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Borough Bulletin ~ 20 August 2026

<i>Thursday 20 August 2026</i>	District Athletics Competition – Meadowglen
<i>Friday 21 August 2026</i>	Circus Crew – Session 6
<i>Monday 24 August 2026</i>	2026 Book Week! School Council Meeting – 07:00pm
<i>Tuesday 25 August 2026</i>	2026 Book Week! Book Fair – 3:30pm to 3:50pm
<i>Wednesday 26 August 2026</i>	2026 Book Week! Book Week Parade – 9:10am Multi-Age Day Poetry winners announced Book Fair – 8:40am to 8:55am & 3:30pm to 3:50pm
<i>Thursday 27 August 2026</i>	2026 Book Week! Book Fair – 8:40am to 8:55am & 3:30pm to 3:50pm
<i>Friday 28 August 2026</i>	2026 Book Week! Book Fair – 8:40am to 8:55am Circus Crew – Make-up Session for 17 June
<i>Monday 31 August 2026</i>	Circus Crew Concert
<i>Friday 04 September 2026</i>	Prep Fathers' Day Breakfast Fathers' Day Stall Premiers' Reading Challenge ends Trivia Night & Silent Auction
<i>Wednesday 9 September 2026</i>	Maths Olympiad STEM Australian Wildlife Incursion
<i>Thursday 10 September 2026</i>	R U Ok ? Day STEM Australian Wildlife Incursion
<i>Friday 18 September 2026</i>	Final Day – Term Three – Early Dismissal – 1:30pm

Principal's Report

Our recent History Box Incursion was a resounding success with our Grade 3 – 6 students and I encourage you to delve further into the newsletter to read students' recounts of what they learnt and enjoyed. Whilst we are still in the process of organising special events for the remainder of Term Three, e.g.: Fathers' Day Stall, Prep Fathers' Day Breakfast, Athletics, Maths Olympiad, Book Week, Circus skills and concert, Science Week and Premiers Reading Challenge, we are also planning for Term Four and 2027.

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Special events in Term Four include swimming, Grade Two sleepover, Prep/One breakfast, Art Show, Halloween Disco, 2027 Prep Transition, Graduation and Ice-cream Truck visit. A great deal of planning and preparation goes into making these extracurricular events engaging and we thank our staff who always go above and beyond to ensure our students have happy memories of these events which improve students' academic or wellbeing outcomes.

We have also started planning for 2027 and hope to have our staffing model for next year finalised by the end of term. Once this is done, we will then ask families if they have any preferences for grade placements next year. Many factors are considered when we place students in grades, including parent requests.

Little Angler Kits

The Victorian Government is committed to continue to grow recreational fishing participation in Victoria, by actively encouraging primary school aged children to learn more about the art of fishing, marine life and the natural environment. To achieve this, they are offering free Little Angler kits to Grade 5 students.

The kits include a rod, reel with line, tackle tray, some tackle (including fishing hooks and lead-free sinkers) and information on how to use them to catch a fish. 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.



If parents of students in Grade 5 wish your child to have the fishing kit, please contact the office and a kit will be sent home with your child or made available for you to collect. After two weeks, any remaining kits will be offered to students in other grades.

Book Week Celebrations and Poetry Competition

We're looking forward to the special events our Librarian Bec Gauci has planned for Book Week. Our students have been enjoying studying the books the Australian Children Book Council have short-listed and are our annual activities of the parade, multi-age day and Book Fair are always a highlight of our year. I know many students have already organised outfits depicting their favourite book characters and I hope many family members can join us to watch the parade or purchase a book from the Fair.

I encourage everyone to stop by the foyer this week or during Book week and read the short-listed poems that are on display for this year's Poetry Competition. Students in each grade voted for their top four poems and staff now have the difficult task of voting for the winner in each class. Each year we are impressed with the skill and creativity of our students, and this year is no exception. I congratulate all students on their poems and especially our shortlisted entries. Winning entries will be announced at the Book Parade.



Trivia Night Friday 4th September

It's not too late to buy your tickets to our Trivia Night on Friday 4th September. Our Parents and Friends have done a fantastic job of procuring over \$1000s of donations for our Silent Auction. As well as the fun of the Trivia Night, families have the opportunity to snap up a bargain at the Silent Auction. All funds raised will be put towards resources for our students to enjoy. A huge thankyou to parents who have worked so hard to make this night a success.

2026 Parent / Carer Opinion Survey

On Wednesday an invitation was sent to parents to participate in the 2026 Parent Opinion Survey. The survey, offered by the Department of Education, is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement.

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2026 Parent / Carer Opinion Survey – Continued

Your opinions are important to us and will contribute to **identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school**, to target school planning and improvement strategies. The department will use the results from the survey for research purposes and to improve outcomes for students.

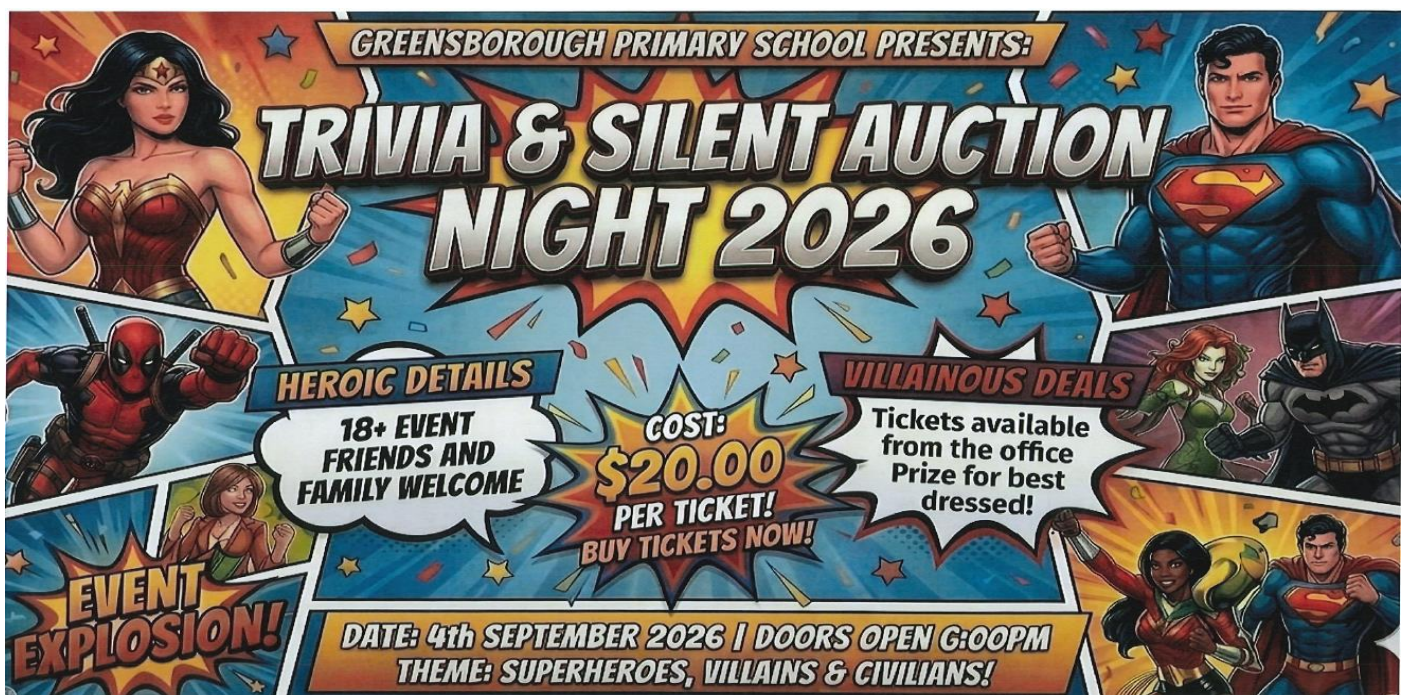
The survey will be conducted **online** and only takes **20 minutes** to complete. It can be completed on any internet enabled device (desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers. The compass post included log in details and we ask one parent from each family to log on and provide valuable feedback for our school.

Angela Morrìt

Principal

2027 Prep Enrolments

If any families know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please encourage them to enrol their child as soon as possible, (this includes siblings of current students). We have already had a number of enquiries and school tours for places in 2027 and the sooner we get a sense of our intake for next year, the sooner we can start planning for grade structures.



Trivia Night – Friday 4th September – tickets now on sale!

Tables are filling fast for this Adults Only fun night-out!

The table sign-up sheet and tickets are available at the office for you to put your names down. There will be prizes for best dressed superhero or villain. You will find a wide range of items to bid on in the Silent Auction event and are guaranteed plenty of laughs!

This is the main fundraiser for the year and all funds raised will be going towards improving our school. We have listed some of the many business and organisation who have generously made donations to ensure our Trivia Night is a success. Remember to grab some friends and get ready for plenty of fun!

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The History Box Incursion

By Jacob. B (5/6A) and Tomas. R (5/6B)

On Monday 10th August, we were fortunate to have Barry from History Box Incursions visit our Grade 5/6s to teach us about the important historical events and people of the Gold Rush. Not only were students presented with memorable facts or presented with opportunities to dress up, they also took part in a range of activities and games which were significant during this time period.



The Gold Rush

The Gold Rush was a period of time where news got out about gold being discovered. Hundreds and thousands of people went around the world looking for gold. Australia was one of the hotspots for these miners. Many believed it would be a quick and easy task for those who come to Australia, so women stayed home. Men and their dogs (trained to attack those who come to their tent) would come to Australia, with Ballarat being the most plentiful. The camps were very messy and hastily put together, until the women arrived where camps became more organised and even started to resemble homes. Overall the survival rate was very low with around 50% of people coming to Australia starving.



Clay Caricatures

Clay Caricatures was one of the other many activities we took part in. We learnt that 'grotesques' were marble carvings included in church buildings to poke fun at people. We used clay and modelling tools to create our own characters to be hung in our classrooms when they are fully dried!

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INDIAN INK

Indian Ink is a permanent, deep black liquid used in the 19th century for drawing, comic book outlining, calligraphy, wash painting and writing. Today at the History Box incursion we used the Indian Ink and calligraphy pens for tracing out sentences, numbers and the whole alphabet to experience what it was like to write during the 19th century.

NGAKA NGAKA

Ngaka Ngaka is an Aboriginal game similar to Tic Tac Toe. Ngaka Ngaka was originally made in the southwestern regions of Victoria. Ngaka Ngaka translates to "Look, Look" as you commonly have to look multiple times to get the right move.

Rules:

1. You play on a 3 by 3 grid.
2. You only have 3 knots or crosses to plot.
3. Once you have plotted your three knots or crosses you can move 1 knot or cross for your turn to an adjacent square that doesn't have a knot or cross plotted on it.
4. The first person to get three in a row wins.



KNUCKLEBONES

Knucklebones is a game where you would use five sheep or goat knuckles to play (but nowadays you tend to use plastic or wood instead of actual knuckles)

Rules:

1. Place all your knucklebones onto the ground.
2. Pick up one piece as your "jockey" (the one you throw in the air)
3. Toss the jockey into the air and pick up a knuckle bone (Second round you pick up 2, third round you pick up 3 and so on)
4. Put the knucklebones you caught back to the ground (except the jockey)
5. Once you have grabbed 4 knucklebones at once, toss all of the knucklebones.
6. CHALLENGE: Throw all of the knucklebones into the air, catching as many as possible on the back of your hand then throwing them up again and catching them in your palm.

Grade 5/6 Montmorency College Production

On Wednesday 12th August, our Grade 5/6s were invited to view Montmorency College's dress rehearsal of their production *Midnight: A Cinderella Musical*.

It was a wonderful opportunity for students to see how a stage show comes to life and it was especially exciting seeing past students of Greensborough Primary School performing in the show! However, some will also argue that meeting Mika, Montmorency College's therapy dog, was also a major highlight!



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Tournament of Minds 2026

On Sunday 16th August, our team *G-Burra!*, consisting of Jacob, Lola, Ella, Evelyn, Philippa, Fatima & Kashvika, represented our school at the 2026 Tournament of Minds Competition!

Our students have spent the last five weeks working alongside their facilitator, Nicole.R, to create a solution for the Language Literacy Challenge. The end result? A mystery radio play filled with dark humour and suspense!

Part of the challenge is to accept zero to minimal help in reaching their solution. Students were responsible for writing a script, identifying Presentation Skills that play to their strengths, create props, manage their time, roles and tasks, to ensure they were ready to perform on competition day.

On the day, they were asked to demonstrate their excellent communication and collaboration skills during the 'Spontaneous Challenge'. Judging by their excited and optimistic retelling, our team hit the target with what they produced! Watching five weeks worth of work come to life was a huge achievement for our team. They represented our school with poise, pride and undeniable positivity.

A special mention and "THANK YOU" must be given to Nicole.R for enabling this team to compete this year. Your time and dedication in supporting our students has been so valuable to their development as problem-solvers and performers!

Clara Ellis

Tournament of Minds Co-Ordinator



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BOOK WEEK

Book Week Parade

Wednesday 26th August at 9:10 am

Book Week is just around the corner!
With only a couple of weeks until our
dress-up day, we can't wait to see
everyone's wonderful costumes.



BOOK FAIR



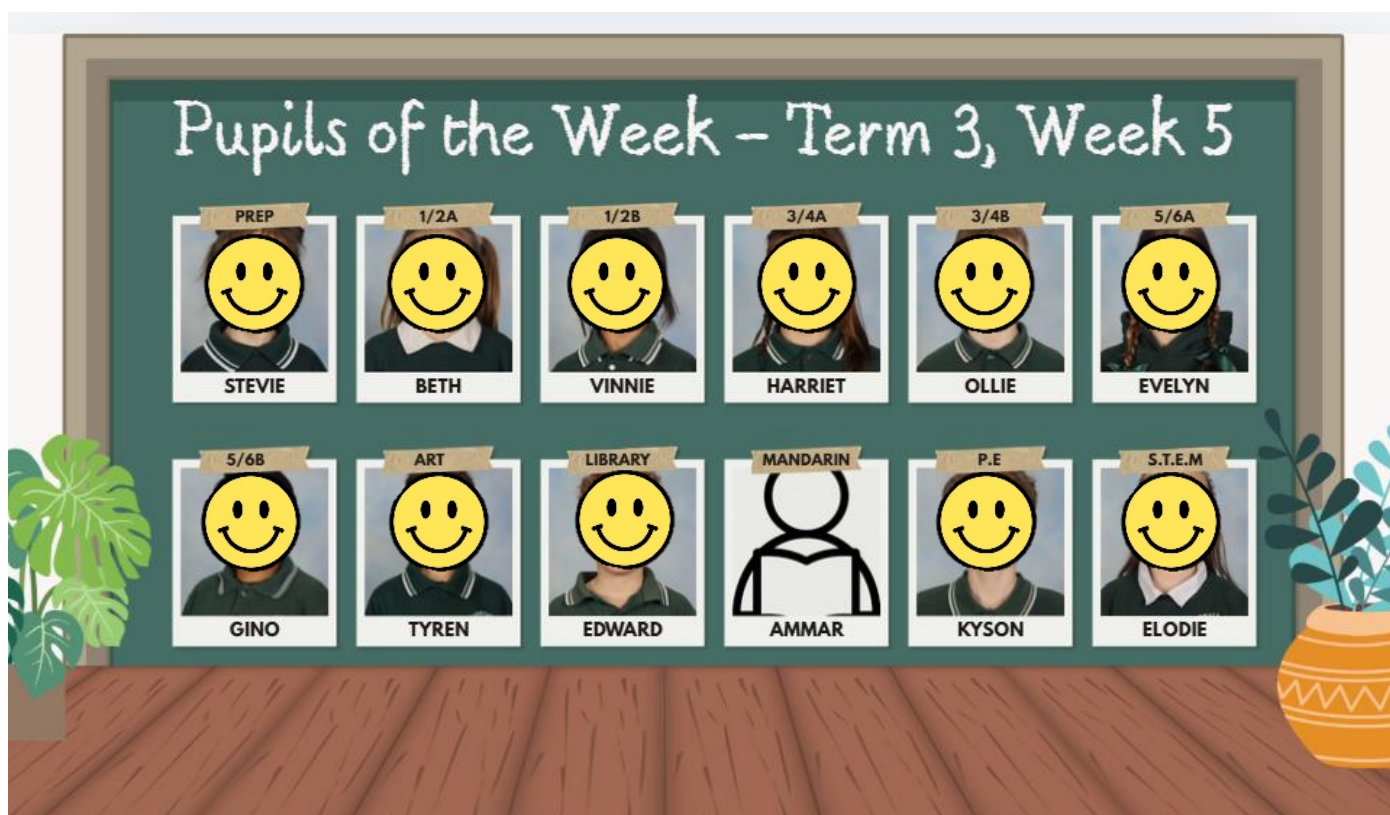
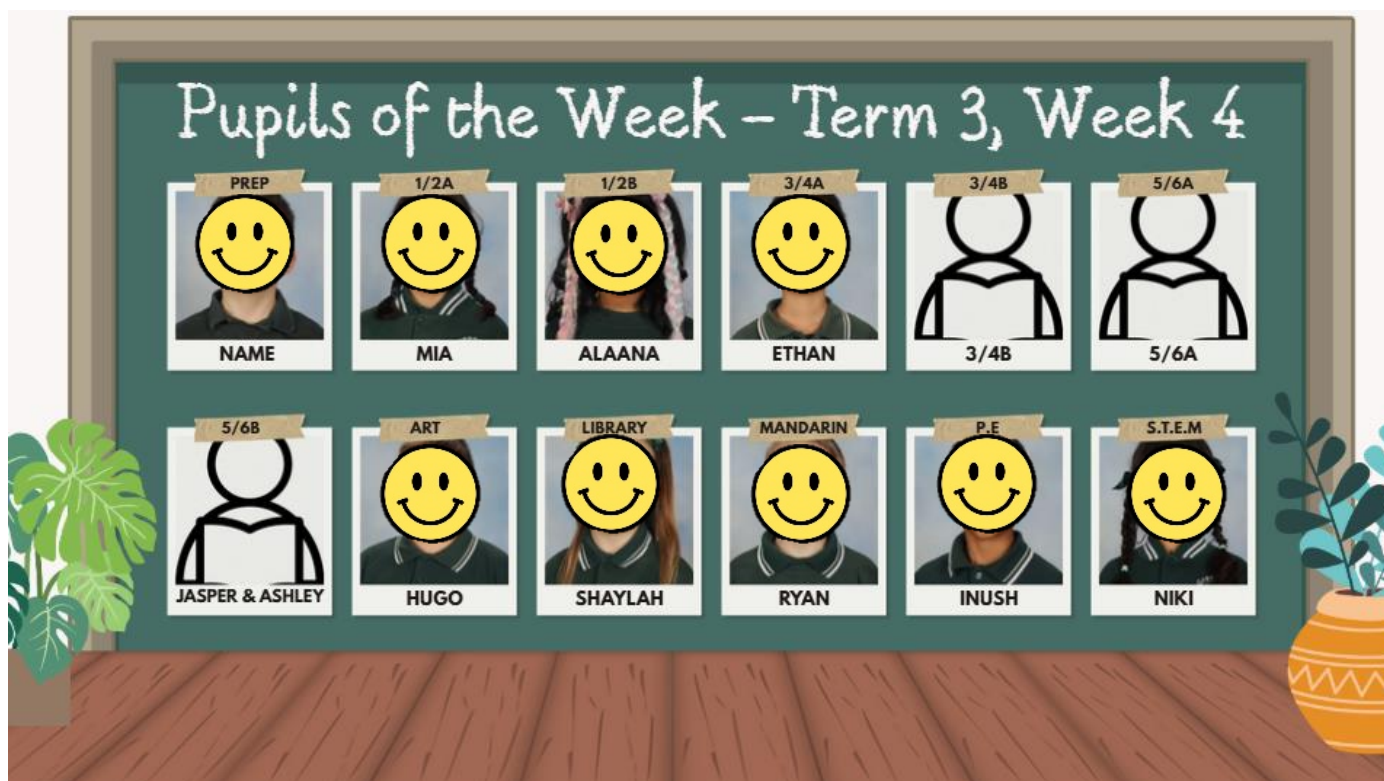
Tuesday 25th of August-3:30 pm

Wednesday 26th August-08:40 am & 3:30 pm

Thursday 27th of August -08:40 am & 3:30 pm

Friday 28th of August-08:40 am

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GREENSBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS:

TRIVIA & SILENT AUCTION NIGHT 2026

HEROIC DETAILS

18+ EVENT FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME

COST:
\$20.00
 PER TICKET!
 BUY TICKETS NOW!

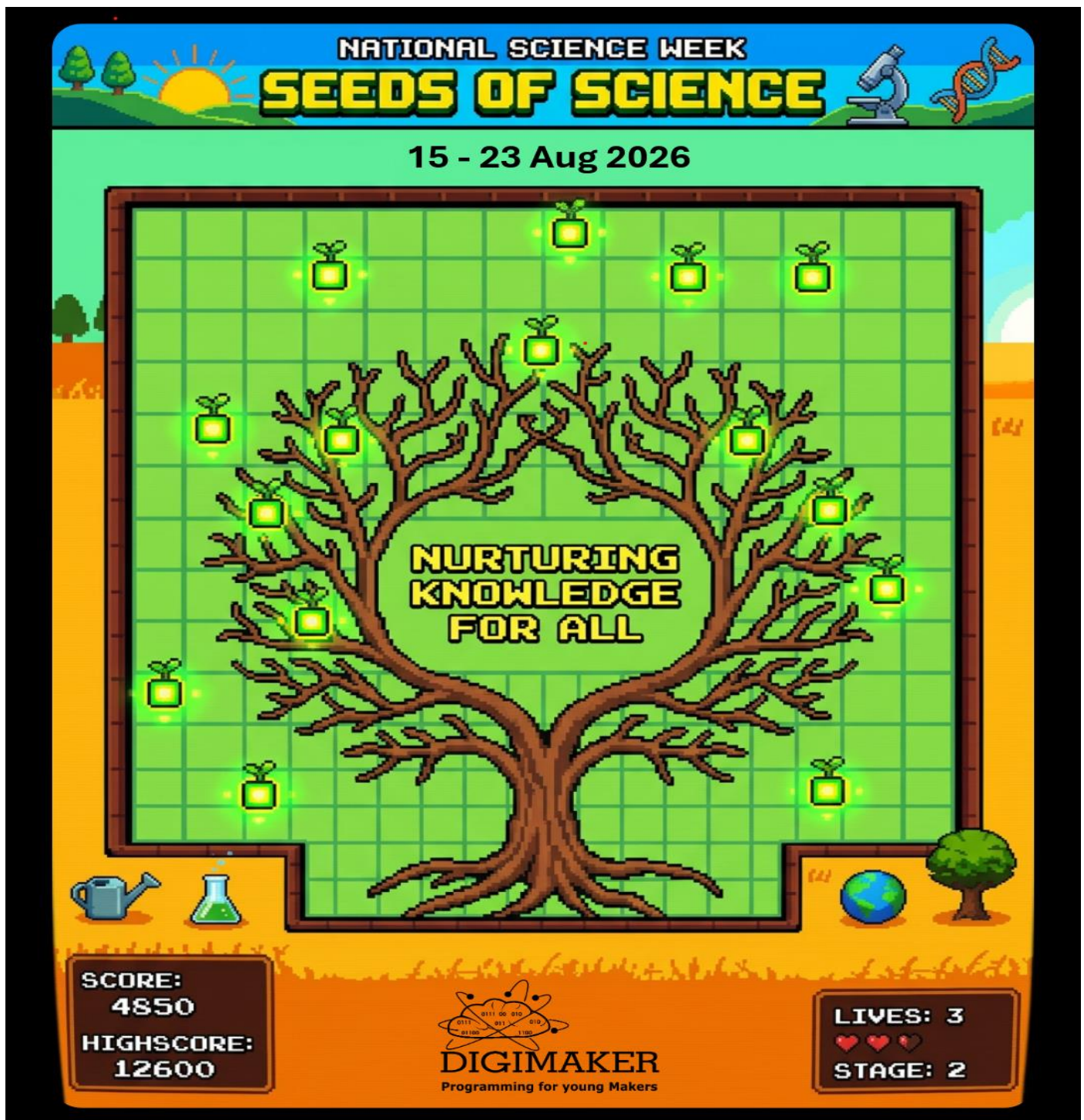
VILLAINOUS DEALS

Tickets available from the office
 Prize for best dressed!

EVENT EXPLOSION!

DATE: 4th SEPTEMBER 2026 | DOORS OPEN 6:00PM
THEME: SUPERHEROES, VILLAINS & CIVILIANS!

2026 Trivia & Silent Auction Sponsors



This Science week, participate in the Digimaker Seeds of Science Coding Challenge and turn a tiny seed into a thriving forest! This competition is **free** for current and past Digimaker students. New participants are welcome to join with a small \$10 administration fee by registering through the link: [Science Week - Sign-up - Digimaker](#)

🏆 **Winning student will receive a whole free term of coding classes in Term 4!**

📅 **Deadline:** Complete and save your project by August 23rd 💾

How to enter:

- Log in to the Digimaker platform using your credentials 📝
- Go to My Challenges and follow the instructions 📁
- Complete and save your project by August 23rd 💾

Winner will be announced by mid-September-so get coding!

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An invitation to join

The Greenbriar Little Athletics Club



*Improve fitness,
have fun &
make friends!*

For young people aged 5 to 16

Summer season: September – March
Cross country: May – August

Athletics focuses on the fundamentals of sport with running, jumping and throwing being at the heart of it.

For decades Greenbriar LAC has been home to athletes of all ages and all abilities.

In the summer, you'll find us at Willinda Park on Beatrix Street in Greensborough

Follow us on Facebook

Come and join us at our registration day,
Saturday 5th September at Willinda Park, Greensborough
9.30–11.30am

Scan here to register your interest

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS EXPO

native plant fair Eltham

12 September 9.30am – 3pm
13 September 9.30am – 2pm

Eltham Community & Reception Centre
801 Main Road, Eltham



Native & indigenous plants, books on related subjects,
Pottery stall, new displays, refreshments & more

Adults \$5, Concessions \$4

A 'Spring Outdoors' event

Organised by Australian Plants Society Yarra Yarra Group Inc No. A0039676Y

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- NO QUALIFYING TIMES – EVERYONE CAN RACE!
- EVERYONE GETS A CHEER!
- FREE GIFT FIRST 100 TO ENTER
- BUILD CONFIDENCE

HAVE FUN. MAKE FRIENDS. BE PROUD!

SATURDAY 19 SEP 2026

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20 LIAT WAY, GREENSBOROUGH

SCAN TO ENTER
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JUST \$20
Up to 6 races | Relay Included

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- ✓ Build confidence
- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Celebrate every race
- ✓ Have fun racing!

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