

# GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER



Week Seven – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Hi families,

We have just over four weeks of the school year to go. As the warmer weather becomes more consistent can I please remind families to provide a water bottle for their child/ren and ensure their hat is at school each day.

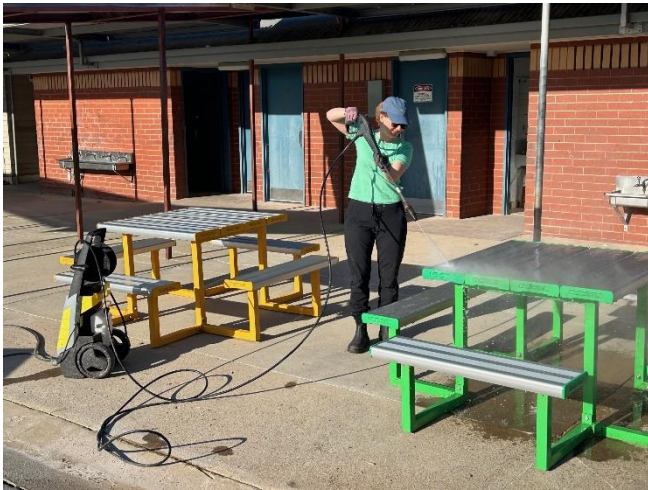
## Working Bee

We had a great turn out on Saturday for our annual working bee! Tasks completed included moving 24 metres of mulch onto our new turf garden bed, trees trimmed, sand pit sand loosened, mulch from both playgrounds moved and levelled, furniture & bins pressure washed and inside furniture moved into storage – just to name a few!

Thanks so much to our parent community – also to those who have helped over the past weeks/months but couldn't make it to the working bee. Our outside environment has come a long way in the past two years and we should all be proud of what we have achieved!







## Year 6 camp – Melbourne Urban Camp

Thanks to Tracy Barton, Liarna Rosevear and Adam McIntosh for attending the Year 6 Camp as parent helpers. Mrs Keele and Mr Keenan did a wonderful job in planning the itinerary for the camp and I was lucky enough to attend also. Our Year 6 students represented GPS with pride and respect as they participated in tours of the Shrine of Remembrance, Old Treasury Building and Parliament House. Student particularly enjoyed visiting the LUME, competing in the Amazing Race and the river cruise along the Yarra river. Our last stop was the South Melbourne Market and our students were able to explore this at their own pace and showed independence with their spending money. All agreed the option of travelling by train was so much more fun and social, when compared to bus.

## Staffing changes for 2025

Each new year brings with it changes in our staffing, as we welcome new people to our school and farewell those who move on for a variety of reasons. In 2025 we will be welcoming two new teachers: Dean Johnson who is an experienced teacher from St Georges Rd PS and Rachael Bell. Rachael has been studying Education at university and has also been working in Year 1 Pritchard this year as an Education Support person. In addition, Rachael has completed her two placements at GPS this year.

**Laura Mammone** is moving to casual teaching in 2025 and we will see her working at GPS in this capacity.

**Tim Keenan** was successful in his application for a Leading Teacher position at Berry Street School and we know he will do well in this position.

**Katie Fowler** and her husband, Jeremy, are expecting their first baby! Jeremy's sister, Alanna, is their surrogate and is due in February 2025. This is a very unique and special situation for all involved and one that Katie was really excited to share with the students in her class today. It is an exciting time for Katie and the school community are delighted for her and Jeremy as they embark on the journey of parenthood.

**Georgia Shannon** is not leaving just yet, but will be beginning maternity leave early in 2025 as she and her partner Corey are also expecting their first child! We will farewell Georgia at an assembly in Term One.

**Mikayla Bright** is considering her options for 2025. We thank her for her efforts, particularly in the Year 4 classrooms this year supporting our students.

**Our 2024 trainees** – Ella Davidson, Kieley Lane and Emily Turcato are moving on to further studies. These girls have all fitted in so well to our school and our students will miss them at the drop and go zone and in the yard. Jaslyn Best has also been a trainee this year. Jas is studying locally next year and will also be working part time with us in an Education Support role in 2025. We look forward to Jas being part of the team again.

## Classroom structure for 2025

We will have the following classroom structure operating next year and teachers in these positions below:

**Foundation x 2** – Jenni Lloga & Laura Pogue

**Year 1 x 2** – Kylie Pritchard & Sarah Ternes

**Year 2 x 2** – Dean Johnson & Emily Lancashire

**Year 3 x 3** – Rachelle Collins, Alison Marcetic & Ashleigh Williamson

**Year 4 x 2** – Kellie Coghlan & Jo Holland/Suzanne Watts

**Year 5 x 2** – Rachael Bell & Narelle Freeman

**Year 6 x 3** – Aaron Fry, Sarah Keele & Dylan Minutoli

**Disability Inclusion Leader** – Marissa Plattfuss

**Physical Education** – Kim Harrold /Stacey Thompson

**Visual Arts** – Lyn Rogers

**Performing Arts** – Anita Voumard

**STEM** – Carly Cursio

**Trainees** – Marisa Mann, Layla Trevaskis & Maya Watson

**Classroom ES** – Jaslyn Best & Nicole Healey

## Dates to Remember

<b>November</b>	Friday 29	Grahamvale's Got Talent!
<b>December</b>	Wednesday 4	Leadership Assembly
	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	Year 5 Aspirations Day at GSSC
		Final assembly – 2:30pm
	Monday 16	Year 6 Graduation
	Friday 20	Last day of Term 4

# FAMILY CARE'S CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE



Families are invited to bring a gift to school to contribute to the Family Care Christmas Gift Appeal. These gifts will be distributed by Family Care to local families in need of a gift this Christmas time.

At reception we will have gift tags which can be used as an indication of what gift to buy if you wish.

Please ensure the gifts are appropriate for primary-aged children and remember to bring them unwrapped to reception. All gifts must be in by 13th December as they will be handed over to family care during our final assembly.





## Students of the week

Congratulations to last week's students of the week. Keep up the great work for the last few weeks of the year!



## Outstanding effort from our students

Congratulations to Milla, Maya, Mia, Swara and Reyansh who all received high distinctions in their efforts in Maths Association of Victoria Competition.

Congratulations also to Mitchell who received recognition for his effort in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads.





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!

We have been having a blast the past fortnight. With the children taking charge of menu planning, we have tried our hand at making sushi, rice paper rolls, and oreo slice! We also had a tower building challenge, kite making, and so much fun playing Pokemon, basketball, and lots of fun games together.

This Friday we are celebrating national Fairy Bread day in support of the pyjama foundation. We will be making our own fairy bread as well as doing some rainbow crafts and sprinkle themed games.

With holidays quickly coming up, we would also like to remind parents that bookings for holiday program are now open. We are running on the 23rd and 24th of December, before coming back on the 6th of January. We look forward to seeing you all then. Have a great week!







# SCHOOLS OUT POOL PARTY

**Pool Inflatables** **Rapid River** **Water Slide** **Splash Park** **Giant Outdoor Games** **Photo Wall**

**Sunday 22 December at 11am - 4pm**

Visit [www.aquamoves.com.au](http://www.aquamoves.com.au) for more info.  

Aquamoves is proudly provided by Greater Shepparton City Council.  
Open Monday to Friday 6am - 8pm, Saturday 7am - 7pm and Sunday 8:30am - 7pm.  
\$4.70 for a child swim, \$7.20 Adult swim, Group swim \$19.10 (2 adults & 3 kids)



# BEYOND THE GAME

**A PANEL DISCUSSION ABOUT SPORT, INCLUSION & DISASTER RECOVERY**

**OUR HOST & SPEAKERS**

**TAYLA HARRIS**  
Professional AFLW Player

**COL PEARSE**  
Paralympics Silver Medalist Swimmer

**VANESSA LOW**  
Paralympics Gold Medalist Long-Jumper

**DAVID YOUNGER**  
Disaster Expert

**TONES (HOST)**  
Shepparton Young Person & Entrepreneur

**11am - 2pm**  
**Sunday 15 December, 2024**  
Main Pavilion Function Room,  
Sports City, Corner of  
Numurkah Rd & Brauman St,  
Shepparton 3630

**Snacks & Lunch provided**

**FREE EVENT. LIMITED SPOTS. REGISTER NOW!**



Call 0478 257 397 or email:  
[recovery@shepparton.vic.gov.au](mailto:recovery@shepparton.vic.gov.au) to register

Join us for an engaging panel discussion featuring AFLW star Tayla Harris, Paralympic medalist Col Pearse, Paralympics medalist Vanessa Low, and disaster expert David Younger. Together, we'll explore vital topics in sports, including preparedness, resilience, and the barriers athletes face, as well as the crucial role communities play in fostering these attributes. We'll also delve into disaster recovery and the significant impact of sports in emergency situations.  
Don't miss this opportunity to hear diverse perspectives and insights from our esteemed panelists!

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 Resilience RECOVERY

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# Shepparton Library Speechie Library Talk

**Develop your child's language and literacy**

**Speechie Library Talks 2024**

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> November 11:00am**

Meet and chat to a local speech pathologist.  
Find out more about how you can support your child's language and literacy development at home.  
Enjoy a reading of one of the winning books from Speech Pathology Australia's Book of the Year 2024.

For more information or to make a booking  
Phone 1300 374 765  
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 Speech Pathology Australia

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 Libraries Change Lives



# Mooroopna Library Speechie Library Talk

**Join us for a Speechie Library Talk this November!**

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Check out what's happening  
in December at your local  
TheirCare!



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# SIZZLIN' SCIENTISTS

**GRAHAMVALE PS THEIRCARE**

**23 DEC**



## Sizzlin' Scientists

Calling all curious minds! Today will be a day of mind-bending experiments and discoveries. Engineer your own Paper Straw Bridge, whip up tasty Summer Veggie 'tacos, and journey through space with cosmic origami creations. Challenge physics by designing a square-wheeled car, and create dazzling Rainbow Paper Plate art.

From as low as \$8.03\*\*  
Full fee \$80.32\*\*\*

**24 DEC**



## Surviving Summer

Dive into summer fun and learning all about safety with Surviving Summer! We'll express our thanks by crafting Gratitude banner flags and a whimsical Hand Print Gratitude Tree. Enjoy laughter and teamwork whilst learning about first aid in First Aid Charades and tackle the exciting Fire Safety Obstacle Course.

From as low as \$8.03\*\*  
Full fee \$80.32\*\*\*

\*\*With the maximum CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. \*\*\*Without the CHILD CARE SUBSIDY.

**Book now at [theircare.com.au](http://theircare.com.au)**

Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy

More exciting activities happening throughout January! Visit the website to find out more!

## Holiday Program Important Information!

### What to bring

- ☐ A healthy morning tea and lunch
- ☐ A labelled drink bottle for water
- ☐ Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- ☐ SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- ☐ Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details

### Don't forget!

- ☐ Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- ☐ Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- ☐ Label all items with child's name!
- ☐ Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

### Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

### TheirCare provides

- ☒ Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- ☒ Sunscreen
- ☒ Water to refill bottles

### Serious stuff!

### Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- ☐ necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

### Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 6:30am – 8:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.

### Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days *	On the day
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

\*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your familar circumstances.



If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.





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The place to be these holidays!

# LEVEL UP!

## ★ UP!

Summer Holiday Program

Book Now!

See Sonic the Hedgehog 3

Octopus art attack!

Ultimate game shows

Bear-y cool!

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### Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility. Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.

### Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.

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**Grahamvale PS TheirCare**

Times 7:30am – 6:00pm  
Location 85 Grahamvale Rd, GRAHAMVALE VIC 3631  
Call 0484 311 880



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Excursion & Super Excursions days: Arrive at the service by 9:00 am. Pick-up after 2:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.

6 JAN	7 JAN	8 JAN	9 JAN	10 JAN	13 JAN	14 JAN	15 JAN	16 JAN	17 JAN
<b>Ultimate Game Shows</b> Step into the spotlight for our ultimate Game Show Day! Compete in exciting games like Family Feud, Celebrity Jeopardy, and Who Wants to be a Millionaire. Test your improvisation skills in 'Where Line is it Anyway?', then work as a team in the Blindfolded Obstacle Course!	<b>Wipe Out!</b> Prepare for the ultimate water adventure! Test your agility and balance as you tackle an exciting Wipeout-style obstacle course. After the challenge, continue the fun with a SpongeBob Relay Race, craft your own Popsicle Stick Lounging Swimmer, and play the Ship, Shark, Shore Group Game!	<b>Moana 2</b> Walt Disney Animation Studios epic animated musical 'Moana 2' takes audiences on an expansive new voyage with Moana, Maui and a brand-new crew of unlikely seafarers. Moana must journey to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure unlike anything she's ever faced.	<b>STEM Buccaneers</b> Aha, young engineers! Set sail on an exciting STEM adventure with our STEM Boat and Pirate Kit! Afterward, the fun continues with pirate-themed games like Pirate Ships and Pirates Treasure, and craft your own pirate hats to complete the adventure!	<b>Double Dare</b> Get ready for Double Dare! Take an exciting dare challenge and laugh through a day of fun games like The Silly Laughing Statue and Feather Table Hockey! Test your speed with the Fast Catch Game and British Bulldogs, then get creative with Nature's Stamps. It's a fun-filled day of challenges, laughter, and teamwork!	<b>Craftopia Showdown</b> Step into Craftopia Showdown, where creativity meets competition! Create works of art using only recycled materials with The Block, take on the Egg Drop Challenge, and test your artistic skills with the Draw on My Back Challenge. Get crafty with Salt Dough Creations and make beautiful Flower Paper Fans!	<b>Octopus Art Attack!</b> Dive into a sea of fun with our reversible emotion Octopus! Create your own vibrant octopus using blow spray and stencils for a colourful, under-the-sea craft. Afterward, the fun continues with DIY Pufferfish STEM experiments, an Octopus Group Game, and some creative Paper Craft Octopus designs!	<b>Berry Sweet Adventures</b> Get ready for a day full of berry sweet fun! We'll head out on a strawberry picking adventure where you can pick fresh, juicy strawberries straight from the farm. Afterward, back at service, craft your own 3D Paper Strawberry, enjoy a DELICIOUS group game of Fruit Salad, and The Animal Group Game for even more excitement!	<b>LEGO Shark Tank</b> Today we are in for a day of building and creativity! Design and construct your own Lego masterpiece, then show off your invention in a Shark Tank-style challenge! Dive into fun with the DIY Carnival Shark Tank Toss, launch your DIY Cup Rocket, and test your skills with Paper Airplane Launchers!	<b>Sonic the Hedgehog 3</b> Sonic the Hedgehog returns to the big screen this holiday season in his most thrilling adventure yet. Sonic, Knuckles, and Tails reunite against a powerful new adversary, Shadow. Team Sonic must seek out an unlikely alliance in hopes of stopping Shadow and protecting the planet.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>20 JAN</b> <b>Minute To Win It</b> Get ready for a fast-paced and thrilling Minute to Win It challenge! Compete in a series of action-packed games where every second counts. Test your coordination with the Group Juggling Challenge, race through The Alphabet Group Challenge, and show off your artistic flair with The Scissor Drawing Game. Can you beat the clock?	<b>21 JAN</b> <b>Bear-y Cool!</b> Today we are getting into some creative goodness with Drip Bear Money Box Kit! Watch as the paint carefully drips down in layers to design your very own bear-shaped money box! Afterward, the fun continues with DIY Spring Graph Creations, the Sheeping Bear Group Game, and some colourful Summer Symmetry Painting!	<b>22 JAN</b> <b>Wilderness Wonders</b> Embark on an exciting journey to the Zoo, where you'll get up close with fascinating animals and discover all about their incredible world! After the zoo adventure, leap into action with Leap Frog Tag, craft adorable Slinky Pets, create swirling small art, and enjoy the classic group game, Sardines.	<b>23 JAN</b> <b>Brainiac Showdown</b> Get your thinking caps on for the Trivia Brainiac Day! Jump into Go Go Shop, challenge yourself with Trivia Pursuit, and hunt for clues with a fun DIY Blue's Clues Scavenger Hunt. Then, join in on a group game of Guess That Sound and finish off with an exciting Robot Quiz. It's time to flex those brain muscles!	<b>24 JAN</b> <b>Junior Master Chefs</b> Ready to become the next Master Chef? In this culinary adventure, children will compete in a game of Chopped Jr! Then, get creative with Nature's MasterChef, test your memory in the Fruit Salad Memory Game. The keeps going with Recycled Craft Cake Bases and Fruit Foam Marbling for a tasty artistic twist!	<b>27 JAN</b> <b>Service closed!</b>	<b>28 JAN</b> <b>Back to School Party</b> Celebrate the start of summer with an epic back-to-school party! Get ready for hilarious fun with Pin the Cherry on the Ice Cream, bounce into Ballroom Games, and test your flexibility with Crabwalk Limbo. Plus, unleash your creativity with a back-to-school collaborative art piece, and get messy with some edible Fake Fruit slime!			
From as low as \$8.03 Full fee \$80.33**	From as low as \$8.95 Full fee \$89.46**	From as low as \$10.27 Full fee \$102.74**	From as low as \$8.29 Full fee \$82.91**	From as low as \$8.03 Full fee \$80.33**	From as low as \$8.03 Full fee \$80.33**	From as low as \$8.29 Full fee \$82.91**	From as low as \$10.27 Full fee \$102.74**	From as low as \$8.03 Full fee \$80.33**	From as low as \$10.27 Full fee \$102.74**

There are 2 types of Child Care Payments.

1. Child Care Subsidy
2. Additional Child Care Subsidy

Claim these subsidies via myGov

Up to 90% of Child Care costs can be covered by Child Care Subsidy!

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