

Term 4, 10th October 2019

Greenhills is **G.R.E.A.T.**

Generosity, **Respect**, **Enthusiasm**, Acceptance, **Teamwork**

Term 4 - Week 1, 2019

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS 2019

Friday 11 th October	Whole School Reflection
Tuesday 15 th October	6:30pm iPad Information Night – Years 4-6
Wednesday 16 th October	Regional Bulla Hooptime Regional Athletics
Friday 18 th October	Year 5/6 Interschool Sports Prep Swimming 1.30pm Prep CM & SM 2.15pm Prep KO & B 3pm Assembly
Monday 21st October	Prep Excursion to CERES
Tuesday 22 nd October	6.30pm Prep 2020 Information Night
Wednesday 23rd October	7:00pm PA Meeting
Friday 25 th October	Year 5/6 Interschool Sports Prep Swimming 1.30pm Prep CM & SM & 2.15pm Prep KO & BH 3pm Whole School Reflection Year 1/2 BBQ Year 2 Sleepover
Tuesday 29 th October	Kanga 8's Cricket (Years 3/4)
Wednesday 30th October	Year 4 Camp
Thursday 31st October	Year 4 Camp
Friday 1st November	Year 4 Camp Year 5/6 Interschool Sports Prep Swimming 1.30pm Prep CM & SM & 2.15pm Prep KO & BH 3pm Assembly



Yes you guessed it...the highlight of the school holidays for me was all things football and especially the big day itself! I am still finding it hard to think that my dad, brother and I have watched the mighty Tigers win two Grand Finals in 3 years! Go Tigers and congratulations to all the Richmond fans out there in our school community!



I hope that everyone was able to enjoy some quality time as a family during the break and that our students had the opportunity for some sleep ins, games, movies and all those activities that seem to relax us but also enable us to re-charge as well.

Fourth terms are always very busy times for schools with end of year activities and also lots of planning and organisation for the next year happening as well. Looking at our school calendar over the next few weeks highlights this and demonstrates that we have hit the ground running.

To help keep track of this I have attached an updated Community Term 4 Calendar in this newsletter.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS UPDATE

During the school holidays there was a range of works completed as part of our Buildings and Grounds and our OH & S program. This included new carpet in our Italian room, significant tree works and of course mulching and tidying.

A big thankyou to Max Smith for co-ordinating the trades and doing lots of work over the holiday break to make our school look so neat and tidy and ready for the new term.

GREAT NEWS.....OCTOBER 21 BUILDING START DATE!

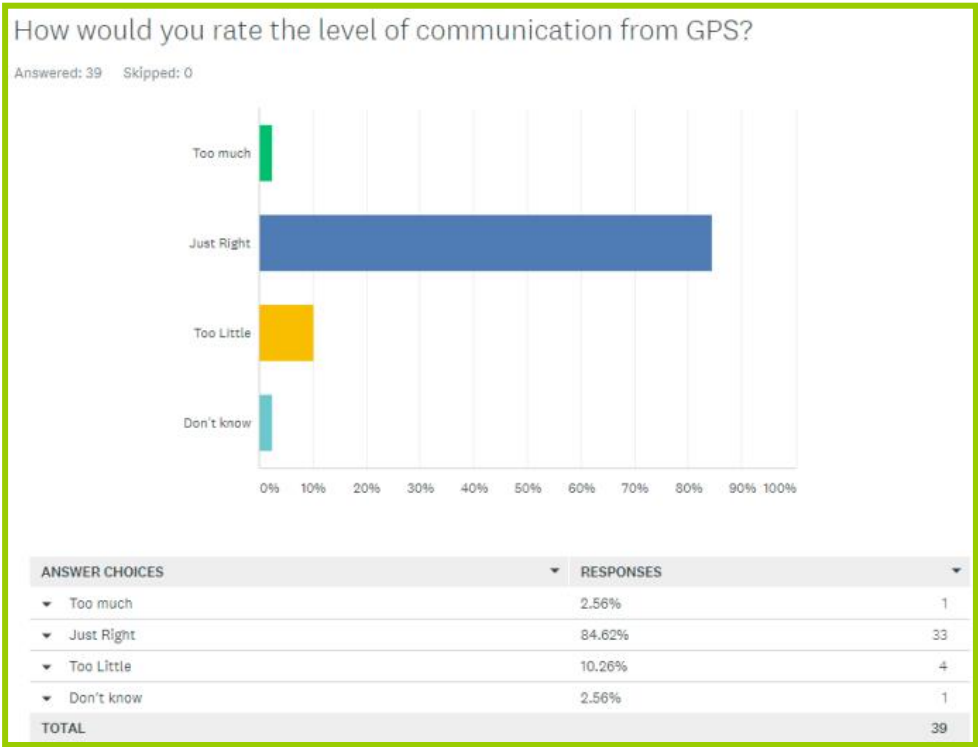
Our tender process has been completed and approved by DET and we have selected Alchemy Constructions as the building company to deliver our project. We met with the Architects, Builder and the Victorian School Building Authority on Monday of this week and the project will commence on Monday 21st October.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

At the end of Term 3, it was wonderful to see so many parents attend the Student Led Conferences. Communication between home and school is extremely important and something we take very seriously as we are keenly aware of the benefits to students of a team approach. Students benefit most when parents and teachers work in partnership. To this end, it is important that communication is ongoing and not just something that occurs after reports go home or when a problem arises.

We are very lucky at Greenhills Primary to have a team of staff who are extremely professional their approach and who are passionate about providing the best possible education for all students in their class.

This is reflected in the results of two recent parent feedback surveys.



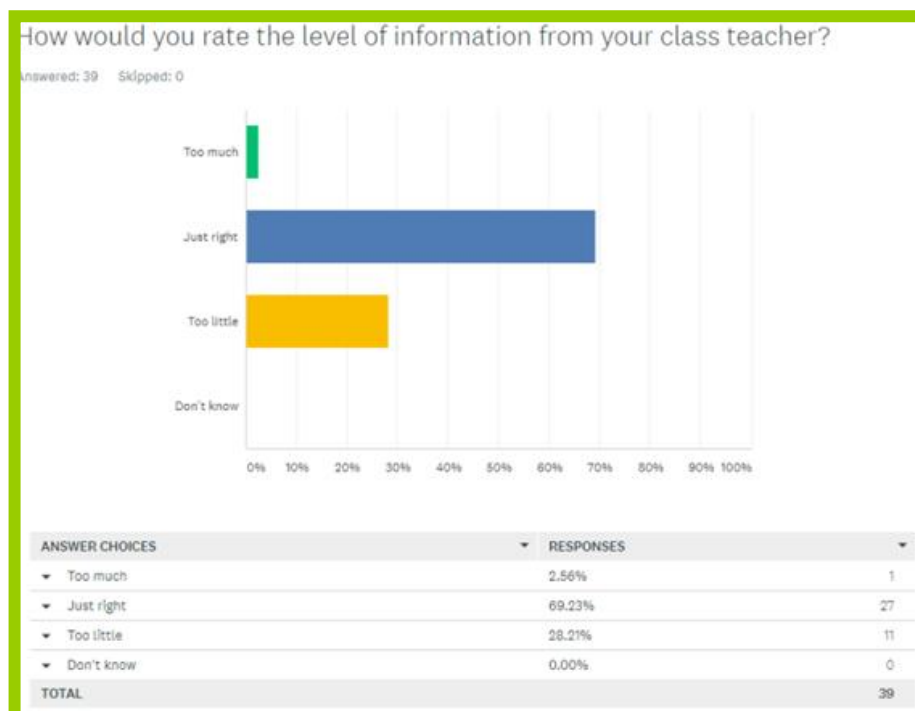
Our Survey Monkey focused on school communications. Of the 39 families who completed the survey (which was open to the whole school), 85% reported that the level of communication from the school is “just right”.

Pleasingly 90% of responses indicated that the Newsletter was the primary channel to find out about information from the school and another 90% read it weekly (I guess if you are reading this newsletter – you already know this!)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Newsletter	89.74%	35
▼ Assembly	7.69%	3
▼ Website	10.26%	4
▼ Class teacher	25.64%	10
▼ My child / children	28.21%	11
▼ Other parents	25.64%	10
▼ Facebook	30.77%	12
▼ QKR	10.26%	4
▼ Class or specific newsletters / emails	35.90%	14
▼ Blog	41.03%	16
▼ Office staff	2.56%	1
▼ Other	2.56%	1
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 23.08%	9
Total Respondents: 39		

It was also positive to see that the work our staff have done within each team and across the school to ensure a consistent level of communications is having an impact with 69% of survey responses indicating that the level of information from your class teacher is “just right”.

Our school communications plan ensures that at the beginning and in the middle of each term, an email is sent home to all parents outlining key information about our learning programs and important reminders. Our blogs are also updated frequently and we are starting to use the Sentral messaging function as well. When you look at all the formal contact points that are organised throughout the year e.g. parent meet the teacher interviews, Semester reports, Student led conferences, emails and Curriculum Tracker it means that our staff are in communication with you at a minimum of 4 times each term or 16 times throughout the year and in many cases much more than this.



The DET Parent Opinion Survey which was completed by 93 randomly selected parents also provides very positive feedback about our teacher communication. For the question "There is effective two-way communication between the teachers and parents at this school" 85% of responses were Positive, 7% Neutral and 9% Negative.

PARENT REQUEST PROCESS FOR TRANSITION INTO 2020

Our team have begun the process of finalising our school structure for 2020. Considerations around the social, emotional, academic and physical needs of each of our students will form part of this process. Parents are able to make requests for consideration when placing their child into their 2020 class. These requests will only be accepted in writing (including email) and must be received by Friday 25th October. Please note that requests with respect to specific teachers will not be considered.

Our staff will use this information as part of all the different considerations taken when building our grades. These factors include the social, emotional, physical and academic needs of all students. It is a complex and time consuming task as we try to ensure that we set up the best possible structure for a successful 2020. During this entire process our decisions are always guided by one major factor and that is the best interests of our students. Details relating to the school organisation, classes of children and the allocation of teachers will be released to students at our "Meet and Greet" day on Friday 6th December.



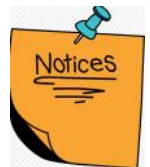
James Penson
Principal



NOTICES SENT HOME

PREP
Grades 4/5
Whole School

CERES Excursion
Ipad Information Night
Sushi Day



Happy Birthday to the following students celebrating their birthdays this week

Riley G, Jack M, Tahlia B, Jack N, Jena B

Greenhills Primary School Colour Explosion – Thursday 7th November, 2019



Our School Run4Fun Colour Explosion will be held on **Thursday 7th November** starting at **2:15pm**.

Students have now received a Sponsorship Form with instructions on how to raise money and order prizes.

Students obtain donations in cash using the Sponsorship Form together with online fundraising. Raising as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts.

We ask that you provide a plain white t-shirt and wear old shorts/pants as the students will be covered in powder from head to toe. The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school.

Please note, all donations need to be finalised on or before **8/11/19**. Student prizes will be delivered shortly after.

Thank you in advance for your participation, and get ready for a **BLAST OF COLOUR!** Happy fundraising!

Louise Wilson and Sarah Leach
(Parents Association)

STEP 1. CREATE

Parents, create your child's Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au. Go on, get clicking.

You can choose from a range of avatars, set a fundraising goal and try your luck in the \$200,000 Free Sponsorship Giveaway Promotion.

You can also register for online fundraising provided your school has activated online fundraising. It's the easiest way to reach your fundraising goal.

Select a prize from this sponsorship form and make it your goal.

STEP 2. RAISE FUNDS

Family and friends are your greatest supporters so ask them first for your support. You can raise funds online or in cash using the back pages of this sponsorship form.

Raising as little as \$10 will entitle you to a great prize, but why not aim higher? The more sponsorship donations you receive the better prize you can choose!

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS Teaching and Learning

Don't forget to check out the Blogs

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PREP?

<http://prepsatgreenhills.global2.vic.edu.au/>

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE 1

<http://greenhillsgrade1.global2.vic.edu.au>

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE 2

<http://greenhillspsevel2.global2.vic.edu.au/>

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE 3 & 4

<http://grade34ghps.global2.vic.edu.au>

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE 5 & 6

<http://grade56l.global2.vic.edu.au/>



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Scholastic Book Club Volunteer required for 2020!

We are looking for someone to help us with the Scholastic Book Club in 2020.

Unfortunately, our wonderful helper, Margie, is unable to continue on next year, and will need to handover this very rewarding job to another wonderful helper.

If you are keen and would like some more information, please contact Kate in the Office.

Look forward to hearing from you! ☺



School Payments 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are currently finalising Family School Payments for 2020, which should be available to you in a few weeks' time.

Term 4 instalment is due this week, completing the annual payment amount. Owing.

If you are paying instalments manually, i.e. at the office, BPay or using QKR, please pay this instalment by the end of this week.

Shortly, Family statements will be distributed electronically for your information. Please follow-up any outstanding payments by the end of the month, unless you have made arrangements with the office.

If you have any queries, please contact us!

Confidential Student Information/Medical Updates

It is very important that you keep us informed of any changes relating to your child's personal details.

Please notify us immediately of any modifications relating to family/student details; emergency contacts, medical, address and in particular phone numbers and email addresses.

School Office Hours

Monday to Friday

8:30am - 4:30pm



Kate , Nicole & Anne

School Administration Team

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Operating times for Term 4

Monday – closed. There will be no lunch orders or window sales available.

Tuesday – closed. There will be no lunch orders or window sales available.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – lunch orders and window sales as usual on these three days.

Volunteers are desperately needed to help in the canteen. You can volunteer for only one day per term if you wish. If you are interested in helping out (you are only required for approximately 1 hour on any day), please go to www.carebookings.com.au, type in the parent code "JGU9L" and enter the day(s) that you would be interested in helping.



Miriam Pekolj
Canteen Manager



FIRST AID

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE WEARING HATS AND WATER BOTTLES ARE FILLED.

ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS

It is important to advise us if your child is ill and will not be attending school, as we have some students that have low immune systems.

We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.



MEDICATION GUIDELINES

If children need to take medication at school, we are more than happy to administer it to your child.

Please bring the medication to the office in its original packaging and your child must collect the medication at the end of each day to take home. Medication must not be left in school bags, lunchboxes. This is a safeguard for all our students. A **Medication Administration Instructions** form is available at the office.

Karen Heitzmann
First Aid Officer



LIBRARY BORROWING

Thank you to all those students who have returned their books borrowed before the holidays. I'm still looking for more books so please check at home and in your classrooms and return them to the Library.



Thank you!

Michelle Arthur
Library Technician



STUDENT OF THE WEEK Term 3 Wk. 10 - PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY on FRIDAY 18th Oct 2019

NAME	CLASS	REASON
Louise F	Prep BH	For achieving her writing goal. Louise can now record all the letters she can hear in a word independently. Well done Lou I am so proud of you!
Lachlan L	1RG	For the school GREAT values that you showed when we went to see the production. You were a role model for 1RG. Well done you superstar!
Lila G	1RM	For the positive attitude she brings to new learnings. She is enthusiastic and tries her best and her focused efforts are rewarded by the excellent work she achieves.
Christian C-G	2RS	For the positive attitude you show towards your learning. I've loved seeing the growth in your reading and hearing you celebrate your many successes. Keep working hard Chris, and remember that you can achieve anything you set your mind to!
Eve M	2SH	For your enthusiasm and interest in Genius Hour. Eve, it was great to see you choosing a topic that was of real interest to you, and seeing you so keen to begin researching it. I look forward to learning all about parrots from you soon! Well done research superstar!!!
Archie M	34E	For your amazing work as a writer. You think about what you are going to write, put all your ideas down and then go back and edit to make your writing interesting and fluent. Keep up the fantastic work Archie.
Milla B	34R	Milla is showing lots of wonderful reading comprehension strategies through Book Club. Well done on sharing your questions, inferences and predictions with us Milla!
Cam T	34S	For your enthusiasm when researching about India. It was amazing to see your passion and excitement when presenting it as a game show. Well done on all your hard work Cam!
Kiara K	56B	For your outstanding performance as a time traveller in our production 'Back to the Classroom'. Your dedication to learning your lines and the energy you brought to the stage was incredible. Well done!
Sione K	56B	For your outstanding performance as a time traveller in our production 'Back to the Classroom'. Your dedication to learning your lines and the energy you brought to the stage was incredible. Well done!
Hayden D	56F	For being such a kind and caring classmate. Hayden, I am so proud of how you responded to our R U Ok day task. It was lovely to hear you checking in and genuinely asking if people were ok.
Toby M	56M	Toby has been a great student who has shown excellent focus in our reading sessions. His readers notebook is full of interesting predictions and observations of the novel he is reading. Well done Toby.
Blake H	56S	For demonstrating resilience during production. Blake, I am so impressed that you made it on stage for both performances. Well done!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK Term 4 Wk. 1 - PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY on FRIDAY 18th Oct 2019

NAME	CLASS	REASON
Jasper S	1RM	For his great general knowledge. Jasper is an avid reader and visits many interesting places. He uses these experiences to collect lots of interesting information that he is keen to share with his classmates.
Max R	1RM	For his enthusiasm to read and write nonfiction Information reports. Max is fascinated with facts and information and he is keen to share his knowledge about animals with others. Max understands why information reports are written and their features.
Claire L	2BJ	For an amazing start to Term 4! You did a fantastic job at engaging the reader with your 'show don't tell' holiday writing and included lots of PWD to make it super interesting! Keep up the hard work Claire, I cannot wait to see what you achieve this term!
Lucy B	2RS	For starting Term 4 with enthusiasm and an infectious positive attitude. I was also blown away by the show don't tell you included in your holiday writing. I love seeing your smiling face every morning Lucy and I can't wait to have a brilliant Term 4 with you!
Victoria M	2SH	For consistently using your initiative to help others and make our classroom and school a wonderful place to be. Thank you for always being willing to jump in and do things you can see need to be done, including putting bins out for others to use this week. It is great to see such mature leadership qualities in you Vic, well done!
Gabby C	2SH	For consistently using your initiative to make our classroom and school a wonderful place to be. I love the way you always jump in and do things to help others without being asked, even putting the bins out this week for others to use. What a wonderful quality to have! Well done Gab!
Lilly S	2TW	Lilly you are such a delight to have in our grade. I love the way you try hard and are enthusiastic about everything you do. Keep up all your super efforts.
Charlie S	34E	You are a multiplication and division superstar Charlie! You understand the connection between multiplication and division and use it to solve more challenging problems. Keep up the fantastic Maths work Charlie.
Autumn B	34K	For a fantastic start to Term 4. You have commenced this term with enthusiasm and dedication towards your learning tasks.
Vincent J	34R	Well done to Vincent on the creative way he thinks about inventions. He comes up with heaps of great ideas and uses technical skills to make them.
John-Leif O	34S	You always show so much respect, kindness and enthusiasm towards everyone around you and your learning. It is such a pleasure to have you as part of 3/4S. Well done Super Star!
Yanisa B	56F	For the amazing 100% effort you put into all of your learning. You're growth mindset allows you to confidently have a go, even at tricky tasks.
Maddy T	56M	Maddy has been a fantastic class leader who is a real team player. She works independently during class time and is happy to ask questions when needed. Maddy is more than ready for her first year at high school.
Angel T	56O	For your positive start to your final term at Greenhills and pushing yourself in readers notebook. I can't wait to see what you achieve this term, keep it up!
Ella C	56S	For making positive and thoughtful contributions to classroom discussions. Ella should be proud of her willingness to share her thoughts with the class and the grit she shows when her opinions are challenged. Well done!
Eli K (5/6 B)	VISUAL ART	Eli always works in a focussed manner and with a growth mindset in Visual Art. He is a valued team member and can always be relied upon to use his initiative to see a problem or task that needs doing, and to do it without even being asked. You are a superstar!!
Georgette L	ITALIAN	Her excellent efforts in Italian. You have a great recall of the Italian language.
Tyler B	MUSIC	Tyler works consistently well in Music. He is a quiet achiever who always tries to extend himself in achieving his best. His piano and recorder playing skills are continually improving. I look forward to following your musical progress. Great work Tyler!

DEVELOPING HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

CONVINCE ME!

Kids of all ages are excellent at wearing down the resistance of a parent who denies permission for them to go somewhere due to lack of safety or suitability concerns. Unfortunately, many kids use annoying methods such as:

- **repetition** (Can I go? Can I go? Can I go?)
- **questioning** (Why can't I go?)
- **guilt** (You never let me go anywhere!)
- **nagging** (Can I, can I, can I go, please!) and
- **whining** (Ahhh! Whyyy Caaan't I gooo!)

Often we are so tired that we give just to gain some peace, which makes pester power a useful strategy as kids achieve what they want. Our hope is that our kids are able to avoid or counter the risk as much as humanly possible. One way of assessing this is asking them to convince you that they are responsible, old enough and possess sufficient awareness to go into new situations and places.

One way to avoid this pestering is to ask them to convince you that they are responsible enough, mature enough or aware enough to be allowed to go somewhere.

Here is an example: *"Amelia, I'm not sure that I should allow you to walk home with your friends. I am worried that it might not be safe. Convince me that you can do so safely."*

This response puts the onus back on the child or young person to think to counter your concerns. Listen carefully to their response, as it will indicate whether they really have considered your concerns and are aware of the depth or range of potential difficulties.

Simplistic responses don't cut it

If they respond with simplistic comments such as, "I'll be okay", "we'll stick together" and "I won't do anything silly" then they are probably unaware or unprepared for contingencies that may arise. However if they provide a response with more depth, they may demonstrate their readiness. An example for this might be "I know you are worried that we might not cross the road safely. That worries me too. We'll make sure that we hold hands and look both ways and only cross when there are no cars coming."

Minimising risk

Answers such as the above show they understand your concerns but also that they have some strategies in mind to minimise risk. As a parent, we would like to remove risk from our kids' lives but this is unrealistic. As kids grow up their world rapidly expands taking them further away from the safe confines of home, and exposing them to new and potentially risky situations and people. Our hope is that our kids are able to avoid or counter the risk as much as humanly possible. One way of assessing this is asking them to convince you that they are responsible, old enough and possess sufficient awareness to go into new situations and places.

"Convince me!" may well be the smartest two words you will ever use as a parent. It may stop pester-power in its tracks and at the same time induce your child to think ahead and better prepare for spreading their wings when you do not feel they are quite ready.

Roslyn Mackie
(Home-School Partnerships Leader)



INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Summer ISS Program to commence Friday 18th October, 2019

GRADE 3/4 NETBALL



COMMUNITY SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to **Marlo J (5/6D)** on obtaining her black belt in Taekwondo at Titans of Diamond Creek.

It's fantastic to see her achieve her goal after 3 years of hard work and dedication.



Congratulations to **Rishi B (5/6B)** on being presented with the Coaches Award, for being the best team player during his U12 soccer side's undefeated season.

Here's **Luke D (3/4E)** getting some air time, after working hard on this jumps up at Mt Hotham over the school holidays.



If your child achieves something special (grand final win, most valuable player award, best and fairest etc.), please email me (daley.jordan.w@edumail.vic.gov.au) through photos (just make sure these photos only contain students from Greenhills PS) and a short blurb to post in Contact. It is important to celebrate and recognise such successes with the school community.

REBEL SEASON PASS

Greenhills Primary School is involved in the Rebel Sport Season Pass Program.

What can you do to help Greenhills primary School benefit from this program?

Staff, family and friends can link the school to their Rebel Season Pass and instantly start earning credits.



Thank-you
Jordan Daley



2019 GREENSBOROUGH COLLEGE

ART SHOW

MONDAY 14th OCTOBER

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

6:00pm in Performing Arts Centre 1

GRAND OPENING

6:30 - 8:00pm in Performing Arts Centre 2

Enter via Nepean Street

Light food and
refreshments provided

Additional viewing by appointment

Wednesday 16th October

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Ebony Stuart

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Pilates

Class Schedule

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
6:00am	6:00am	6:00am	6:00am	6:00am	8:00am	8:00am
8:00am	7:00am	7:00am	7:00am	7:00am	9:00am	9:00am
9:00am	9:00am	8:30am	9:00am	9:00am	10:00am	10:00am
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7:00pm	8:00pm	7:00pm	8:00pm			
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Come and Try Netball



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Come to training and bring a friend

Wednesday 23rd October
5.00 pm until 6.00 pm
Diamond Creek outdoor courts – Diamond Street



Free Clinic

FOOTBALL PROGRAMS

- NOW LAUNCHING IN YOUR AREA -

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FOR TOMORROW'S GRASSROOTS LEADERS



Community / Sporting Events Advertising

A large, vibrant orange pumpkin is the central focus, with the words "HALLOW", "SCREAM", and "19" carved into it in a jagged, dripping font. Below "19", the word "Montsalvat" is written in a cursive script. The background is a dark, spooky night scene with a full moon, a bat flying in the sky, and silhouettes of trees and a cross. The overall theme is Halloween.

FOLLOW THE TRICK OR
TREAT TRAIL. ONLY THE
BRAVE PREVAIL

THURSDAY
31ST OCTOBER
2019
4PM-8PM

\$10 per person, children under 5 free
All children must be accompanied by an adult

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Ghostly costume parade at 7.30pm
4pm & 6pm entrance times

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