry, no photos allowed. Lots of cuddles and joy! My happy place, **THE GARDEN**, has had to wait, **BUT I WILL BE RESILIENT** and be thankful for a healthy baby and find joy in helping out and, of course, in cuddling!



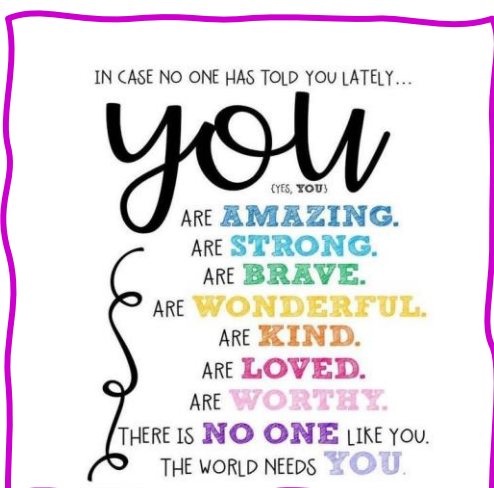
We often discover things about ourselves and others in **HINDSIGHT**. Looking back on some of life's changes and challenges and noting all the ways in which you, your family and community have found to cope helps to develop new thoughts on what is important. It is an important step in developing and growing in **RESILIENCE**.

Also focusing on the **GOOD AND IMPORTANT** things and **REACHING OUT** develops **GRATITUDE** and **EMPATHY**.

A great activity for your family would be to make a couple of posters which can be displayed at home:

1. **Resilience poster:** listing/drawing all the ways in which you, both individually and as a family, have coped at difficult times – activities, communication, ways of reaching out, etc... *For example: this can be useful for children who have faced friendship issues, as we all have experienced! How did they get through it? What worked? Do they have a growing understanding of themselves and others? Do they recognise how emotions play a big role? Do they have a growing sense of their own self-worth?*
2. **Gratitude poster:** Each person lists/draws what they are thankful for.

Very soon you and your children should discover your inner strength and how amazing you are!



TAKE CARE and enjoy the weeks ahead.

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# Pupil of the Week



## 2025 ~ Term 2 ~ Week 10

Prep	<i>Oliver</i>	For creatively thinking of high number of 5 letter rhyming words in our rhyming task this week. Well done, Oliver!
Grade 1/2 A	<i>Oliver</i>	For his enthusiasm and engagement during reading lessons. Keep up the great work, Ollie!
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Harvey</i>	For showing great persistence in the classroom. Well done, Harvey!
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Izac</i>	For making great gains with your fluency and comprehension when reading. Keep up the great work, Izac!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Kira</i>	I am so impressed by your Information Report! It looks fantastic and you have put so much work into it!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Elvy</i>	For consistently being a kind, courteous and positive member of the 5/6A classroom!
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Imogen</i>	For showing respect to others by being an attentive listener. Excellent effort!
Art	<i>Heidi 5/6A Elvy 5/6A</i>	For the thought, creativity and care you are putting into creating your miniature building. You make a great team. Congratulations!
Library	<i>Shyamala 3/4B</i>	For her detailed responses to 'Ceremony', Shyamala effectively communicated the story's themes of community, culture, and connection to Country.
LOTE Mandarin	<i>Victor 3/4A</i>	For learning about the bell tower and how people tried to tell the time in ancient times of China.
PE	<i>Nour 5/6B</i>	For your excellent kicking and trying your best even though footballs are hard to bounce.
STEM	<i>Amal 3/4A</i>	For working hard to learn how to make her 'sprite'(character) fly in the Scratch Coding Program.

## 2025 ~ Term 2 ~ Week 11

Prep	<i>Louis</i>	For being a great friend and making learning fun for us all!
Grade 1/2 A	<i>Aurelia</i>	Developing her writing skills to construct narratives using correct boundary punctuation.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Neelabh</i>	For showing incredible kindness to his peers and always lifting others up. Fantastic effort Neel!
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Victor</i>	For his detailed information report about Elephants. You've done an incredible job and should be very proud!
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Denva</i>	You have settled into Greensborough Primary School so well! I am looking forward to seeing your terrific enthusiasm continue in Semester Two!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Uriah</i>	For putting time and effort into your Discovery Project and presenting with confidence.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Edward</i>	Your contributions to class discussions are insightful and engaging. The way you have provided constructive feedback to your peers is also appreciated! Great effort!
Art	<i>Vanda Prep</i>	For the effort and care you put into creating your flower collage. It looks beautiful!
Library	<i>Isabelle Prep</i>	For showing great enthusiasm and sharing thoughtful insights about her favourite books during our library discussions this week.
PE	<i>Hudson 5/6B</i>	For your friendly advice and helping other students in European Handball, teamwork makes the dream work.
	<i>Juniper 1/2A</i>	For always putting in her best effort when having a go at all STEM activities. Well done, Juniper.

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# 90's Trivia Night

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> August**

**BYO Alcohol and Food**

**Over 18s Only**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM**

**FUN BEGINS AT 7PM**

*Early Bird tickets: \$20 Tickets on the night: \$30*

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## Trivia Night – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> of August – tickets now on sale!

Our Parents and Friends' team has been busy sourcing donations and currently have received over \$4000 worth of donations for the event. Some of the generous donors are:

- Mabel Jones
- Luna Park
- Greensborough RSL
- Big 4 Angelsea
- Dance Plus
- Watermarc
- Eltham Leisure Centre
- Inflatable World
- Dulce Gelateria
- Allawah
- CorePlus
- Jets Gymnastics

Tickets are available to purchase up at the office, so grab some friends and get ready for plenty of fun! This is the main fundraiser for the year and all funds raised will be going towards new playground equipment at the school. Table sign up sheet is also available at the office for you to put your names down.

### Event details:

When: **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August** - Doors open 06.30pm - First round of trivia at 07:00pm

Where: School Hall

Price: \$20 early bird or \$30 on the night

Who: Adults only – BYO food and alcohol, gold coins for games.

8 -10 people per table (Table sheet sign up at the office)

Theme: The 90's!

There will be prizes for best dressed, a wide range of items to bid on in the silent auction event and guarantee plenty of laughs!

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## Free Hearing & Vision Screening

### Children 4 to 6 Years

**Saturday 23rd August 2025**

**The Lions Club of Nillumbik** in collaboration with the Departments of Audiology and Speech Pathology, Optometry and Vision Sciences from the University of Melbourne are pleased to offer free hearing and vision screenings for children aged from 4 to 6 years.

On the day, audiology and optometry students will screen your child's hearing and vision. Results and advice will be provided. Students are supervised by qualified health professionals.

Please allow up to 40 minutes to complete all activities.

**VENUE:** **Our Lady's Help of Christians Primary School**

**ENTER via Dudley Steet Eltham**

**BOOKING DETAILS:** Bookings are essential as only 54 slots are available at 15-minute intervals from 09:15am to 12:00pm and 01:15pm to 02:45pm with 3 slots available at each booking time.

We request only one adult accompany each child to their appointment.

Bookings available using the following link - <https://signup.com/go/dQMaKgw> or QR Code

Any Queries contact Peter [peter.falla@outlook.com](mailto:peter.falla@outlook.com)

*All Lions Club Members hold a Working with Children Check*



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