

# GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER



Week One – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Hi everyone and welcome back to Term 3!

I trust everyone had a wonderful break and is ready for another busy term. We had some sickness in our household and in many of our teacher's families too. We hope our staff and students can stay as healthy as possible through these colder months. Please ensure your child/ren is dressed in appropriate winter school clothing.

## Curriculum Day

Monday saw our teaching and Education Support staff focus on our teaching in Mathematics under the guidance of our education consultant, Danny Hyndman. This was Danny's third day with us this year and he also supported our teachers in planning sessions on Tuesday. As students are always learning, so too, are our staff. Ensuring we are utilising best practice in each learning area is a never-ending goal for us at GPS, as we strive to do better, when we know better! We will continue to work in this area through the year, setting achievable goals to reach throughout Semester Two.

## Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences are taking place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 3:30pm - 6:30pm and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 8:35am - 2:35pm. All students along with their parents/guardians will be invited to participate in a 15-minute Student Led Conference with their classroom teacher.

Please note there are no formal classes running on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August and students are not required to attend school unless they are participating in a Student Led Conference. Out of School Hours Care will be running on this day for parents needing to organise care.

The conference is an opportunity for your child to showcase their achievements in a range of subject areas. Students will lead the conference and they will share with you some work samples, goals and discuss their classroom progress and their learning. The teachers will ask some questions of the student to prompt conversation. As a parent, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's achievements during the conference and ask questions.

The Student Led Conference is focussed solely on your child's learning and academic progress. Therefore, if you have concerns around any other school related issues, another appointment will need to be made with the teacher to discuss these concerns.

Due to limited booking timeslots we are asking that families only book one Student Led Conference per child. We will send out a Compass notification when bookings open on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July.

## Container Deposit Scheme

Our total raised to date for the 10cent containers is \$1208. Please continue to bring these to school and place in the blue lidded bins. Please ensure the containers have the appropriate label on them.

## Ditto's Bravehearts Show

Our Year 1 and Year 2 students participated in the Ditto's Bravehearts Show on Tuesday afternoon. Bravehearts Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show is underpinned by the below principles of personal safety. Research suggests that teaching young children these principles can help to increase resilience and reduce the risk of child sexual abuse, as well as other forms of abuse including family violence and bullying.



- Differentiating safe and unsafe feelings
- Recognising the body's warning signs
- Body ownership and that it is ok to say no
- Helping children name public and private parts using anatomically correct names
- Reinforcing that there is no secret that children cannot tell someone
- What to do if you feel unsafe or unsure

These personal safety principles are distilled into three easy-to-remember 'rules' that are reinforced throughout the Show. '**Ditto's 3 Rules**' are:

- We all have the right to feel safe with people.
- It's ok to say NO if you feel unsafe or unsure.
- Nothing is so yucky that you can't tell someone about it.

## Regional Soccer Championships

I will be accompanying our Year 5 boys soccer team on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July to Wangaratta where they will be competing against other regional Victorian schools. We wish our boys all the best and look forward to sharing the results with everyone.

## GPS Concert

I'm excited to announce that Mrs Voumard has spent some of her holiday break writing the scripts for our annual concert. Please ensure you highlight Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> on your calendars now, as this event promises to showcase our students' abilities in the area of Performing Arts. Tickets for the F-2 and Year 3-6 shows at Eastbank will be on sale mid-way through this term, so please keep an eye out for the Compass notification.

Mr Simo

## Dates to Remember

<b>July</b>	Tuesday 16	Bravehearts F-2
	Monday 22	School Council Meeting
	Wednesday 24	Years 5 and 6 – Winter sports
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		Year 5 Regional Soccer Championship
<b>August</b>	Tuesday 6	Olympics Day
	Monday 12	House lunch
	Wednesday 14	Years 5 and 6 – Winter sports
		Student Led Conferences 3:30pm - 6:30pm
	Friday 16	Pupil Free Day
		Student Led Conferences 8:35am - 2:35pm
	Monday 19	Parents' Club Meeting
	Wednesday 21	Years 5 and 6 – Winter sports
		Year 3 Excursion
	Thursday 22	Book Week Dress Up Day
	Monday 26	School Council Meeting
	Wednesday 28	Years 5 and 6 – Winter sports
	Friday 30	School Athletic sports day – McEwen Reserve
<b>September</b>	Thursday 19	School concert
	Friday 20	Last day Term 3. 2:20pm finish.
<b>October</b>	Monday 7	First day Term 4
	Mon 7, Tue 8, Wed 9, Thu 10, Fri 11	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Interschool athletics
	Wed 16, Thu 17, Fri 18	Year 4 Camp – Camp Wyuna
	Mon 21	Year 6 Graduation Photo
	Wed 23, Thu 24, Fri 25	Year 3 Camp – Camp Kookaburra
<b>November</b>	Monday 4	Pupil free day
	Tuesday 5	Public holiday - Melbourne Cup
	Mon 11, Tue 12, Wed 13	Year 6 Camp - Melbourne
	Thursday 21	House lunch
<b>December</b>	Friday 13	Final assembly
	Monday 16	Year 6 Graduation
	Friday 20	Last day of Term 4

### Lunch Orders

Lunch orders will be available to order from the first week back of Term 3!

These can be ordered through the QKR app.





# Olympics Day 2024

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August, all students at Grahamvale Primary School will participate in multi-age Olympics Day. Students will participate as team members of different countries in a variety of fun relay type activities. Students will be allocated a country at the beginning of Term 3.



## Olympic Torch Competition



In the build up to our Olympics Day, we will be running an Olympic Torch Competition. During our Olympics Day, there will be an opening ceremony and we are looking for budding designers to make an Olympic Torch.

This competition is open to all students at Grahamvale Primary School. You can enter your design as an individual or with siblings.

With a sustainable approach in mind, it would be great to see recycled/reused/repurposed items found at home included to create these masterpieces!

Entries close **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. Please fill out entry form and attach to your Olympic Torch before leaving at the office.

There will be a prize for best Olympic Torch for each year level. The winners of the competition will get to be a part of our Opening Ceremony.

Be creative!

SUMMER OLYMPIC TORCH TIMELINE  
1936 - 2016

\*\*TORCHES ARE NOT TO SCALE



To celebrate National Science Week, we are setting you a challenge!

The theme for National Science Week 2024 is 'Species Survival'. This year we are challenging families to make a bird feeder to encourage more wildlife to our school.

This is a family challenge so all family members can assist with the build. Small prizes will be awarded to the most creative and innovative bird feeders. If you 'Google' home made bird feeders, you will find lots of inspiration.

Please fill out entry form (Found at office) and attach to your entry before leaving at the to the office by Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> August.

Thank you  
Carly Cursio - STEM Teacher



# Greater Shepparton Secondary College - Year 7 2025 High Ability Program

Is your child academically driven? Would they benefit from an extra challenge and learning environment where like-minded students are placed together to support each other?

In 2025, Greater Shepparton Secondary College is launching its High Ability Program for Year 7 students looking to go that extra mile.

Students will learn valuable 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills in communication, collaboration and creativity and set themselves up for success in their senior years.

Expressions of Interest to sit an assessment for this program are open until August 16.

Apply today: <https://forms.office.com/r/3jkkzNTLM4>.

More information is available on the GSSC website: <https://www.gssc.vic.edu.au/news-and-events/latest-news/560-year-7-and-9-high-ability-program-in-2025>

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ACADEMICALLY**

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Set yourself up for the rigor of senior secondary school and the opportunity to fast-track subjects.

**APPLY NOW  
FOR 2025**

Interested students will be required to undertake an assessment to determine suitability for this program.

**REGISTER TO SIT THE ASSESSMENT**