

# GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER



**Week Five – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

Hi families,

A gentle reminder to log into Compass every few days at least. We aim to only send reminders about events/updates when required. There are lots of events/activities/camps etc coming up between now and the end of the year. By keeping a close eye on Compass, this will alleviate our admin team spending time contacting parents to provide consent or pay for activities. Thank you to those who regularly action these ASAP. I am aware that in a sometimes 'over technology focused world', we receive so many notifications throughout our day that we lose track of the importance of some.

## House Athletics Tomorrow

Tomorrow will be a great community day with students and families encouraged to get into the House spirit for the day with lots of positive actions and talk. Our school value of Personal Best is all that we ask of our students as they compete to earn points for their House. Thank you to the many parents who have offered to support Mrs Thompson, either supporting an event or a group of students. If you see something that needs to be done, please jump in and offer your help. Students can be dropped at the Shepp Athletics Track from 8:45am-9am and need to be collected by 3pm.

## GPS Fete – October 15<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm

As per the recent Compass notification, our fete planning is in full swing! Please see the list of fete stalls on the next page.

## Fete co-ordinators required

Each classroom teacher and specialist teacher requires a parent or parents to be the fete co-ordinator for their stalls. Please reach out to teachers if you have the capacity to fill this role. Some stalls will need more organisation than others. Teachers have all the relevant information, so please be in touch with them ASAP. I know a community like ours will fully embrace this event to make it an awesome showcase of our inclusive environment.

*'A school community is only as strong as the hands that help build it.'*



## Fete Stalls

| Stall                                   | Class/staff member                                |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Art Gallery                             | Miss Walker & Mrs Reade                           |
| Yabby Races                             | Mr Harrold                                        |
| White Elephant Stall                    | Mrs Voumard & Miss Willcock                       |
| Toilet Roll Toss                        | Mrs Cursio                                        |
| Stretch the Snake                       | F Collins                                         |
| Mark the Treasure                       | F Pritchard                                       |
| Blind Wine                              | F Lloga                                           |
| Snow Cones                              | 1 Rullo                                           |
| Coloured Hair Spray                     | 1 Ternes                                          |
| Frog in a Pond                          | 2 Baker/Jeffery                                   |
| Iced Biscuits                           | 2 Williams/Marcetic                               |
| Temporary Tattoos                       | 3 Holland                                         |
| Soft Drink Coin Toss                    | 3 Williamson                                      |
| Balloon Darts                           | 4 Coghlan                                         |
| Slime for Sale                          | 4 Moran                                           |
| Lucky Ducks                             | 4 Nicholls                                        |
| Lucky Dip                               | 5/6 Bell                                          |
| Badge Maker                             | 5/6 Keele                                         |
| 'Lob a Choc' trailer                    | 5/6 Minutoli                                      |
| Show Bags & Guess the Number of Lollies | Admin team                                        |
| Henna Painting                          | Shepp English Language Centre                     |
| Miniature Train Rides                   | Lions Club                                        |
| Camel Rides                             | Peter Hodge Camels                                |
| AFL Auskick tent                        | AFL                                               |
| Fire truck                              | Fire Brigade                                      |
| Police car                              | Vic Police                                        |
| Ambulance vehicle                       | Ambulance Vic                                     |
| Search & Rescue Truck                   | Shepparton Search & Rescue                        |
| Popcorn/Fairy Floss                     | Parents Club - TBC                                |
| Bake Sale & Cake Auction                | Grahamvale Sports Club                            |
| Food trucks                             | People Helping People<br>Other food options - TBC |
| Coffee Van                              | Coffee Shots - TBC                                |
| Jumping Castle                          |                                                   |

## Cake Auction

To conclude our fete event, we will be having a Cake Auction – complete with auctioneer!

Families are invited to make/purchase a cake to enter our Cake Auction. When we get closer to the event, we will ask families to register their interest so we are aware of how much time to allow for the acution to take place.

Remember all proceeds from our fete will be going back to our school for our students to benefit from!



## 100 Days of Foundation!

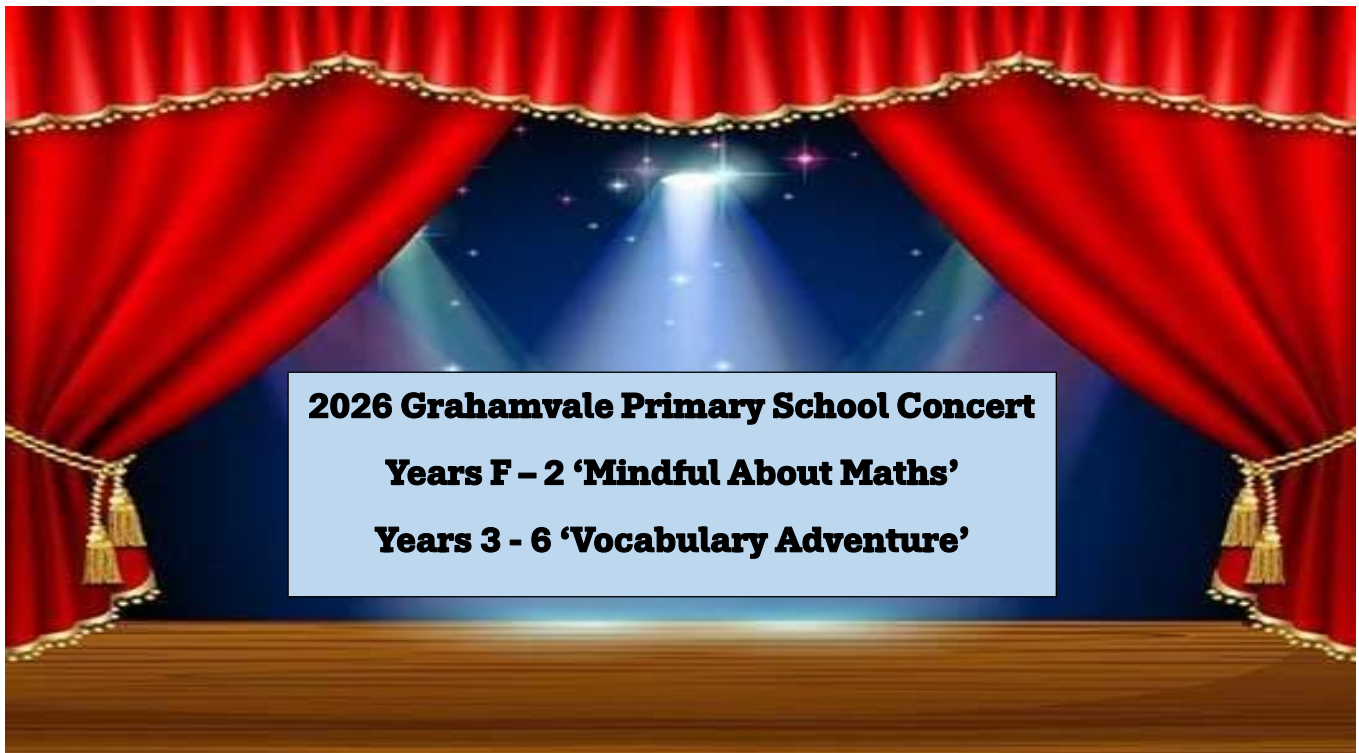
Yesterday was a day of celebration for our Foundation students and staff! It's amazing how quickly the year has past. We are incredibly impressed with the way these students settled into school life so quickly and how far they have progressed with their learning and socialisation with others. Keep up the great work! Special shout out to our parents for the effort they went to with the outfits!



## Tree Planting

Our JSC and Year 6 student leaders were invited to participate in a tree planting session through Greater Shepparton City Council's One Tree per child program yesterday. This took place at Seven's Creek estate and we thank Kylie & Emily for the time they took to educate our students about the local area and the indigenous trees we planted. There was lots of water around due to the recent rain.





**The concert will be held on Thursday 17 September at Riverlinks Eastbank,  
Welsford Street Shepparton.**

Tickets for the school concert will be available to purchase from Riverlinks Box Office, Shepparton at the cost of \$12.00 each, **commencing 31 August 2026.** <https://riverlinksvenues.com.au/whats-on>

**Free Ticket Vouchers** are available from the school commencing **Monday 24 August** for GPS students. Students are to sit with their parent/s or guardian, to watch their sibling/s perform at the concert.

Please follow the steps below to receive a voucher from the school **before** you purchase any tickets at Riverlinks.

- One ‘Free Ticket Voucher’ per GPS student to watch their sibling.
- Student/s must remain with their parent/s or guardian whilst their sibling’s performance is on.
- ‘Free Ticket Vouchers’ are **ONLY** available from the school office **NOT at Riverlinks**.
- If requiring ‘Free Ticket Vouchers’, please come to the school office before going to Riverlinks.
- Bookings for tickets to the performances open on Monday 31 August at 10:00am and available either online or in person at the Riverlinks Box Office, Welsford Street, Shepparton.
- **Please note:** Tickets purchased in conjunction with a ‘Free Ticket Voucher’ **can only be obtained in person at the Riverlinks Box Office NOT online.**



## Values Awards

Congratulations to these students who received a Values Award for the past fortnight!



## Victorian High Ability Program (VHAP) English

Congratulations to Isaac M, Jacob C, Blaise W, Milla C and Emma C for successfully completing VHAP English in Term 2. You should be very proud of your efforts!





Until Friday 28th August, the Junior School Council is running Guess the Bookworms! 🐛 📚

Students can purchase 3 guesses for just \$1 and try to work out how many bookworms are hiding in each of the three different-sized jars.

Each day, JSC representatives will be at the tables near the basketball courts for students to enter their guesses. The student whose guess is closest to the correct number, but not over, will win the jar of bookworms!

Good luck and happy guessing!

### Term 3 Assembly dates

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

### House points

In 4<sup>th</sup> place is **Doyle** House on 330 points.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> place is **McDermott** House with 415 points.

In 2<sup>nd</sup> place is **James** House with 435 points

In 1<sup>st</sup> place is **Hick** House with 455 points.

Congratulations to **Hick** House!



## Dates to Remember

|                  |                      |                                                         |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>August</b>    | Friday 14            | House Athletics Day - McEwen Reserve                    |
|                  | Tuesday 18           | Author incursion                                        |
|                  | Thursday 20          | Legoland - Year 3                                       |
|                  | Thursday 27          | Year 5 Bendigo excursion                                |
|                  | Friday 28            | Book Week Dress Up Day                                  |
| <b>September</b> | Friday 4             | Father's Day Stall                                      |
|                  | Thursday 17          | School Concert - Eastbank                               |
|                  | Friday 18            | Last Day Term 3 - 2:20pm dismissal - Out of Uniform day |
| <b>October</b>   | Monday 5             | First Day Term 4                                        |
|                  | Tuesday 6            | Interschool Aths - Year 6                               |
|                  | Wednesday 7          | Interschool Aths - Year 5                               |
|                  | Thursday 8           | Interschool Aths - Year 4                               |
|                  | Friday 9             | Interschool Aths - Year 3                               |
|                  | Monday 12            | Division Athletics                                      |
|                  | Thursday 15          | Fete! 5pm-8pm @ Congupna Football oval                  |
|                  | Mon 19 Tue 20 Wed 21 | Year 5 Camp – Sovereign Hill Ballarat                   |
|                  | Wed 28 Thu 29 Fri 30 | Year 3 Camp – Camp Kookaburra                           |
| <b>November</b>  | Monday 2             | Pupil Free Day                                          |
|                  | Tuesday 3            | Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup                          |
|                  | Mon 9 Tue 10 Wed 11  | Year 6 Camp - Melbourne                                 |
|                  | Thursday 5           | Year 1 & 2 Late Stay/Sleepover                          |
|                  | Wed 11 Thu 12 Fri 13 | Year 4 Camp - Phillip Island                            |
|                  | Monday 16            | Year 6 Graduation Photo                                 |
|                  | Friday 27            | Colour Run                                              |
| <b>December</b>  | Thursday 3           | 2027 Student Leaders Assembly                           |
|                  | Tuesday 8            | Statewide Transition Day                                |
|                  | Friday 11            | Final Assembly                                          |
|                  |                      | Year 5 Aspirations Day at GSSC                          |
|                  | Tuesday 15           | Year 6 Graduation                                       |
|                  | Friday 18            | Last day Term 4 - 1:20pm dismissal                      |

