

# GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER



Week Seven- 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Hi families,

With winter sport in full swing, it's been great to see so many students active at after school trainings and on Saturdays. Last week I managed to watch a few of our netballers in action at the courts while supporting my own daughter and her team. All the teams were showing great sportsmanship and endeavour to do their best as well as listening closely to the guidance of our coaches.

Our Foundation teachers have been well supported by a group of parents who have been assisting students in learning their letter sounds and practising high frequency words. It is wonderful to walk through the main building and see this taking place. Any help that parents can provide to the classroom teacher will benefit our students. It is a sign that our home/school partnership is as strong as ever. I encourage any parent to contact their child's teacher/s to offer any time you may have.

## Years 3-6 camps

Over the coming fortnight, families will be receiving expression of interest forms about our upcoming camps:

Year 3 Camp Kookaburra

Year 4 Phillip Island

Year 5 Sovereign Hill

Year 6 Melbourne Urban camp

The cost for each camp will have an estimate cost. Once we receive all forms back, we will be able to confirm the cost per student. Please return these ASAP. A reminder that the School Saving Bonus (SSB) money can be used to pay for camps. Also please note that if you have children in both F-2 and 3-6, you can use your F-2 child's SSB on their sibling's camp. If you would like to go on a payment plan, please contact Michelle Ball when the consent and cost appears on Compass. You will receive a notification when this occurs.

Thank you to our teachers who put a lot of time and effort into the planning of such experiences for our students.

## The Alpha Show

Our F-Yr 2 students enjoyed a visit from the Alpha Show last week which took place in our library. Through the power of storytelling, music, and performance, they aim to instil valuable life lessons and foster emotional growth in their young audiences. Our students absolutely loved being audience members and it felt like they are at a proper theatre show. Thanks to Mrs Voumard for organising.



## The Great Rice Drive

As a community we should be extremely proud of the generosity towards Shepparton Foodshare's Rice Drive for the month of May. Our school donated a total of 230kgs of rice!!! We had over 40kgs of rice come into the office on the final day of the drive.

We definitely did our bit to help Shepparton Foodshare reach their goal of providing 25,000 rice-based meals to local people that need it most.



## Congratulations Ruby!

Ruby Amadei in Year 5 now holds the title of 'State Champion!!' Ruby recently competed in the State Cheerleading Championships at Doncaster Secondary College. Ruby won a gold medal in the cheerleading category and came 4<sup>th</sup> in the aerobics category. Ruby also competed in the team categories over the weekend just past and she had more success! Her cheerleading team with 9 others, won the gold medal and her trio in the aerobics category came 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ruby will now travel to Hobart in August to compete in the National Cheerleading Championships across these events! Go Ruby!!



## **Congratulations Alyvia & Scarlett!**

In addition to the exciting news above about Ruby, congratulations are also in order for Alyvia Brophy and Scarlett Pearce, both in Year 3, for being crowned State Champions in the teams Cheerleading event! These girls teamed up with Ruby and seven other children to take home the gold medal! All three girls, Ruby, Alyvia and Scarlett will be part of the team travelling to Hobart in August to compete in the National Cheerleading Championships! Go Alyvia, Scarlett, Ruby and the rest of their team!!



## **School Sports Victoria News**

Congratulations to Jesse Kirkman in Year 6 for making it through to Stage 3 of the School Sports Victoria soccer trials. This has involved Jesse travelling to Melbourne for training sessions and he is there again today, to test out his skills in the hope of making it through to the final team selection. Well done to Jesse on making it this far and we look forward to hearing how he progresses.

## **Label your uniforms!**

A reminder to parents.

Please label you child/rens uniform and articles sent to school e.g. Lunch box, hat.

Items found unnamed are placed in 'Lost Property'.

From time to time there are quite a few items which are not claimed, therefore they are placed in the 'Second Hand Uniform' store. They then become available for anyone to purchase.





## Dates to Remember

<b>June</b>	Thursday 5	Night of the Notables- Year 3 at 6pm
	Monday 9	Public Holiday- King's Birthday
	Friday 13	Region Cross Country
	Wednesday 18	Year 6 Excursion
	Thursday 19	Year 6 Excursion
<b>July</b>	Friday 4	Last Day Term 2 – 2:20pm dismissal
	Monday 21	First Day Term 3
<b>August</b>	Wednesday 6	Pupil Free Day
	Thursday 14	Bendigo Gold Mine excursion- Year 5
	Friday 22	House Athletics Day- McEwen Reserve
<b>September</b>	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
<b>October</b>	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
<b>November</b>	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
<b>December</b>	Friday 12	Final Assembly
	Friday 19	Last day Term 4 – 1:20pm dismissal

## 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 term!



## Online Sounds write course and Phonics tips

At our school, we recognise the importance of Home Learning as supported by the Department of Education and Training (DET). Home Learning provides a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to actively engage in their child's education. A strong partnership between home and school has been shown to significantly enhance student academic achievement. Home Learning reinforces what is taught in the classroom, helps foster positive lifelong learning and study habits, and supports the development of important self-regulation skills such as goal setting, time management, self-reflection, and self-confidence. By connecting families with their child's learning journey, we aim to build strong, supportive relationships that benefit every student.

Free Parent and Carers Sounds-write course: <https://sounds-write.co.uk/support-for-parents-and-carers/>

Phonics teaching tips: <https://www.decodablereadersaustralia.com.au/pages/sor-learning-lounge-series-2>

## School Reporters

Dear Parents/ Carers,

On the 23rd of May our year 2 students woke up bright and early and arrived at school and boarded the bus to get to the Melbourne Zoo. They had a wonderful time exploring animals and their enclosures. Here are a few students that have been interviewed about their time at the zoo:

Oliver: "I learnt that some animals hibernate like bunnies when it gets too cold. My favourite animal was the tiger because it was hiding in a log."

Joe: "I learnt that some animals are deadly like the tigers and the lions and that a giraffe has the same amount of bones in their neck as humans. My favourite animal was the python because he had a big mouth."

Shabi: "I learnt that koalas live in gum trees. My favourite animal was the python because it was long and it was really powerful."

Megi: "I learnt at the zoo that the seal liked to eat fish and do tricks in the water. My favourite animal was the red panda because they were cute and I liked watching them climb up the tree."

Leila: "I learnt that red pandas can climb trees. My favourite animal was the cassowary because they had such big feet and they were funny."

Bella: "I learnt that birds need lots of space to live. My favourite animal was the wombat because it was very furry and cute."

We would like to thank the parents or guardians that tagged along and helped our students learn about animals that were at the Melbourne Zoo.



During the previous week our Foundation to Year 2 students experienced a Alpha Show Production based on the story of King Arthur, in the library at school on 28th May. Everyone had a really good time but here a few interviewed students who what a fun time they had.

Foundation:

Steele: "They fought with real swords. My favourite character was the person with the white shirt."

Luna: "There was sword fighting with swords, I didn't know if they were real."



Year 1:

Remi: "I was dancing on the show with the lady of the lake. I also saw a fish on the side dancing with us. And Sebastian got to put the sword in the rock."

Jack: "So there was a funny goblin and he was counting the evil witch's farts like 1 stinky dinky, 2 stinky dinky, 3 stinky dinky and he was really funny. My favourite characters were the goblin, Murky and the dark knight."

Year 2:

Arlo: "I liked when they were sword fighting. My favourite character was Lancelot. There was someone called Banshee who worked for the evil queen, Morgana. Lancelot wanted to be king so he turned to the dark side with Morgana."

Eden: "My favourite character was the lady of the lake and there was a goblin called Murkey. I also liked the evil witch named Morgana."

It was a super experience, and it was exciting to watch a show from the comfort of our own school.



Sincerely,

Remi and Indiana

The School Reporters

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!

Another fun filled fortnight has flown by! As the weather has cooled down, we've seen a lot more time inside to do some relaxing and imaginative crafts including weaving, drawing, and creature building.

Last week was Reconciliation Week and we had some great discussions about Sorry Day and Indigenous cultures – some highlights being learning about the Wurrundjeri seasons and Yorta Yorta totem – the long necked turtle.

Next Friday we are having our Glowtopia party featuring some fun party games, foods and lots of glow sticks! We hope to see all of you there.

Have a great week and remember to stay warm!

