

GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER

Week Five - 7th November 2024



Hi families,

It's hard to believe we are about half way through our final term for the school year! Lots of things have been taking place – Foundation transition sessions, camps & excursions and planning for the 2025 year in full swing!

Working Bee

GRAHAMVALE
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

WORKING BEE

**SATURDAY
NOV
16TH
8AM-12PM
2024**

CALL THE SCHOOL ON
58214219 TO PUT YOUR
NAME ON THE LIST

TOOLS REQUIRED: SHOVELS,
WHEELBARROWS, RAKES, BLOWERS,
CHAINSAWS ETC.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of our community members at our annual working bee, coming up on Sat 16th November!

Please call the office or pop in to place your name on the list. In addition to putting mulch in the new garden bed, there will be some other tasks to work on.

Many hands are needed to make a difference, and we know we can achieve a lot as a team!

We have a set time limit of 4 hours, but if you can only come for an hour, every bit helps!

Year 3 camp

Thanks to Shinea Sali, Paul Blake and Joel Garner for attending Year 3 Camp Kookaburra as parent helpers. Some of the activities our students experienced were archery, canoeing, flying fox, rock climbing and the giant swing! Thanks to Mrs Collins and Mr Minutoli for their organisation of the camp!

Year 1 excursion to CERES

Thanks to the many parents who helped on this excursion also. The students had a wonderful time exploring CERES in Brunswick East to continue their learning about sustainability. Students participated in a range of workshops including the importance of composting, a walk along the Merri Creek trail and even made their own recycled paper. A lunchtime play on the CERES adventure playground was also a major highlight!

Thanks to Miss Ternes & Mrs Pritchard for their organisation and Kieley for attending for the day too!

Bunnings BBQ

Thanks to our parent volunteers who completed a shift on the BBQ recently. It was a well oiled machine on each 2 hour shift! Thanks to those who supported by coming along to purchase a snag and a big thanks to Ashleigh Winters who has been coordinating this fundraising event on behalf of the Parents Club. We look forward to this being an annual event for our community.



Year 6 camp – Melbourne Urban Camp

Next Monday our Year 6 students, along with parent helpers, Mrs Keele, Mr Keenan and myself are heading off on the early morning train to Melbourne. It will be a fun filled 3 days, with plenty of opportunities to catch trams and trains around the city. A highlight will be students participating in an Amazing Race event around the CBD.

COLOUR RUN

The colour run is making a comeback to Grahamvale this Friday 8th November (tomorrow). 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!



Apple Drive Success!

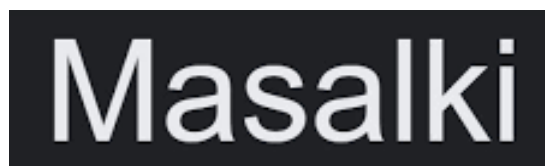
Parents Club recent Apple Drive fundraiser was a great success, raising over \$1,500 towards numeracy resources for our school. Massive thank you to Aimee Goodwin who has been coordinating this fundraising event and the members of the Parents Club who volunteered their time to pack and distribute the apples which were kindly donated by our wider Grahamvale PS community. The onsite apple stall proved a hit during last week!



Con and Ana Damianopoulos of Masalki Orchards in Shepparton generously donated 350kg of pink lady apples for the fundraiser. Con and Ana's 3 children attended Grahamvale PS from 1998 to 2008. Ana was an active member of the Parents Club during their years at Grahamvale PS.

Vasil Damianopoulos of Vadpak Shepparton also kindly donated the bags and clips for the apples to be distributed in. Vasil was student at Grahamvale PS when there were only 30 students in the whole school! The connection with Grahamvale PS continues to this day with Vasil's grandchildren currently attending the school.

Hearing the stories of our donors and their connections that date back over 40 years highlights how wonderful our school community really is. The generosity of the Damianopoulos family is greatly appreciated and we thank them for their support for this fundraiser.





Thank you to our Parents Club for the fundraising events they have coordinated in the past month! Thank you to our community for supporting these initiatives!



Dates to Remember

November	Friday 8	Colour Run
	Mon 11, Tue 12, Wed 13	Year 6 Camp - Melbourne
	Thursday 14	Year 1 Late Stay
		Year 2 Sleepover
	Friday 15	Year 5 SAM excursion
	Thursday 21	House lunch
December	Monday 9	Year 3 EOY Activity
		Year 4 EOY Activity
		Year 5 EOY Activity
		Year 6 EOY Activity
	Tuesday 10	Year 2 EOY Activity
	Thursday 12	Year 1 EOY Activity
	Friday 13	Final assembly
	Monday 16	Year 6 Graduation
	Friday 20	Last day of Term 4

Students of the week

Congratulations to this week's students of the week. Keep up the great work!



ICAS Testing

Congratulations to all students who were presented with their certificates at last Fridays assembly for their distinction in ICAS testing.



Left to right (Milla, Jonathan, Maya, Basil, Remi, Lincoln, Audrey, Reyansh and Scarlett)

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.





FOREST FIRE
MANAGEMENT VICTORIA



GREATER
SHEPPARTON



COMBINED EMERGENCY SERVICES FAMILY DAY

Sunday 10th November
10:00AM - 3:00PM

Victoria Park Lake
520 Wyndham Street
Shepparton, VIC

Live displays
Face painting
Giveaways for kids

FREE
EVENT
FOR ALL
AGES