GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER



Week Eleven - 3rd July 2025

Hi families,

With Term 2 coming to an end tomorrow, I hope that every family has a safe and relaxing holiday break. Use it as an opportunity to unwind and get out of routine for a short period and rejuvenate the batteries, ready for a fun and exciting Term 3.

Just some of the things we have planned are our House Athletics sports, Book Week, School Concert and Year 4 camp!

Attendance

Well done to the 37 students across the school that attended school each day in Semester One! This is a wonderful achievement, and luck must have been on their side as we have had many students and staff struck down with illness recently. These students enjoyed a pizza lunch with myself & Mrs Mellington yesterday. As I mentioned at assembly when we acknowledged these students, if students are unwell, they must stay at home. Whilst some parents may have the opinion that promoting excellent attendance can have a negative effect on those who have been absent, every public school is required to have processes in place to encourage school attendance as directed by the Department of Education.

In Term Two, 76 students did not miss a day of school! Congratulations to these students too!

Semester One reports

Semester One reports are available to download on Compass. You can find your child's report by clicking on their photo on the Compass dashboard. Then click on the reports tab and then select 2025 Sem 1. Our teachers have put a lot of time and effort into these reports, and it provides parents with an overall snapshot of their child's progress across all subjects.

iPads and children survey

Tomorrow is the last day to click on our survey link below to provide us with some questions or topics that you would like to find out about at a parent info session on the topic of children and iPads. We are planning a parent session for Term 3 if there is enough interest shown.

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Another link below will take you to the eSafety website, which is an Australian Government website that promotes safe online use. It has many tips for parents and informative webinars that you can access. I highly recommend viewing this.

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Tree planting morning – Calder Woodburn Avenue Rest Stop

Last week our sustainability leaders enjoyed a morning of tree planting in association with the Greater Shepparton City Council and the Calder Woodburn Memorial Avenue Advisory Committee. It was lots of fun and our students enjoyed being part of this worthwhile project for our local community.

Mr Simo









Dates to Remember		
July	Friday 4	Last Day Term 2 - 2:20pm dismissal
		Pyjama Day
	Monday 21	First Day Term 3
	Thursday 31	Recycled Materials - STEM Incursion
August	Wednesday 6	Pupil Free Day
	Tuesday 12	House Lunch
	Wednesday 13	Foundation 100 days of school
	Thursday 14	Bendigo Gold Mine excursion - Year 5
	Tuesday 19	Book Week Dress Up!!
	Friday 22	House Athletics Day - McEwen Reserve
	Mon 25 Wed 27 Thu 28	Student Led Conferences
September	Thursday 4	Year 3 Legoland excursion
	Wed 10 Thu 11 Fri 12	Year 4 Camp - Camp Phillip Island
	Thursday 18	School Concert - Eastbank
	Friday 19	Last Day Term 3 - 2:20pm dismissal
October	Monday 6	First Day Term 4
	Tuesday 7	Interschool Aths - Year 6
	Wednesday 8	Interschool Aths - Year 5
	Thursday 9	Interschool Aths - Year 4
	Friday 10	Interschool Aths - Year 3
	Monday 13	Division Athletics
	Tuesday 14	Brave hearts - Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2
	Wed 15 Thu 16 Fri 17	Year 3 Camp - Camp Kookaburra
	Mon 20 Tue 21 Wed 22	Year 5 Camp - Sovereign Hill Ballarat
November	Monday 3	Pupil Free Day
	Tuesday 4	Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup
	Thursday 6	House Lunch
	Mon 10 Tue 11 Wed 12	Year 6 Camp - Melbourne
	Thursday 13	Year 1 Late Stay
		Year 2 Sleepover
December	Thursday 4	2026 Student Leaders Assembly
	Friday 12	Final Assembly
	Monday 15	Year 6 Graduation - GV Hotel
	Friday 19	Last day Term 4 - 1:20pm dismissal

Students of the week

Congratulations to last week's students of the week. Fantastic way to finish term 2!



Terrific Kid Award

Congratulations to Luna (Foundation), Aris (Year 1), Menudi (Year 3) and Rosie (Year 6) for receiving the Term 2 Kiwanis TERRIFIC kid award.



ICAS Testing

If your child would like to participate in ICAS assessments parents are to sign and make payments directly with ICAS for the tests, this is different to past years.

They will need to use the school access code: FZU834.

If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Watts through the school.

ENTRIES WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY 28TH JULY- THERE WILL BE NO LATE **ENTRIES**

ICAS Our school has signed up for **ICAS 2025.** Register your child today SYDNEY

Bottle cap lids

Family Care's Eco Mural is coming along beautifully, thanks to the generous donation of bottle lids from the community. A special thank you goes to Grahamvale Primary School for being one of the top collectors! Family Care is still welcoming donations over the holiday period, as there are four panels left to complete. The official launch of the program is still in the planning stages, so there's plenty of time to get collecting!

Below are some images showcasing the amazing progress made so far on the mural.

A Kingfisher

These first two panels come together to form the image of a kingfisher - although it can be tricky to see when the panel is lying flat on the table :-) Take a step back, and the image comes to life! Alternatively we took a photo to show you what it is going to look like when we put the two panels together.







Panel # 3 is a pink protea!

The protea, known for symbolising transformation and courage, is the perfect flower to represent the spirit of our group and the power of turning something ordinary - like bottle tops - into something beautiful and meaningful.







Term 3 Best Start Dates

Best Start dates for Term 3 for 2026 foundation students- new and existing families welcome!

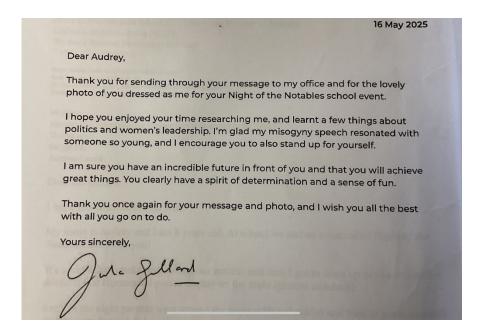


School Reporters

Dear Parents/ Guardians and students,

We have had some amazing accomplishments this term completed by some students. Later in this newsletter they will tell you how they went.

Audrey: "My auntie told us she knew someone who had Julia Gillard's email. I can't remember exactly what she wrote. It was really exciting!



Dance Aerobics achievements:

Melah:" On the weekend we had a dance aerobics competition we started the day at 6:45am in our coaches hotel room to get hair and makeup done. We had to be there by 7:36am, we waited in the green room then we went into the training room to get warmed up we were in stage 1 mini teen. When I went on stage it was nerve wracking at first but when we hit our starting position it was time to shine. We came 3rd in our stage and made it to Nationals up in the Gold Coast. We're going to it in 2 months."

Elisa: "Before we went backstage, I was feeling stressed and I used Melah's shoulders as a stress reliever and then we went on stage and started our dance. I felt like we did great. We are going to Queensland for Nationals. Before we figured out we were going to Nationals Melah was stressing about if we were going to or not."

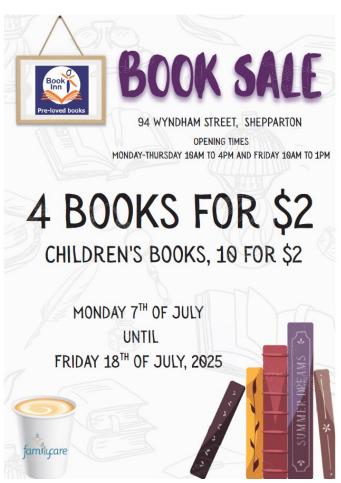
Freya: "The colour of my leotard was pink and white, and it had gems on it and we're going to Queensland in 2 months, and my group got second."

Our school is very proud of student's achievements and we hope to see more success from other students around the school. If you have accomplished something that you think is worth sharing with the school, tell Mr Simo or Mrs Mellington.

Sincerely,

Remi and Indiana

The School Reporters





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