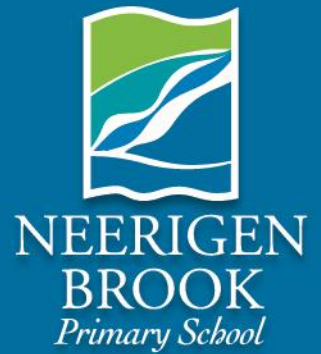




Our Vision • *Strive to Achieve*

Our strong culture focuses on high expectations, academic excellence and ensuring that all children have the skills needed to be active and resilient citizens.



Principal's Pen

Hello Neerigen Brook Families and Community Members,

Reading

Last Wednesday was the National Simultaneous Storytime which took place at 11am across the school. Big thanks to Mrs Fearn for organising this great event. Watch out for our Book Week dress up day in Term 3. I've already got my costume organised and can't wait to see our children and teachers dressing up as their favourite book character. Mrs Fearn will be sending more information about this early next term.

Arriving early at school

Some children are arriving at school very early in the morning. Other than those enrolled in the Helping Hands out of school hours care program, children should not be arriving before 8am. Any child who isn't directly supervised by their parent/caregiver before school needs to remain in the new undercover area or Breakfast Bowl until the first siren at 8.20am when they can make their way to class. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

School photos and uniform

Our children looked fabulous for their school photos this week and I'm looking forward to seeing the prints when they arrive. As part of our BEST focus of 'Show Respect' it's wonderful that all of our children are now in uniform. With the colder and wetter winter months ahead of us, I encourage everyone to pop into the uniform shop to see Rebecca to organise

a winter uniform jacket which both looks great and is toasty warm. Children who aren't in school uniform should be in plain black jumper or jacket to go with their plain black tracksuit pants, skirt or shorts.

Independent Public School (IPS) Review

Our IPS Review last term has been finalised with the reviewers completing their report. This has been sent to the Minister for Education, the Hon. Peter Collier MLC; the Director General of the Department for Education, Ms Sharyn O'Neill and to our school's Chair of the Board, Mr Paul Tye. I'm very pleased with the report which reflects the hard work everyone has done over the last few years to support our students to Strive to Achieve. The findings from the reviewers will be uploaded onto the school website and I encourage everyone to read the official report.

Principal

Jane Wescott

Merit Awards – 20 May 2016



Upcoming Events

Wednesday	1 June	School Photos
Friday	3 June	Assembly – Music
Monday	6 June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday	10 June	Winter Carnival
Tuesday	14 June	P&C Meeting 1.30pm
Tuesday	21 June	Brilliant Kids Morning Tea
Wednesday	22 June	Musica Viva

National Simultaneous Story time

On Wednesday, 25th May at 11am the whole school took part in National Simultaneous Storytime. Public Libraries and schools all over Australia read the same book at the same time. The book this year was “I Got This Hat” by Kate and Jol Temple. The children enjoyed looking at the different types of hats on display in the library. Mr Cahill’s class, Room 2, made newspaper hats and pirate hats. They also had fun trying on different sorts of hats.



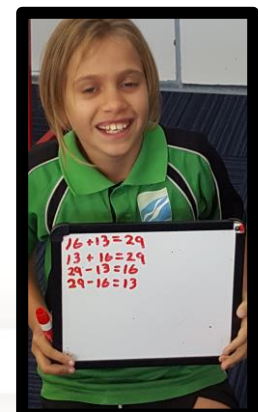
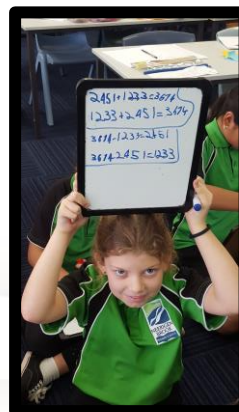
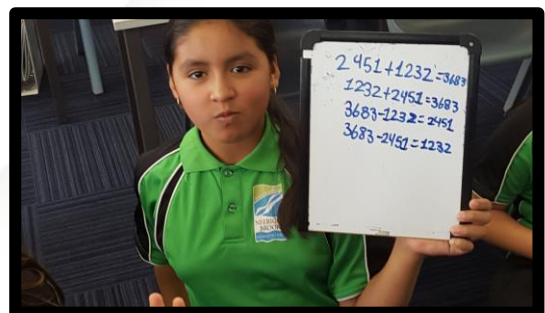
Voluntary Contributions

A reminder that voluntary contributions are only \$40 and can be paid through the front office in cash or via eftpos at any time. As with charges for excursions, the voluntary contributions can be paid off in smaller amounts. If you would like to arrange a payment plan for voluntary contributions, charges or even for uniform please come into the office and speak with Mrs Teena Hind, Manager Corporate Services.

Room 14

Hello from Room 14! One of our focuses in Mathematics is to learn mental maths strategies such as open number lines, partitioning, compensating or understanding the relationship between addition and subtraction. Knowing a variety of strategies helps students calculate number problems more efficiently. In our Maths block we often use mini-whiteboards to practice using the strategies – students love using the whiteboards as they can rub out and try again, and again, and again! Here are a few photos of students demonstrating their understanding of the relationship between addition and subtraction.

Mrs Lambert and the girls and boys of Room 14.



Community Notices

From the Principal:

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for School Students with Disability

Our school is part of a national project about students with disability and/or learning difficulties.

We have been asked to provide data about the number and learning needs of children at our school. The name of the school and the name of the students will not be reported. Information about the different types of needs and the programs and resources the school uses to overcome barriers and support children with special educational needs will be collected.

We believe it is important to contribute to this because it will help Governments and the Department develop better policies that acknowledge the level of resources needed in schools to meet the needs of all students in Western Australia.

If you would like to learn more about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for School Students with Disability you can visit this website:

<http://det.wa.edu.au/supportforschools>

Creative Kids Art Club



After School Art Classes

Now enrolling near you!

Classes run for one hour and are suitable for children from 5 to 10yrs. All materials and aprons provided. Visit www.creativekidsartclub.com.au for our class timetable, locations and term dates. Ph 0408194441 or email jane@creativekidsartclub.com.au

Sun Safe

Parents and caregivers,

Bucket hats and faction shirts are coming!

As you will no doubt know, caps do not provide protection from the sun, however, bucket hats provide shade to the head and neck area. In addition to keeping our students safe from the sun, the proposed hats look awesome and will be a great addition to our uniform, especially when students are participating in inter-school events.

Students will be participating in an online survey to give their point of view on the bucket hats and they will be learning all about sun safety as part of Health lessons in the classroom.

We'd also love to know what families think about bucket hats and sun safety, so a survey will come out in Term 3 to find out your point of view.

Our wonderful P&C and the School Board are providing their full support - thank you.

Any queries, please contact Emma Lambert in Room 14.

Thank you.