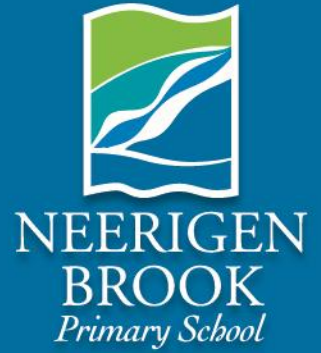




Our Vision • *Strive to Achieve*

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

End of the year

I can't believe that it's December already and we're farewelling another school year! At Neerigen Brook PS we strongly believe in our vision of 'Strive to Achieve' with a focus on high expectations and ensuring that all our children have the resilience to overcome challenges in a positive and productive way while developing the skills to be academically successful. We look forward to continuing to develop this focus in 2017.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our school community for their support and hard work. Our students have had lots of opportunities and achieved many personal bests including MS Readathon, carnivals, excursions, Brilliant Kids Morning Teas, Book & Science Week activities, Learning Journey, Mother's/Father's Day stalls, Kelmscott Show, ANZAC commemorations, further development of Positive Schools with our focus on BEST and lots more. None of this would have been successful without the amazing commitment of our students, staff, parents, Board, P&C and wider community members who give up their time for our kids. Huge thanks to you all!

I'd also like to acknowledge and thank the staff and families who are moving on from Neerigen Brook to begin new adventures in 2017. While we're sad to see people leave our fabulous school, we also look forward in anticipation to meeting the new members of our school family who will be with us next year. On behalf of everyone in our school I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy new year.

Christmas Concert

Thanks to everyone who came to the Christmas Concert on Tuesday 6 December in the new Undercover Area. It

was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and family members come together with our students to enjoy a fun celebration at the end of the year. Thanks to Mrs Good for organising this great event.

Class lists

Class lists for next year will be up on the office windows on the afternoon of Tuesday 30 January. As with this year, if our student numbers continue to grow over the first few weeks of Term One, we may have to re-structure the school. If this happens we will keep everyone informed and will manage the move as quickly as we can.

Kindy

We still have a few spaces in our Kindy for 2017. If your child needs a Kindy place for next year and is turning 4 years old before the 30 June 2017 please come into the office to complete an enrolment form.

Kickstart & Playgroup

Thanks to Lou Matthews for working with the Playgroup Association to develop our combined 0-4 Playgroup for next year in place of Kickstart. If you would like further information please come into the office on a Friday to chat with Lou.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday	13 December	Book Awards - 8:45
Wednesday	14 December	Year 6 Graduation - 9am
Wednesday	14 December	Year 6 Graduation Lunch
Thursday	15 December	Students Last Day 2016

Merit Award Recipients

Friday 18 November

Room 2 Angelo	Room 2 Andrew	Room 3 Ellie	Room 7 Aaron	Room 7 Lily-Anne
Room 9 Rory	Room 9 Winfred	Room 10 Isaak	Room 11 Kymani	Room 11 Kody
Room 12 Hailie	Room 12 Carys	Room 13 Nasra	Room 13 Nickolas	Room 14 Levi
Room 14 Luviniah	Room 14 Amelia	Room 15 Leonie	Room 15 Ella	Room 16 Cody
Room 16 Shastar	Room 17 Jordan	Room 17 William	Room 18 Salim	Room 18 Ryder
Room 19 Jacob	Room 19 Jalaya			

Friday 25 November

Room 2 Danika	Room 2 Siddartha	Room 2 Rose	Room 7 Christopher	Room 7 Tenisha
Room 8 Emmilea	Room 8 Anthony	Room 9 Tyler	Room 9 Kamden	Room 10 Samuel
Room 10 Shanaye	Room 11 Van	Room 11 Brianna	Room 12 Madison	Room 12 Jye
Room 13 Ella	Room 13 Gracie	Room 13 Brandyn	Room 14 Odessa	Room 14 Marc
Room 15 Shylah	Room 15 Maddison	Room 16 Shastar	Room 16 Isaac	Room 17 Jayden
Room 17 Hailey	Room 18 Grace	Room 18 Ali	Room 19 Maxwell	Room 19 Clayton

Friday 9 December

Room 2 Lauren	Room 2 Cienna	Room 2 Nadra	Room 7 Sophie	Room 7 Ryan
Room 8 Michael	Room 8 Juno	Room 9 Riley	Room 9 Sai	Room 10 Samuel
Room 11 Chance	Room 11 Bridget	Room 12 Joshua	Room 12 Caden	Room 13 Tuira
Room 13 Daniel	Room 14 Cameron	Room 14 Stephanie	Room 15 Zachary	Room 15 Gina
Room 15 Saryah	Room 16 Corin	Room 16 Bella		



25 BEST Tokens - Bronze

Room 2 Lahra	Room 2 Kaneisha	Room 2 Alexis	Room 7 Grace	Room 7 Thomas
Room 7 Natarsha	Room 7 Christopher	Room 8 Asha	Room 8 Tia	Room 8 Kaleera
Room 9 Winfred	Room 9 Sai	Room 10 Decklan	Room 10 Empaia	Room 10 Ali
Room 11 Frances	Room 11 Kody	Room 11 Hayley	Room 11 Van	Room 11 Darshini
Room 11 Kymani	Room 11 Cassandra	Room 11 Dylan	Room 11 Bridget	Room 11 Dion
Room 11 Kaius	Room 11 Peta-Maree	Room 11 Ery'elle	Room 12 Jonathon	Room 12 Hailie
Room 12 Kyron	Room 12 Shontel	Room 12 Caden	Room 13 Chiquinn	Room 13 Zack
Room 13 Ella	Room 13 Chiquinn	Room 13 Zack	Room 14 Stephanie	Room 14 Ella
Room 15 Taj	Room 15 Kristin	Room 15 Tyrelle		

50 BEST Tokens - Silver

Room 8 – Jordel
Room 13 - Zoe
Room 17 – Raisya

School Board

Our school Board plays an important role in working in partnership to achieve the best outcomes for our students. This role includes helping to shape and monitor the school's priorities and performance.

The Board does not have a role in the administration of the school, supervision or control of the school and its children and staff.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from parents, family and community members who may like to be considered for a role on the Board in 2017 when positions become available. Training will be provided. I encourage everyone who is interested in working in partnership with the school to make a positive difference for our children to contact the office or email the school at neerigenbrook.ps@education.wa.edu.au with your expression of interest for this role.

Christmas Concert

On Tuesday the 6th of December Neerigen Brook Primary School held the second annual Christmas concert. Each class sang a song chosen by their teachers and also took part in two community songs. It was lovely to see all the smiles on the students' faces as they performed for their family and friends. I was very excited to see so many of our school community turn out to enjoy the celebration with us. A very big thank you to all the staff and students of our school for showing their BEST.

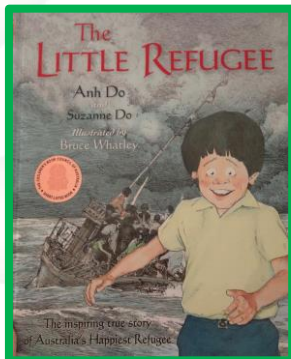
Have a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Julie Good



Room 19

This term in History and English Room 19 has been learning all about migration and immigration. History informs and reminds us of the past. Our learning is centred on understanding and appreciating that diversity within the classroom, school and broader community is a result of migration throughout various periods within Australia's history. In English we have written narratives on refugees, based around the book by Anh Do, *The Little Refugee*. In History and we have been exploring stories of groups of people who migrated to Australia and the reasons they migrated, such as World War II and Australian migration programs since the war.



Library News

What a fabulous year we have had in the library! This year we have enjoyed Simultaneous Story Time where we read "This Hat" followed by Bookweek and the hat parade. The Scholastic Bookfair was a huge success and with the commission that we made we were able to purchase lots of lovely new books for the children to enjoy. As a school we participated in the MS Readathon and finished 20th out of all the participating schools Australia wide. We are so proud of our wonderful students.

A big thank you from me to this year's Library Monitors. Brayden Room 17, Tarj Room 17, Sam Room 18, Ashley Room 18, Grace Room 18 and Evie Room 17 have been invaluable to me. They help when the library is open at recess and lunch and with accessioning the new library books. They put the returned books away and keep the library tidy. We all enjoyed having a special lunch together last Thursday to say thank you for their hard work during the year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mrs Fearn

School News

NBPS School Hats

During Term 3 in Health lessons, students learned all about the importance of protecting themselves from the harsh Australian sun and participated in a survey about sun safety and hats. In the survey, students told us they believed the purpose of a hat at school was to protect them from the sun and that if others wore the wide-brimmed school hat they would be happy to wear one too. Students also said they would be proud to be a Neerigen Brook student if they wore the school hat especially to inter-school events.

We also surveyed families on their views about sun safety and hats, and overwhelmingly you said that protecting your child from the sun was important; that NBPS school hats would look smarter and reduce competition about what looks "cool"; and a NBPS school hat would project a positive image of our students in the community.

We also learned from students and families that students don't apply sun cream prior to school.

Taking this information into consideration, the school will be moving to introducing NBPS school hats as part of the school uniform from Term 1, 2017. The School Board have generously offered to subsidise hats for students across the school and caps will no longer be permitted at school.

We look forward to seeing all students wearing a plain black broad brimmed or NBPS school hat from Term 1, 2017.

Chaplain's Chat

The amazing moments in life;

1. coming home late and going straight to bed.
2. buying amazing clothes that you found on sale.
3. holding hands.
4. unexpected moments that become your favourite memories.
5. talking on the phone until five in the morning.
6. resting on someones chest.
7. taking long showers that wash away your worries.
8. feeling as though you finally belong somewhere.
9. deciding what you want to do with your life.
10. feeling satisfied after a delicious meal.
11. falling asleep instantly when you're upset.
12. meeting people that happen to change your life.
13. when you have a great night of sleep.
14. drinking a cup of tea.
15. realizing everything is going to be okay.

Canteen News

The canteen will only be open Monday 12 December and Wednesday 14 December. We have limited stock so we won't be having a set menu.

I would like to thank everyone for supporting the canteen in 2016. Thank you to the volunteers, your help is always greatly appreciated.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and I will see you all in 2017.

Teegan Smirke – Canteen Manager

Helping Hands



Helping Hands School Holiday Program

December to January Vacation Care Program has now been released by other nearby Helping Hands centres. Helping Hands Neerigen Brook will be closed but if you are interested in vacation care at other centres, please email us at accounts@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au or 1300 612 462 for inquiries. Helping Hands centres have many incursions, excursions and in-service activities to choose from so hurry as places are limited.

P&C News

Thank you to everyone who came down and supported our car boot sale. It was great seeing so many of familiar faces.

Sausage Sizzle - Thursday 15 December
\$5 Meal includes a delicious sausage sizzle, water and an icypole. Please have orders in by Monday 12 December. Please note the canteen will not be open on 15 December.

Please keep a look out for the Christmas raffle tickets that have gone home this week. We have some wonderful prizes including a \$150 cake voucher, generously donated by Dale from A Little Nonsense Cakes.

The P&C would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time or made a donation. You are awesome.

We wish all staff, students and their families a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday season.

Dentist News

The Dental Therapy Centre will be closed from Friday 23 December 2016 to Friday 27 January 2017.

Emergency dental treatment is available at Mt Henry Dental Therapy Centre – 9313 0555 or West Byford from Monday 16 January 2017 – 9550 6006.

