

GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER



Week Nine – 5th December 2024

Hi families,

Next week is an exciting time for our students with every year level participating in end of year celebrations. We have a variety of activities taking place, including, activities at the sports stadium, ten pin bowling, cinema and Aquamoves. We look forward to our students representing themselves and our school with pride outside of the school.

Final assembly

Our final assembly will take place on Friday 13th December, beginning at 2:30pm. We will present our Term 4 Terrific Kid awards, attendance awards, Student of the Week awards and farewell staff members leaving at the end of the year. There will also be a special presentation between our Year 6 and Foundation students.

Classroom structure for 2025

We have had a couple of additional staffing changes in the past fortnight. Emily Lancashire has accepted a classroom teacher position at St Anne's College for 2025 and Marissa Plattfuss has been successful in her application for an inclusion and wellbeing role at Shepparton English Language Centre. We wish them both a great start at their new schools.

We welcome Jessica Bryant to GPS for 2025. Jessica has been a classroom teacher at Euroa PS for the past three years. Jessica will join our Year 3 team.

In lieu of these announcements, we have made some changes to our teaching plans.

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 & Alison Marcetic

Year 3 x 3 – Jessica Bryant, Rachelle Collins & 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

Physical Education – Kim Harrold/Stacey Thompson

Visual Arts – Lyn Rogers

Performing Arts – Anita Voumard

STEM – Carly Cursio

GPS transition program

This year we are adding an extra transition session to our early commencement program. On Wednesday 11th December students will go into a short session with their 2025 teacher. Early next week, students will bring home a note, informing parents of who is their 2025 teacher. Those students in Miss Bryant's Year 3 class will meet her on Tuesday 10th December.

On Wednesday 18th December, we begin our early commencement program for our 2025 students. When your child arrives at school on Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th & Friday 20th December they are to go directly to their 2025 classroom. This program will run for the three days.

If there are students in Foundation-Year 5 who are exiting our school at the end of the year, they will go to the library to be supervised by a teacher.

Statewide transition day Tuesday 10th December

On Tuesday 10th December our Year 6 students will spend the day at their chosen secondary school. Families are to transport their child directly to the secondary school and students must be in full school uniform.

On this day, our 2025 Foundation students will be at GPS from 9am-1pm. They have had the opportunity to participate in four transition sessions, in addition to our Best Start sessions. I know our Year 5 students are looking forward to meeting their buddies for the first time!

BYOD program

Our Year 2 families have been sent information on our BYOD this week. Please ensure you read through all this important documentation.

Grahamvale's Got Talent!

Congratulations to all students who were so brave to perform in front of such a large crowd on Friday afternoon. It was amazing to see such a wide variety of different talents on show. From miming, to singing, dancing, sporting skills, magic and puppet shows, it had the lot! Thank you to Mrs Voumard for her organisation and providing this wonderful opportunity for our students. Thanks also to the large number of parents who came to support our students.

Year 6 Graduation

We celebrate seven years of schooling for our Year 6 students on Monday 16th December at the GVCF – The Church on Pine. Starting at 6pm sharp, we look forward to sharing many memories of our 2024 graduates with our parent community.

2025 pupil free days – Important dates for the calendar

The following dates have been approved by school council as pupil free days for next year. The purpose of each day will be explained in 2025 newsletters closer to the dates. The first date is when teachers are required back to school after the holiday break. Students in Years 1-6 return on Wednesday 29th January, with our new Foundation students starting school on Thursday 30th January.

- Tuesday 28th January: (Term 1)
- Friday 7th March: (Term 1)
- Tuesday 22nd April: (Term 2)
- Monday 12th May: (Term 2)
- Wednesday 6th August: (Term 3)
- Thursday 28th August: (Term 3)
- Monday 3rd November: (Term 4)

Student uniform

Please see the link below to our student dress code policy below. We are noticing an increase of students not wearing the full correct uniform recently. I know many families may look to purchase new items of clothing for school over the holiday break as students grow. I strongly recommend reading our student dress code prior to making purchases. I would like to particularly point out that no logos, such as 'Nike' or 'Adidas' etc. are to be visible on any of the bottom options. The only acceptable jewellery is a watch and one small plain stud or sleeper per ear.

At the beginning of 2025, if a student is not wearing full school uniform, they will receive a note from their classroom teacher to take home to their parents/carers. As stated in our student dress code, if non-compliance of the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, contact will be made by the school leadership team.

We thank those families who always ensure their children are adhering to the student dress code.

Please read though our uniform policy if needed - **[Student Dress Code Policy](#)**

Mr Simo



2025 SCHOOL LEADERS



Captains

Lottie Palmer
Anzarul Islam



Doyle

Kate Stojanovski
Brady Hodgetts



Hick

Ashley Lohse
Aston Walsh



James

Mackenzie Palmer
Nicholas Stivactas



McDermott

Lara Selman
Will Collins



JSC

Lincoln Hunter
PRESIDENT
Rosie Keele
SECRETARY



Community

Grace Stewart
Jett Dixon



Dates to Remember

December	Monday 9	Year 2 EOY Activity
		Year 3 EOY Activity
		Year 4 EOY Activity
		Year 5 EOY Activity
		Year 6 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
	Tuesday 17	Christmas Colours Day
	Friday 20	Last day of Term 4 – early dismissal 1:30pm

Message from Grahamvale Sports Club

Sports Club will be looking to fill the following positions at the AGM early next year and are putting the call for parent helpers to make sure we are ready to go with season 2025. There are options to shadow or work with current committee members to transition positions and support lots of support available to help you with the role.

If you are interested in being involved, please reach out to grahamvalesportsclub1@gmail.com. If we don't have helpers to support the Sports Club, we do run the risk of not being able to submit teams for netball and soccer - remember many hands make light work!

Positions include: President, Book keeper or Finance Guru, Netball delegates x 2, Soccer delegates x 1, Uniform coordinators x 2, Social/website coordinator x 1, Merchandise / Sponsorship coordinator x 1

Thanks for your support.

Students of the week

Congratulations to this week's students of the week. Fantastic effort as we approach the end of the year!



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.



SPORTZ LAB



*PE Clinics
Get in the Lab!*

**2025
JAN 13TH, 15TH, 20TH & 22ND**

**GUTHRIE ST
OVAL**

<u>SESSION 1</u> MONDAY JAN 13TH 9AM- 11.30AM	PE GAMES, SKILLS LAB, BASKETBALL WITH GATORS CAPTAIN MATT BARTLETT
<u>SESSION 2</u> WEDNESDAY JAN 15TH 9AM- 11.30AM	PE GAMES, SKILLS LAB, NETBALL WITH SHEPP UNITED PLAYERS CHARLI & LIV
<u>SESSION 3</u> MONDAY JAN 20TH 9AM- 11.30AM	PE GAMES, SKILLS LAB, CRICKET WITH A GRADE PLAYER CONOR HAYES
<u>SESSION 4</u> WEDNESDAY JAN 22ND 9AM- 11.30AM	PE GAMES, SKILLS LAB, BASKETBALL WITH GATORS CAPTAIN MATT BARTLETT

**ALL PRIMARY
SCHOOLS
WELCOME TO
ATTEND.**

**ALL SESSIONS RUN
FROM 9AM-11.30AM**

**\$20
PER SESSION**

**EMAIL SPORTZLAB.SHEPP@GMAIL.COM YOUR CHILDS NAME,
PARENTS NUMBER AND YEAR LEVEL TO BOOK IN SESSIONS.**

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

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 \$80.33**

24 DEC



Surviving Summer

Dive into summer fun and learning all about safety with Surviving Summer!

We'll express our thanks by crafting Gratitude Garden 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 \$80.33**

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

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Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy

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

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LEVEL UP!

Summer Holiday Program

Book Now!

See Sonic The Hedgehog 3

Octopus art attack!

Ultimate game shows

Bear-y cool!

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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
- ☒ Suncscreen
- ☒ Water to refill bottles

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.



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 8:30am – 9:00pm 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 families' circumstances.

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



Grahamvale PS TheirCare

Times 7:30am – 6:00pm

Location 85 Grahamvale Rd, GRAHAMVALE VIC 3631

Call 0484 311 880



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

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6 JAN Ultimate Game Shows Step into the spotlight for our ultimate Game Show Day! Compete in exciting games like Family Feud, Celebrity Headlines, and Who Wants to be a Millionaire. Test your improvisation skills in Whose Line is it Anyway? Then work as a team in the Blindfolded Obstacle Course! From as low as \$8.03 Full fee \$80.33**	7 JAN Wipe Out! Prepare for the ultimate water adventure! Test your agility and balance as you tackle an exciting Wipeout-style obstacle course. After the thrills, continue the fun with a Sponge Toss Relay Race, craft your own Popsicle Stick Launching Swimmer, and play the Ship, Shark, Shore Group Game! From as low as \$8.95 Full fee \$89.46**	8 JAN Moana 2 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. From as low as \$11.27 Full fee \$112.74**	9 JAN STEM Buccaneers Ahoi, 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! From as low as \$8.29 Full fee \$82.91**	10 JAN Double Dare Get ready for Double Dare! Take on exciting dare challenges and laugh through a day of fun games like The Silly Laughing Statue and Feather Table Hockey! Test your speed with the Tail Catch Game and British Buildings, then get creative with Nature's Stamps. It's a fun-filled day of challenges, laughter, and teamwork! From as low as \$8.03 Full fee \$80.33**	13 JAN Craftopia Showdown 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! From as low as \$8.03 Full fee \$80.33**	14 JAN Octopus Art Attack! Dive into a sea of fun with our reversible emotion Octopus! Create your own vibrant octopus using blow spray 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! From as low as \$8.29 Full fee \$82.91**	15 JAN Berry Sweet Adventures 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! From as low as \$11.27 Full fee \$112.74**	16 JAN LEGO Shark Tank 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 Ship Tank Toss, launch your DIY Cup Rocket, and test your skills with Paper Airplane Launchers! From as low as \$8.03 Full fee \$80.33**	17 JAN Sonic the Hedgehog 3 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. From as low as \$11.27 Full fee \$112.74**
20 JAN Minute To Win It 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 Jeopardy Challenge, race through The Alphabet Group Challenge, and show off your artistic flair with The Scribble Drawing Game. Can you beat the clock? From as low as \$8.95 Full fee \$89.46**	21 JAN Bear-y Cool! Today, we are getting into some creative goodness with Drip Bear Honey Box Kit! Watch as the paint satisfyingly drips down in layers to design your very own bear-shaped money box! Afterward, the fun continues with DIY Spinning Creations, the Sleeping Bear Group Game, and some colourful Summer Symmetry Painting! From as low as \$8.29 Full fee \$82.91**	22 JAN Wilderness Wonders 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, keep into action with Leap Frog Tag, craft adorable Slinky Pets, create swirling snail art, and enjoy the classic group game, Sardines. From as low as \$11.27 Full fee \$112.74**	23 JAN Brainiac Showdown Get your thinking caps on for the Trivia Brainiac Day! Jump into Go Go Stop, challenge yourself with Trivial Pursuit, and hunt for clues with a fun DIY Brainiac Scavenger Hunt. Then, join in on a group game of Guess That Sound and Finish with an exciting Kebab Quiz. It's time to test those brain muscles! From as low as \$8.03 Full fee \$80.33**	24 JAN Junior Master Chefs Ready to become the next Master Chef? In this culinary adventure, children will compete in a game of Chopped Jr! Then, let's 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! From as low as \$8.03 Full fee \$80.33**	Service closed!		27 JAN Back to School Party 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 Balloon Games, and test your flexibility with Crocodile Limbs. Plus, unleash your creativity with a back-to-school collaborative art piece, and get messy with some edible Face Snot slime! From as low as \$8.03 Full fee \$80.33**		

There are 2 types of Child Care Payments.

1. Child Care Subsidy

2. Additional Child Care Subsidy

Claim these subsidies via myGov

For more information, call TheirCare on 1300 072 410

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

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!

The end of the year is coming up fast! This past week, we have started getting into the Christmas spirit by making our own decorations and ornaments like antlers, gnomes, and Christmas trees. Everyone's been showing off their creativity and teamwork, sharing their ideas and being proud of the work they have been able to produce.

For the last few weeks of term we are going to continue getting into the festive spirit with Christmas crafts, games, and baking.

Holiday program and bookings for January are now open, we hope to see you all there. Have a great week.

