

GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER



Week One – 10th October 2024

Welcome back to Term 4 families.

It's been a busy first week with interschool athletics for our Year 3-6 students and it doesn't slow down next week with our Year 4s heading off to Camp Wyuna at Queenscliff for two nights on Wednesday for their beach camp. In Week 3, our Year 3 students head to Camp Kookaburra for two nights for an adventure style camp.

Class Structures for 2025

Planning for the future is essential, and we are already making preparations for the 2025 academic year. We are currently working on creating class structures that will foster a positive and engaging learning environment for your children. The class structures for 2025 will be confirmed in the next couple of weeks and shared with our community.

Parent Requests in writing to Mr. Simo

In our ongoing commitment to serving the best interests of our students, we encourage parents to voice their concerns, suggestions, or any specific information about their child in writing to Mr. Simo that may help with class placements for 2025. **This is NOT a platform for parents to be able to pick teachers for their child**, but the more information we have, will help us to create safe and inclusive classes. As you can understand, placing 350 students into classes is a massive task that all our staff have input into and takes many hours to complete. Any requests will be considered, but not guaranteed. These need to be in writing to Mr Simo at grahamvale.ps@education.vic.gov.au by Wednesday 23rd October.

Vic Kids Eat Well



This week our Sustainability Leadership Group met with Lily & Jackie from the Vic Kids Eat Well. These students currently have roles such as organising the paper/cardboard recycling, classroom composting and container deposit scheme bins. Lily and Jackie will be supporting our students in revamping our kitchen garden at the rear of the school. Today students learnt about garden safety, types of fruits and veggies that grow well in our climate and helped to plan out what will be planted in our garden beds. After a clean up of the area next

Tuesday morning, students will assist in the planting and watering of new seedlings, placing worms into our two worm beds and labelling what is growing in each area. If anyone in our community has small amounts of time to spare for our kitchen garden, please get in contact with me.

Mr Simo

Dates to Remember

October	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
	Monday 21	Year 6 Graduation Photo
	Wed 23, Thu 24, Fri 25	Year 3 Camp – Camp Kookaburra
	Sunday 27	Bunnings BBQ
	Tuesday 29	Year 1 Excursion
November	Monday 4	Pupil free day
	Tuesday 5	Public holiday - Melbourne Cup
	Friday 8	Colour Run
	Mon 11, Tue 12, Wed 13	Year 6 Camp - Melbourne
	Thursday 14	Year 1 Late Stay
		Year 2 Sleepover
	Thursday 21	House lunch
December	Friday 13	Final assembly
	Monday 16	Year 6 Graduation
	Friday 20	Last day of Term 4

The Book Fair is back!

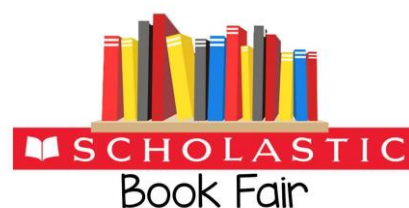
Book Fair will be open from Monday 14th October to Friday 18th October between the hours of 8:30am - 9:30am and 2:45pm - 3:45pm in the library.

Students are required to be accompanied by an adult to make a purchase at the Book Fair.

This is your opportunity to view a large range of quality books and perhaps make some early Christmas purchases. Payment can be made by cash or via EFTPOS/credit card.

Don't panic if popular books are sold out quickly – we can backorder more copies at the close of the Fair and we have seen in the past that these are received quite promptly.

From the sale of books at the Fair, the school is able to purchase books and resources for the use of students and teachers.



Bunnings BBQ

We are looking for volunteers – can you please offer 2 hours of your time on Sunday 27th October to help at the annual Bunnings BBQ. Times are 10am-12pm, 12pm-2pm or 2pm-4pm.

If you are available for any of these times, please give reception a call.



COLOUR RUN

The colour run is making a comeback to Grahamvale on Friday 8th November. Students will run a circuit for 20 minutes. During that 20 minutes students will have water sprayed at them and coloured powder thrown at them from squirty bottles. The powder is made from high quality corn starch with permitted food colours. It is non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly.

It is an out of uniform day, white or coloured t-shirt to be worn to match the theme! Students will also need a broad brimmed hat!

\$2 and consent is required which can be paid via the compass portal.



Lunch Orders

Lunch orders will resume tomorrow (Friday 11), orders need to be placed BEFORE 7:30am.

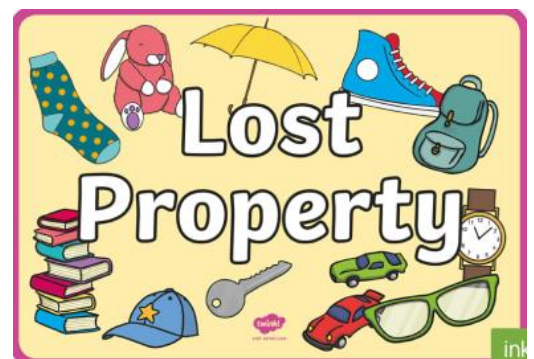
These can be ordered through the QKR app.



Lost Property

Recently there have been many items in Lost Property with no names. Please remember to label all items clearly so they can be returned to you if they are misplaced around the school.

All lost property can be found out the front of the ART room.



Student of the Week

Congratulations to the students who received student of the week and the end of term 3. Keep up the great work!



Terrific Kids

Congratulations to Lottie Palmer, Ella Balfour and Leo Mark who received the Term 3's Terrific Kids award. Keep being excellent role models around the school.





SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER



Shepparton Bunnings

Grahamvale Parents club is holding
our annual fundraising sausage sizzle

Funds raised go towards Playground and
Garden improvements

**Sunday
27th
October
2024**

Volunteers needed

Please email
guparentsclub@gmail.com

FROM 8AM TILL 4PM

Come and Try HOCKEY

Goulburn Valley Hockey Association is running 5-a-side social hockey for Juniors* age 7-16 and Seniors (16+).

THERE WILL BE TWO DIVISIONS:

1. 'Hits & Giggles' - perfect for new players and those who just want to play for fun.
2. 'Sheep Stations' - for experienced players who want to play competitively.

*There will be at least two Junior age groups, to be determined by the ages of the players who register.

WHEN? EACH MONDAY FOR 6 WEEKS, STARTING 21ST OCTOBER AT 6:00PM.

WHERE? SHEPPARTON HOCKEY FIELDS (120 NUMURKAH RD)

WHAT DO I NEED? A MOUTHGUARD IS ESSENTIAL. ALL OTHER EQUIPMENT CAN BE PROVIDED.

COST? \$30 PER PERSON

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:

Email or message Kim Starkey:
secretarygvha@gmail.com
Ph. 0437 911 255

In the spirit of reconciliation, TheirCare acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country in Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



Hello!

Welcome back for term 4! We had so much fun during the holidays. Some of the highlights included going to mini golf, twisted science in Echuca, and seeing the Wild Robot (a few tears were shed). Back at the service we had fun baking, painting, a crazy recycled fashion show, making juggling balls, and many many games of gaga, golden child, and tag. It was really nice getting out in the sun and trying so many different science, arts, crafts, and sports.



Term 4 Reminders

With summer approaching it's really important all children are bringing their hats to after school care. Please ensure we are packing a school hat or hat from home. We also need to be wearing sunscreen, which we will be providing. If you have a preferred sunscreen please feel free to bring this in instead.

We're really looking forward to another fun term and hope to see you all soon!

