

GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER

Week Five – 22nd May 2025



Hi families,

Celebrating Education Week at GPS!

Yesterday we welcomed many parents, grandparents and special people into our classrooms to celebrate Education Week. Thank you to those who were able to make it. Our junior students enjoyed creating an arts and craft activity, whilst our Year 3-6 students completed an iPad activity, using the camera and Google Slides. The aim of both activities was to promote celebrating everyone's culture and that we are a community at GPS, which is what this year's theme was all about. Our students and teachers enjoyed being able to show off their skills and classrooms to their loved ones.

Education Support Appreciation Day!

Friday 16th May was ES Appreciation Day. We held our celebrations over until yesterday, putting on a lovely morning tea for our valued colleagues. Our ES staff do a variety of roles across the school including, managing our financials, administering first aid, booking excursions, ordering of resources, ensuring our school is a physically safe place, creating displays around the school and many other things. One of the main things our ES staff do is provide so much support to our students, staff and families. Schools could not operate with ES staff and although we have a relatively small number, they always go above and beyond. So, THANK YOU!!!!

Weekend sport

Thanks to our Grahamvale Sports Club committee, coaches and team managers that have put in a lot of work behind the scenes to ensure a smooth start to the soccer and netball seasons. I know many of our staff have been going along to watch some students play, which is wonderful of them. As parents, please remind your children that sport at this level is about having fun, and losing is part of life. We ask all adults to be supportive of the coach and umpires' decisions as we role model for our young ones with our voices and actions.

Fun Run Prizes

Thanks to Rebel Sport Shepparton for their support with year's fun run. Prizes will be collected this week by our Parents Club and will be distributed ASAP to students. A Compass notification will be sent out when this has occurred.



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Student enrolment forms

Our admin team would appreciate if all families could check over these forms that were emailed out, so we have up to date information about our students. If you have any questions, please call the team on 58214 219 or reply to the email.

Year 2 Melbourne Zoo trip

Tomorrow our Year 2 students head off at 8am sharp. Students need to be at school by 7:45am. Please ensure they have a drink bottle and enough food to last them the day.

Mr Simo

Foundation excursion – Kyabram Fauna Park



Dates to Remember

May	Friday 23	Year 2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
	Monday 26	House Lunch
	Wednesday 28	Alpha Show- Years Foundation, 1 and 2
	Friday 30	Cuppa and chat with Mr Simo
June	Wednesday 4	Junk Yard Beats- Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
	Thursday 5	Night of the Notables- Year 3
	Monday 9	Public Holiday- King's Birthday
	Friday 13	Region Cross Country
July	Friday 4	Last Day Term 2 – 2:20pm dismissal
	Monday 21	First Day Term 3
August	Wednesday 6	Pupil Free Day
	Thursday 14	Bendigo Gold Mine excursion- Year 5
	Friday 22	House Athletics Day- McEwen Reserve
September	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
	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	Friday 12	Final Assembly
	Monday 15	Year 6 Graduation
	Friday 19	Last day Term 4 – 1:20pm dismissal

Please look over calender! Some dates have been changed & added!

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!



House Lunch

There will be a house lunch next Monday. Please come in your house colour t-shirts and bring a rubbish free lunch!



Rice drive

GPS has signed up to participate in The Great Rice Drive. This is run by Shepparton FoodShare. The rice drive aims to collect enough rice to provide 25,000 meals to people in need. Rice is an important food that provides nutrition in meals. FoodShare struggles to source rice, and they need our help to reach their target. A 1kg bag of rice, that costs under \$2, will provide 8 meals. Families can donate bags of rice to The Great Rice Drive by dropping off bags of rice at our school office anytime during May. The more bags of rice our school donates, the closer Foodshare will be to reaching the goal of 25,000 meals.

Only 9 days left to bring in a bag of rice to contribute to Foodshare!



Grandparents day

Yesterday we welcomed many parents, grandparents and special people into our classrooms to celebrate Education Week where students were able to showcase their activity.



School Reporters

Dear Parents/ Guardians and Students,

During the previous fortnight our whole school had the chance to experience swimming which took place at Aquamoves by the lake. Seven students have been interviewed and here is what they have said:



Foundation: Axl Papoulis

"I was under the water so were my arms but my legs were poking out of the water. We made a train with pool noodles and we played with sinkies."

Year 1: Eden Bradshaw

"It was really fun. I loved jumping into the water in weird ways. It was fun at the end when we played What's the time Mr Wolf in the pool. I liked swimming with my friends. My swimming teacher was very funny.

Year 2: Paxton Taylor

"It was fun when we used the life jackets, I also liked swimming with my friends and we did handstands underwater. We learned how to save people with a rope.

Year 3: James Wilkins

"We learned how to rescue someone. I also liked doing backstroke. We did some jumps in the pool, we did pin drop and cannonball.

Year 4: April Gillespie

"Backstroke and freestyle were fun. On the last day we played volleyball.

Year 5: Evie Corish

"I enjoyed backstroke and freestyle. I liked the CPR thing and jumping in the pool in my clothes. I also liked going on the bus. I liked the drill when we threw the boards into the water to save people from drowning.

Year 6: Elise Sung

"I liked doing all the different strokes and swimming for 3 minutes straight. I enjoyed swimming in my clothes too.

We all had a fabulous time swimming and everyone enjoyed it very much. We would like to thank Mr Simo and the Staff taking us to the pool and letting us have fun.

Sincerely,

Remi Bradshaw and Indiana Mehmet

The School Reporters

AFL GOULBURN MURRAY UNDER 14 JUNIOR GIRLS



Register now!

Registration cost: \$50

Age: 11 - 14 years

Team Grading: Friday 16th May (Kialla Reserve)

Time: 5pm - 6:15pm

SEASON START DATE: Friday 30th May 2025

Location: Echuca/Moama & Shepparton

(Fixture coming soon)

Please contact sammy.heron@aflgm.com.au for any further queries



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've had a fantastic couple of weeks at our after school care program, filled with creativity, exploration, and lots of fun! A big highlight was our recent pupil free day, where the children enjoyed a full day of painting and baking. Over the last two weeks, we've introduced more hands-on activities, with the children particularly enjoying experimenting with different slime recipes. From gooey marshmallow slime to stretchy fibre slime, they've had a blast testing and comparing the textures and methods — science and play combined!

Looking ahead, we're excited to be celebrating Reconciliation Week next week. We'll be exploring this year's theme- Bridging Now to Next - and engaging in activities that help us learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories. It's an important time for reflection, learning, and connection, and we look forward to sharing this experience together with the children.

