# GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER



Week Two - 16th October 2025

Welcome back to Term 4 families.

It's been a busy fortnight with interschool athletics for our Year 3-6 students, excursion to Polly Woodside for Year 4s yesterday and our Year 3s are currently making memories at Camp Kookaburra!

#### Your child's classroom for 2026 - What you need to know

Planning for the future is essential, and we are already preparing for the 2026. We are currently working on creating class structures that will foster a positive and engaging learning environment for your children. The class structures for 2026 will be confirmed in the next couple of weeks and shared with our community.

#### Parent Requests in writing to Mr. Simo

At this stage we have not selected the year levels or subject areas our teachers will teach in 2026. Leadership must consider a range of factors, including teacher experience, expertise, and their preferences, before finalising grade allocations.

As a school, our aim in every classroom is to have:

- A balance of academic levels (students at, above, and below the expected level)
- A balanced social & behavioural mix (students who will work well together with minimal disruption to teaching and learning time).

Our current classroom teachers, specialist teachers, leadership team and support staff are the best placed professionals to provide information on academic ability, behavioural and social considerations and other relevant insights gathered throughout the year.

In our ongoing commitment to serving the best interests of all our students, each child will have the opportunity to submit the names of 5 friends in writing to their teacher. We also provide a platform for parents to voice their concerns, suggestions, or any relevant information about their child in writing to Mr. Simo. **This is NOT a platform for parents to be able to pick teachers for their child**, but the more information we have helps us to create safe and inclusive classes. As you can understand, placing 350 students into classes is a massive task that all our staff have input into and takes many hours to complete. Any requests will be considered but not guaranteed. These need to be in writing to Mr Simo at

<u>grahamvale.ps@education.vic.gov.au</u> by <u>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.</u> Requests received after this date will not be considered. Each year brings successes and challenges for all students. If you have submitted a request in previous years and wish for this to be considered again, please email your request again.

Once grades are finalised, there will be no negotiation or changes, unless there has been an administrative error in the process. Changing classes after allocation is extremely difficult, as moving one student often impacts multiple other students. While we understand every request is important to parents, accommodating one may unintentionally disadvantage another student. We appreciate your trust in our professionalism in making these complex decisions for the benefit of all students.

#### Trivia Night

Big News!!! Our Trivia Night is now being held at school in our school library!!!

Same date, same time, same amount of great fun & laughs, just at school now.

Please jump on the links, purchase a ticket to the event, or purchase raffle tickets or bid in the silent auction and support your children's learning programs.

#### Tickets can be purchased on the below link:

https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1459928

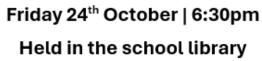
#### Bids can be placed on silent auction items via this link:

32auctions.com/gpstrivianight





### **TRIVIA NIGHT**







Purchase here: trybooking.com/DFBRC

Drinks available to purchase – BYO food, OR pre-order a grazing box from Plateau by Jess (https://www.facebook.com/plateau.jess) – all profits donated to our school

#### Silent Auction!

Item bidding opens now and closes 9:30pm on Trivia Night (24th October). Check out the amazing prizes and place your bids!







#### Raffle on the night!

Great Prizes to be won! Raffle tickets are attached to this letter, or you can purchase extra tickets online via the link <a href="trybooking.com/DFBRC">trybooking.com/DFBRC</a>

#### RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE:

- · \$250 Bob Jane T-Marts Voucher
- \$100 Lunchbox Mini Voucher
- Fernwood 3-Month Unlimited Reformer Pilates Membership
  - 2 x Adult passes to Melbourne Museum
    - 2x \$100 Crocs Playcentre Voucher
- Memory Foam Mattress Topper & Quilt Shepparton OMF
  - · Designer Sunglasses Graham Hill Eye Care
    - Purdeys Jewellery



#### **GMCU Play Program**

Taekwondo with Sammy Rachele began on Monday as the next sport to feature in our Play Program, which is kindy sponsored by GMCU. The students were on the move for the full 40mins of lunch and there was a lot of noise coming from the library. Sammy taught the students a range of kicks and punches and spoke clearly to the group about showing respect (one of our school values). Everyone had heaps of fun while learning the techniques and Zoe broke a piece of wood with one of her kicks!!

There are a still a few places available if your child is interested. **Please email the Sports Club to register:** 

grahamvalesportsclub1@gmail.com













Page | 3

#### **Division Athletics results**

We had 22 students in Year 4-6 represent our school on Monday at the Division Athletics. 12 of these students have progressed to the Regional Athletics in Albury tomorrow.

Congratulations to the following students who represented Grahamvale on Monday

Zara, Mackenzie, Hunter, Maddy, Daniel, Harper, Brady, Cooper, Jake, Maya, Violet, Sophie, Milan, Kamsi, April, Maryam, Porsha, Zara, Louisa, Olly, Jacob and Lucas.

The following students will be representing Grahamvale in Albury tomorrow:

Zara- 800m and 200m

Mackenzie- 1500m

**Hunter- Shot Put** 

Maddy- Triple Jump

Harper- High Jump

Cooper- 100m

Sophie- Discus

Kamsi- Hurdles and Triple Jump

April- Relay

Maryam- Relay

Porsha- Relay

Louisa- Relay

Have fun and good luck!







#### **Tennis Tournament Success!**

Congratulations to Max Cooper and Jett Dixon in Year 6 for coming away with the tournament win recently at the Mooroopna Lawn Tennis Club

Max & Jett teamed up in the doubles and Jett also won the singles comp! Keep up the great work boys!

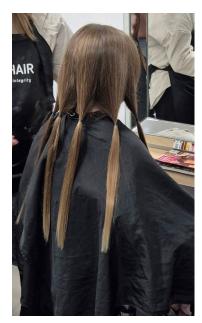




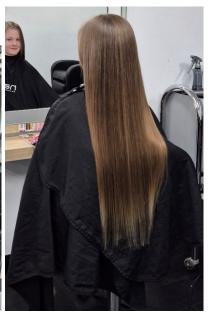
#### **Emily-Wigs4Kids**

Emily in Year 2 Marcetic recently cut her hair for Wigs4Kids. Wigs4Kids is a program that provides children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment with a bespoke wig, completely free of charge. It's about helping kids feel more confident and comfortable during a tough time. All thanks to amazing people like Em! As well as donating her hair to Wids4Kids, Emily is also fundraising for the Kids with Cancer Foundation which you can find in the link below. Amazing stuff Emily!!

#### https://fundraise.kidswithcancer.org.au/s/8427/8849







Dates to Remember		
October	Mon 20 Tue 21 Wed 22	Year 5 Camp - Sovereign Hill Ballarat
	Tuesday 21	Year 1 Excursion
	Friday 24	Trivia Night @ 6:30pm
November	Monday 3	Pupil Free Day
	Tuesday 4	Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup
	Wednesday 5	Year 5 Leadership Day
	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
	Tuesday 9	Statewide Transition
	Friday 12	Final Assembly
	Monday 15	Year 6 Graduation - GV Hotel
	Friday 19	Last day Term 4 - 1:20pm dismissal

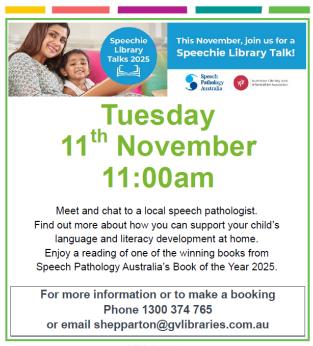
#### Students of the week

Congratulations to last week's students of the week.



# **Shepparton Library Speechie Library Talk**







shepparton **library**  I II I I / / / Libraries Change Lives

41-43 Marungi St, Shepparton Tel: 1300 374 765

## **CRICKET BLAST IS BACK AT KARRA**





Cricket Blast is a fun and active program for kids of all abilities - see them thrive as they learn skills and build friendships.

Cost is \$76 for 8 sessions (includes a participant pack).

With teams in every age group, Karramomus Cricket Club provides welcoming and inclusive pathways to play cricket in future years



Scan the QR Code to REGISTER or go to the website www.play.cricket.com.au/play/woolworths-cricket-blast click 'find your local centre' and search 'Karramomus'



For More Information contact

Luke Sibley 0417 531 930

