

# GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER



**Week Three – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

Hi families and welcome back for a busy Term 3!

This term we have Year 4 Phillip Island camp, House Athletics Day, Year 5 Bendigo excursion, Year 3 Legoland excursion, Book Week dress up Day, Student Led conferences, Father's Day stall, and of course our annual school concert at Eastbank!!!

Please keep an eye on Compass notifications coming through and provide consent and payment where necessary. It can be frustrating for our admin team to make phone calls to ensure your children do not miss out on these wonderful experiences.

## **Zones of Regulation**

Our students explained at assembly on Friday that all classes are learning about the Zones of Regulation every week. Our staff completed professional learning on this wellbeing program in Term One and are now delivering their learnings to our students. So far concepts 1 & 2 have been discussed and students have learnt about regulation and the four colours of the zones. Even as adults, it is important to understand how we are feeling throughout different parts of our day and the effects things have on us mentally and physically.

I hope you have taken the opportunity to discuss the bridging activities that were sent home. These will continue to come home and is a great way to strengthen the home/school partnership.

## **School Values Launch!**

Our staff, students and parent community have all contributed to our new school values which will be launched on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August. Be sure to be at our assembly that afternoon to hear about them! Our Wellbeing team have been busy planning activities and gathering resources to ensure our students have a strong understanding of the values as they will underpin everything we do at GPS and will be strongly linked to our work with School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS).

## **Trivia Night – Save the date!**

Our Parents Club have organised a trivia night for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October at Congupna Hall. Please pop this onto your calendars as it will be a fun night. We had our last trivia night in 2023, and we are looking forward to raising money to go towards the purchase of new laptops for students to learn with in the STEM lab.

## **Annual Report**

Each year we complete an Annual Report for the previous school year. The 2024 report is available to view on our website or at this link: [GPS 2024 Annual Report.pdf](#)

## Regional Soccer Championships

Our Year 6 boys soccer team headed to Wangaratta South Soccer Club yesterday as they competed against schools from Wodonga and Yarrawonga. Our boys won their first game 4-1 against Yarrawonga, but then unfortunately lost 2-1 in the final against Wodonga. It was a great team effort from the boys!

Big thank you to the parents who transported their child and transported other students to save the cost of a bus. Thank you also to Mr Minutoli for coaching the team and Nicole Healey for her support of the boys.

Mr Simo







GRAHAMVALE PARENTS  
CLUB PRESENTS



# TRIVIA NIGHT

**BRAINS AT THE READY**  
**FRIDAY OCTOBER 24**

**CONGUPNA COMMUNITY HALL**

**MORE INFO TO COME!**

## Dates to Remember

<b>August</b>	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
	Wednesday 27	Student Led Conferences (3:15pm - 6:30pm)
	Thursday 28	Student Led Conferences (8:45am - 1:30pm)
		Pupil Free Day
	Friday 29	School Values Launch
<b>September</b>	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
<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
	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
<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>	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

### HOUSE LUNCH

Next Tuesday 12th August we will be having a house lunch.

Please come dressed in your house colour t-shirts and bring a rubbish free lunch!





## Students of the week

Congratulations to last week's students of the week. Great way to begin Term 3!



## Victorian High Ability Program

Congratulations to the students who completed in the Victorian high abilities program. These students were awarded certificates last week at assembly



## House Athletics Day 2025

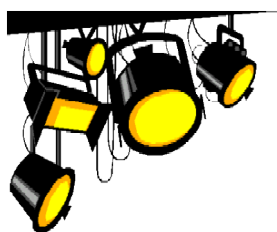
Parent helpers needed!

Grahamvale is hosting its House Athletics Sports on Friday 22nd August at the Shepparton Athletics track.

Each year we require the support of parents to help us make the day a success. We are looking for volunteers to assist with taking a year level of students to each event from 9am until approximately 1pm.

All volunteers will require a valid Working with Children Check.

Please let the office know if you are available to help out for the day.



## Grahamvale Primary School Concert

**Years F – 2 'Double Act with a Big Impact'**

**Years 3 - 6 'Better Together, Waste Less'**

Tickets for the school concert will be available to purchase from Riverlinks Box Office, Shepparton at the cost of \$12.00 each, **commencing 1 September 2025**,

**Free Ticket Vouchers** are available from the school commencing **Monday 18 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 1 September 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.





## 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,

This term we are fully packed with excitement such as...

- The Year 5 excursions to Bendigo
- 100 days of school for foundation
- Book Week
- House Athletics
- Student Led Conferences
- Year 3 Legoland excursion
- Year 4 Camp
- The Concert



During the previous week we were to have a stem incursion about recycled plastic. Here are some students' experiences.

**Foundation Xavier:** "We made recycled plastic out of cool machines. I got a cool blue keychain."

**Year 1 Chloe:** "We made pens out of recycled plastic. We made pots too. I got a blue keychain."

**Year 2 Brighton:** "I got to make an orange pot. I was one of the last volunteers and some people got to make stuff but not everybody did. We learned about different bottle caps and he had a shredder where you shred plastic and put it into a melter."

**Year 3 Hunter:** "We made plastic pens and pots. We also made a keychain. I had a blue and white one."

**Year 4 Jacob:** "He introduced himself and he said he had been in the plastic industry for a long time. He got some volunteers to try it out and show everyone. After everything was shown we experimented ourselves."

**Year 5 Ruby:** "So the guy was explaining how plastic is good for but is also ruining the to. We had to put gloves and goggles and then we put shredded plastic into a machine that melted the plastic and someone had to turn the green which was the most important job. And we had to stick a ruler in there and mash the plastic lids. And then we gave them to our teachers."

**Year 6 Fatimah:** "It was fun, the man was sagacious and he made the process of REUSE RECYCLE REDUCE understandable and enjoyable. Most importantly, the machines were cool and the whole incursion experience was stupendous."

It was very fun and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it

Sincerely,

The School Reporters

Remi and Indiana







# Homework Club

The Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project and Goulburn Valley Libraries have partnered to deliver a free Homework Club at the Shepparton Library for Grade 5 and 6 students.

**Location:** 41-42 Marungi Street, Shepparton

**Time:** Wednesdays | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

If your child needs a safe and supportive space after school and would benefit from help with reading or homework, come along to our Homework Club! Our friendly volunteers are on hand to assist with schoolwork in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

- Fresh fruit provided for students
- Tea and coffee available for parents, we encourage you to stay and connect.

To register a student or to express interest in volunteering, please contact the Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project:

**Belinda Senini, Primary Projects Coordinator**

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Ready to try something new?

# Join Scouts

**1st North Shepparton Scout Group is welcoming new members to unlock adventure and start their Scouting journey!**

Our Section meeting nights are  
 Joeys | ages 5-8 | Wednesday 5:15pm - 6:30pm  
 Cubs | ages 8-11 | Wednesday 5:15pm - 6:30pm  
 Scouts | ages 11-14 | Wednesday 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
 Venturers | ages 14-18 | Thursday 7pm - 9pm

We meet at 90 Packham Street, Shepparton

For more information or to join, scan the QR code  
[gl.1stnorthshepparton@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:gl.1stnorthshepparton@scoutsvictoria.com.au)



**1st North Shepparton Scout Group**



**1800 SCOUTS**  
[scoutsvictoria.com.au](http://scoutsvictoria.com.au)

Looking to declutter your house and contribute to the community?

## Best Start's Annual Book Drive


is on throughout August 2025

If you have good quality second-hand children's


- board books
- picture books

you would like to donate for use in our programs, please drop off to the Council Offices from 11 - 22 August

or contact Belinda Schmedje:  
[belinda.schmedje@shepparton.vic.gov.au](mailto:belinda.schmedje@shepparton.vic.gov.au)




**Best Start**



**GREATER SHEPPARTON**

# Helping deep thinkers to thrive



A growing number of Greater Shepparton Secondary College students are delving deeper into their studies as they progress through their junior secondary schooling.

GSSC's High Ability Program, offered in Years 7, 8 and 9, groups like-minded students willing and able to benefit from a more challenging learning environment.

The classes are led by teaching staff professionally trained in lifting students to higher levels of critical thinking and collaboration.


The High Ability Program has grown to 75 students, with enrolment based on application and assessment. Expressions of interest for 2026 are open until August 15 – call GSSC on 58912000 or visit [www.gssc.vic.edu.au](http://www.gssc.vic.edu.au) for more information.

"Students learn valuable skills when challenged with a curriculum developed for those achieving above their year level," GSSC Assistant Principal Stacie Lundberg said.

"It really sets students up for the rigors of senior studies and beyond."

The program is one of a vast range of learning pathways offered at GSSC – providing every student with unprecedented skills and study options.

Scan to hear from High Abilities students Jedidiah and Vincent!



**SHEPPARTON**  
**EDUCATION PLAN**

**The Shepparton Education Plan**  
 Improving education outcomes & life opportunities from early years to adulthood  
[www.vic.gov.au/education-plans](http://www.vic.gov.au/education-plans)



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 great start back for term 3! It's been lovely seeing the weather slowly warm up and we've had a lot of fun getting active out in the sun. We have also flexed our creative muscles with lots of arts and crafts – loom bands and bracelet weaving being our current obsession!

Next week we are excited to dive into science week with lots of experiments and exploration including volcanoes, growing rainbows and making balloon rockets. We hope to see you all then.

Have a great rest of your week.

