



## 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.



**NEERIGEN  
BROOK**  
*Primary School*

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## Principal's Pen

Welcome back to Term 2.

### Whole School Focus

On the first day of term our staff participated in a behaviour management program "123 Magic and emotion coaching in the classroom". It was a full day of learning which was implemented in classrooms on the first day back for all students. Linking together with our PBS (Positive Behaviour Support) training, this learning provided the opportunity for all staff to develop their knowledge and skills with our focus being to optimise the amount of time spent on teaching and the development of positive behaviour in positive ways.



It is essential that we develop a consistent approach throughout our whole school community, in our classrooms, the playground and sharing this knowledge with our parents and caregivers. We are planning some parent workshops and will keep the community informed regarding the dates.

### National Quality Standard (NQS)

We have seen some fantastic behaviour displayed across the school this year already. As staff, we are very proud of the positive and welcoming feeling of our Neerigen Brook community within our school, and this was felt last term by the NQS Verification Team who attended.

Feedback is essential for improvement and the positive development of our school, to ensure we all strive to achieve in whatever our role is as part of that team. We invited the verification team in to provide feedback on the quality of the service we are providing and received some very positive results. Both verifiers praised our students on their positive, welcoming and confident attitude. They were excited to see the students so engaged in their learning and having meaningful conversations during lessons.

We will continue as a team to build on from the feedback provided.

### Out and about in the community

This positive and confident attitude was on display recently when our Year 5/6 students were invited to attend the Scribblers Festival, held at Scotch College in Claremont. Some of our students were invited on stage to participate and contributed terrific ideas during the work sessions.

### Some feedback from our Students:

*A very interesting learning experience. I wish I could go again. Zoe*

*Incredibly inspiring and hilarious. Jayden*

*I thought the Scribblers Festival was awesome because we saw authors and illustrators. Jacob*



*My favourite thing was seeing the authors and them telling us about their lives. Lee-Anne*

*The Scribblers Festival was fun and my favourite thing was listening to the illustrator story. Lariska*

*I love listening to riddles because it got me puzzled. Jade.*

A very big thank you to the volunteers who joined the year 5 and 6's on our excursion, your continued support is appreciated. The day was a great success and the students learnt a lot about what it takes to be an author or illustrator.

Each student should be very proud of the way they conducted themselves out in the community. We look forward to seeing how the seeds of inspiration we planted grow and who knows we may have a budding author or illustrator in our midst.

Mrs Calabrese

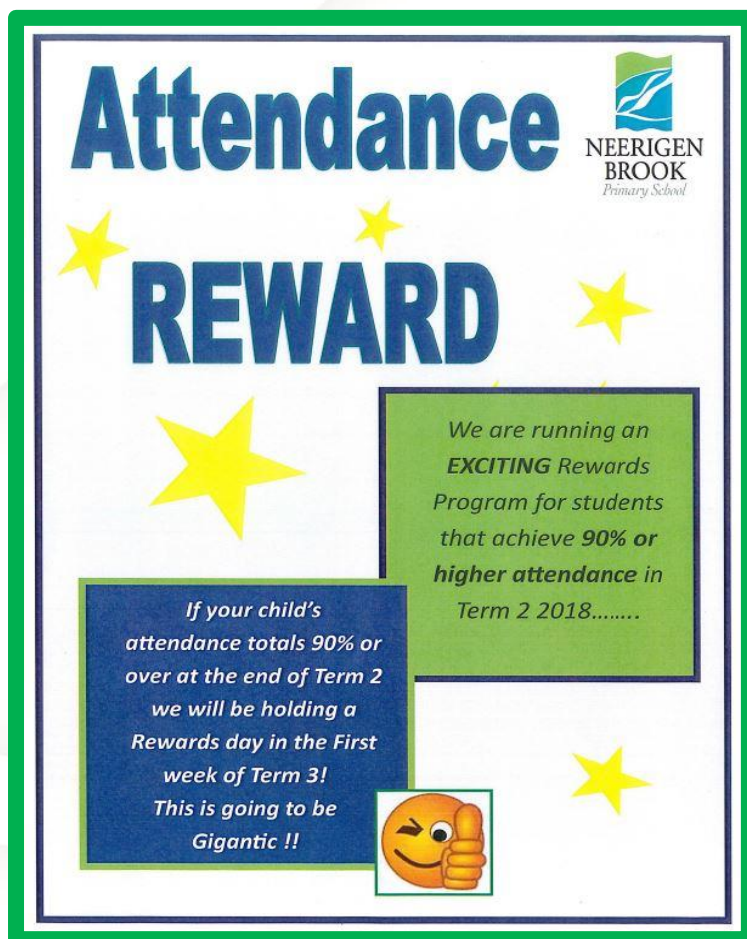


### Reports

As always, the time is racing by and teachers are working hard on completing reports for Semester One. The students have been working very hard and reports will be handed out during the last week of this term. The last day for students is Friday June 29.

### Attendance Reward

It is essential that students attend school every single day. Not only is it important to achieve academic progress but it is essential for our children to build positive working relationships with teachers and friends. It is these relationships that carry us through not only positive times but also those tough times when we need to deal with tricky situations and work together to resolve issues.



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### Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to our team of helpers who worked very hard to ensure our children enjoyed the Mother's Day stall. We really appreciate all the hard work and coordination involved to make it a success.

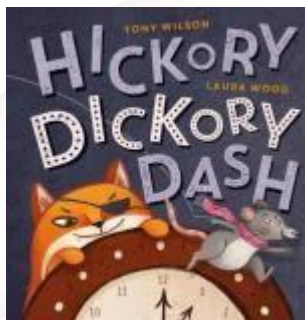
### Cecil Andrews Senior High School Auditions

Auditions to attend the specialist programs at Cecil Andrews were held recently. We had several students who had the confidence to attend and try out for positions. We would like to congratulate them for having the courage and self-belief and wish them the very best of luck for a positive outcome. A great example of striving to achieve.

## Library News

Last week I posted a picture on our school Facebook page called "Neerigen Nostalgia". I hope to do this every two weeks as a lead up to our school's 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations in 2020. There will also be a copy of the post on the notice board outside the library. If anyone in the community has photographs or memorabilia to share please come and see me.

Next Wednesday the whole school will participate in National Simultaneous Storytime. All the students will listen to a story by Tony Wilson called "Hickory Dickory Dash" at 11am as will many others in schools and libraries all over Australia. Recess will be a little earlier that day to allow the students to be ready by 11am.



Please call in anytime to have a look around our lovely library 😊

Debbie Fearn  
Library Officer

## Upcoming Events

29 May	Tuesday	School Photo Day 1
30 May	Wednesday	Assembly
1 June	Friday	School Photo Day 2
4 June	MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Western Australia Day
13 June	Wednesday	Assembly
23 June	Wednesday	Junior Athletics
24 June	Thursday	Junior Athletics
27 June	Wednesday	Assembly
27 June	Wednesday	Brilliant Kids Morning Tea

## Best Token Winners

Siddhartha Room 16	Tony Room 13	Jordel Music	Tyler Room 14
Riley Room 17	Oakley Room 18	Matthew Room 18/	Scarlett Room 18
Tia Music	Scarlett Room 14		

## Canteen News

The Canteen is now only open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The NEW menu has been handed out to every student. If you do not have a copy you can view it on our Website or Face book page or collect one from the office.

## P&C News

The P&C would like to thank all that supported tis years Mother's Day Stall. We raised over \$400!



## Uniform Shop News

We are having a HUGE uniform sale! The Uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8:00 and 8:30 am. If you cannot make these times you can pop into the library to purchase items.

Shorts were \$16 - Now only \$13...

Skorts were \$16 – Now only \$13

Sport Pants were \$27 – now only \$21

Track pants were \$18 – now only \$16

Jackets were \$35 – now only \$30

Polo shirts were \$25 – now only \$20

Faction shirts were \$25 – now only \$20



## Playgroup



Where: NBPS

When: Friday Mornings

Time: 9:00 – 11:00am

What to bring: A Water Bottle, Hat and a piece of fruit!

## Pre Kindy Playgroup Prep

Leap Frogs Prep for Kindy playgroup is for three year olds and their parents and offers a fun experience for children where they can:

- learn to play and share with other children
- develop pre-school skills
- learn to become more independent and explore new things
- Enable parents to have an understanding of what is expected of their child in Kindergarten.

**When:** Every Thursday during school term,  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018,

**Time:** 9.00am until 11.30am

**Where:** Neerigen Brook Primary School, 170  
Seventh Road Armadale.

This group is for parents with children who plan to attend Kindergarten at Neerigen Brook Primary School in 2019. Bookings are essential and parents or another carer must attend all sessions.

For more information please contact the school on (08) 9399 3422 or the Child and Parent Centre – Challis on 94983580 or email [mwilson@parkerville.org.au](mailto:mwilson@parkerville.org.au)

***A friendly reminder that 2018  
Voluntary Contributions are due.  
Payments are made at the office  
and we accept cash, cheque or  
EFTPOS.***



Simply log onto facebook:

[www.facebook.com.au](http://www.facebook.com.au)

In the Search Browser 🔍  
Type Neerigen Brook Primary School

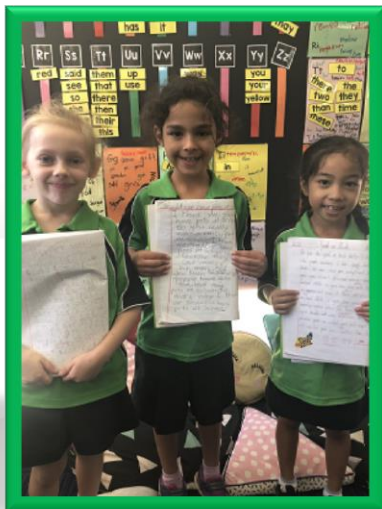
Then hit "Like"

## Classroom News – Room 16

This term in HASS we have been visiting countries from all around the world and we have learnt so many interesting facts along the way. We have been looking at landmarks and celebrations from all around the world and have made informational power points in groups to share our discoveries with our class mates.

In numeracy we have been focusing on three dimensional shapes and the space they take up. We as a class learnt how the height, width and depth of a shape effect how it looks. After this we each built our favourite three dimensional shapes!

In Writing, we have been using the Seven Steps to Writing Success writing program while learning how to write persuasive pieces. The students have loved convincing me why books are better than I Pads and their favourite was convincing me that they either should or shouldn't be allowed pets at school.



## Classroom News – Room 2

In Room 2 we have been learning about two and three dimensional shapes. As have made rockets from the building blocks and then drawn the rocket in our maths books.

Last term we made newspaper hats as part of our Health and PBS lessons.



### *Helpful Numbers*

Neerigen Brook Dental Clinic – 9399 4601

School Security – 1800 177 777



## School News

### Pre-primary Students Learn About Composting!

Today the Room 2 and 3 students learnt all about composting. They went out to see the compost bins and found out what goes in them, what happens to it and what the compost is for. They felt how hot it was in the compost bin to help break down the organic matter.

Then the students learnt how to sort their recess and lunch scraps. They will now have two bins at their eating area; one for food scraps and one for rubbish. The food scraps will be used to feed the worm farm. The Year 4/5 students from Miss Finnegan's class are going to be the first class to care for the worms.

Soon all our students will begin sorting their scraps and our school rubbish will be greatly reduced. We will reuse the organic scraps to create compost and this will allow us to grow some edible crops in our new garden. Have you and your family been thinking of a name ready to enter in our "Name the Garden" competition



### Composting Programme

We were lucky to be given free composting gear from Armadale Bunnings so we could start our program. Room 18 have been trialling the process and giving me feedback.

They are doing a marvellous job – they are now able to complete the daily process independently.

Look on NBPS Facebook to see more photos and information.

### NBPS Sustainability

Used  
Battery  
Recycling



Used batteries leak chemicals into the earth at the tip which can drain into waterways and be absorbed by plants and animals. At NBPS, we are going to recycle our batteries and you can bring in your flat ones as well.

There will be labelled boxes just inside the PACMAN building on Tuesdays, before school. Battery World at Haynes Shopping Centre will send them on to be recycled and made into new batteries. So join us to make a difference.

\*We can only take small batteries but Battery World can take your old car batteries if you drop any in to them.

**If your child will be absent please  
contact the office on 9399 3422  
or SMS 0408 693 507.**

## School News

Dance Club Fridays has been a smashing success.

On Fridays at 7.45am in the Music Room, we put on some music, dance our little hearts out and build great friendships. It has been great to see students from Pre-Primary to year 6 being involved and socialising. We have been working on a dance to the song "Can't stop this feeling", every child has had the opportunity to input their own moves and we cannot wait for it to be finished. We are always looking for more friends to come and join us. So, if you would like to come down and join in the grooving, the door is always open! Miss Downey! ☺



## School News

"If you have information to share regarding the history of Neerigen Brook PS please either drop in to see Mrs Fearn in the library or contact the office and leave your details for someone to give you a call."

Mrs Fearn is posting regular historical photos about NBPS onto our facebook page. If you haven't joined head over and have a look!

### *Neerigen Nostalgia*



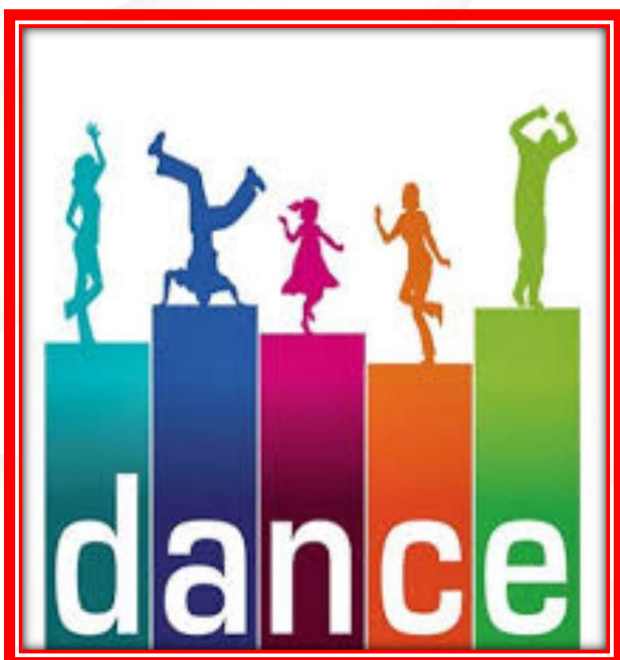
Pre-primary students returning from an excursion to the Egg Farm 1987. Love the bus!

This photo is of our library being built after a fire in 1982.

### *Neerigen Nostalgia*



Rebuilding the library after the fire





## Southern Cricket Junior Academy

We are starting a brand new Academy specifically designed for girls and younger cricketers. The Junior Academy will focus on introducing the fundamentals of the game in exciting group sessions and lots of fun games. It is a perfect program for anyone looking to introduce cricket to their son or daughter. The details of the Junior Academy are as follows:

<b>When?</b>	Every Saturday Starting 12 <sup>th</sup> May, running for 8 weeks
<b>Time?</b>	9am – 10am (5 to 6 year olds) 10am – 11:30am (7 to 8 year olds) 11:30am – 1pm (Girls aged 5 to 14)
<b>Where?</b>	Southern Cricket 55 Farrington Road, Leeming
<b>Cost?</b>	\$22.50 per session Special starting price of only \$15 per session \$150 for the term (8 weeks) Special starting price of only \$96 for the term



To enrol either call us on 08 9310 2670 or join the Junior Academy online at [www.southerncricket.net](http://www.southerncricket.net) or via our App (Search Southern Cricket on your App Store)



**Get out in your community and change the lives of young people who would benefit deeply from your advice and experience.**

- Join a growing nationwide movement of volunteers.
- Choose a school and support role that suits you and your lifestyle.
- Use your skills, knowledge and life experience to make a difference.
- Feel valued, improve your health and wellbeing and connect with your community.
- Learn new skills and have fun along the way.

We connect volunteers who want to make a difference, with young people in local schools who need extra help and guidance the most.

If you would like to know more, please contact EdConnect on 9444 8646 or [www.EdConnect.org.au](http://www.EdConnect.org.au)

## What HIPPY families get

- Five HIPPY storybooks and activity packs for all HIPPY children
- A regular time with a HIPPY Tutor
- Invitations to community events and HIPPY Group Meetings
- Training and learning opportunities

*"I have learned so much about how to teach my child from HIPPY"*



HIPPY is run in 100 locations around Australia.  
[hippyaustralia.org.au](http://hippyaustralia.org.au)

Speak to someone at your local HIPPY

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters is funded by the Australian Government.  
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## HOME INTERACTION PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND YOUNGSTERS







## What is HIPPY?

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is a two-year, home-based early childhood learning and parenting program that empowers parents and carers as their child's first teacher.

**HIPPY** is a free two-year early learning program.

**HIPPY** empowers carers as their child's first teacher.

**HIPPY** helps children make a successful transition to school and beyond.

In the first year of HIPPY, the year before school begins, families learn skills to get their children ready for school.

In the second year, parents learn more about supporting their children's learning and development at school and at home.

Families spend 10 to 15 minutes a day doing educational activities with their children.

A trained HIPPY Tutor meets with the family to practice HIPPY activities.

*Families together on a learning journey*

## Benefits of HIPPY?

- Helps you as your child's first teacher
- Helps children to be ready for school
- Builds self-esteem and confidence
- Families have fun learning together
- Strengthens links to your community

HIPPY is supported by research that shows that children's most powerful learning comes from their family, and that getting a strong start at school sets children up for life.

*"I love HIPPY because it helps me feel clever at school"*



A reminder to all parents and carers, the staff car park is not walk through and is strictly out of bounds at all times. Please use the paths provided for the safety of our community.

### Out of school achievement

Does your child play cricket, tee-ball, netball, football, soccer, dancing etc? Have they competed at competitions, special events or achieved their next level. We would like to invite parent and carers to share these out of school achievements of our students.

Please notify the front office so their achievements can be recognised at assemblies.

  
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FREE WORKSHOP - Circle of Security is a relationship based parenting program that looks at how you and your child react to each other and help you understand what is happening for both you and your child to help your relationship blossom.



**FREE CRECHE**  
Free 8 weekly workshops run by Hope accredited facilitator, however enrolment is essential and space is limited.

From 12.00 to 1.30 on the following dates: 8th May, 22nd May, 12th June, 26th June, 24th July, 14th August, 28th August, 11th September.

Location - Evelyn Gribble Community Centre, 140 Ninth Rd, Hilbert (corner of Farmer and Ninth Rd)

Contact June Mader - Coordinator Hippy program Armadale on 0438 925 545

Or email [jmader@communicare.org.au](mailto:jmader@communicare.org.au)

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