

# GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER



**Week Four – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Hi families,

Thank you to everyone who strongly supported our Trivia Night last weekend! It was a fun environment to be part of, with lots of highlights and laughter. We appreciate those in our community who purchased raffle tickets or placed a bid in our silent auction. We feel extremely lucky to have a very supportive wider community who get behind our fundraising initiatives. A list of raffle and silent auction winners, and businesses who supported us are detailed later in this newsletter. If you would like to donate towards the purchase costs of a class set of laptops for the STEM lab, donations can be made in person at our front office via card or cash, or by emailing our business manager Michelle Ball at [michelle.ball@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:michelle.ball@education.vic.gov.au).

## **Class structures for 2026**

Every year possible class structures are discussed with our teaching staff through a consultative process. When making decisions on structures, some of the things we consider are:

- Number of students in each year level
- Number of students with additional needs across the school
- Funding available to our school for staffing from the Department of Education

From these discussions, the following class structures will be in place for 2026:

3 x Foundation

2 x Year 1

2 x Year 2

2 x Year 3

3 x Year 4

3 x 5/6

We will continue to provide one hour sessions of specialist subjects in Performing Arts, Physical Education, STEM and Visual Art. Staffing arrangements will be shared when finalised.

## **Transition to 2026 classes**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December is statewide transition day. We have our 2026 Foundation students attending school 9am-1pm, which will be an exciting day for them. They will also meet their Year 6 buddy. Our current Year 6 students will spend the day at their secondary school. All other current students in Foundation to Year 5 will spend the entire day with their 2026 classroom teacher and group of future classmates. The aim of this transition day is to begin building relationships within the room and for students to be aware of who their new teacher will be. We have some staff joining us from other schools in 2026 and they will be at GPS for this day in the classrooms. Your child will find out their 2026 classroom teacher prior to this day in writing.

## **End of year activities**

Teachers in each year are currently planning end of year activities that will take place between 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> December. Some of these activities may take place out of school and some will happen on school grounds. Over the next couple of weeks, you will receive Compass notifications for consent & payment. Please monitor Compass, to alleviate our admin staff contacting you personally.



We would like to make a special acknowledgement to the Grahamvale Sports Club for their generous donation of \$1000 towards the STEM laptops. Not only is this an amazing amount of funds, but they too, plan and organise their own fundraisers/sponsorship drives each year. It is great to see the strong connection between the Sports Club and our Parents Club for the benefit of our students.

**Thank you to these businesses who also contributed financial support:**

- Shepparton Toyota
- Byers Electrical

**Thank you to these businesses who contributed items to the silent auction:**

|                   |                      |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Shepparton Mazda  | Resolute Gym         | Quest Shepparton           |
| Hair by Stephanie | GV Body Rejuvenation | Harvest Home               |
| GV Orthodontics   | The Carrington       | Fleur Ferguson Photography |
| Renato's Florist  | SONDR                | Phillips Cellars           |

**Thank you to these businesses who contributed prizes to the raffle:**

|                       |                      |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Pizzini Wines         | Riverside Gardens    | The Last Straw             |
| Fun Planet            | Everyday Supplies    | Lunchbox Mini              |
| Bob Jane T Mart       | Belcibo & Co         | Bunnings                   |
| Fernwood              | Shepparton Pizzas    | Melbourne Museum           |
| Schnitz Shepparton    | Graham Hill Eye Care | Shepparton OMF             |
| Crocs Play Centre     | Elsewhere at SAM     | SAM- Shepparton Art Museum |
| In Hospitality        | Mansfield Zoo        | SPC Factory Sales          |
| Shepparton Club       | Purdeys Jewellers    | Bowser Bean                |
| Parklake              | MCG                  | RSL                        |
| Jets Gym              | Stephen's Jewellers  | Harvey Norman              |
| Terry White Chemist   | Totally Gluten Free  | Plateau Jess               |
| Graham Thomson Motors |                      |                            |

As you can see, this is an enormous list of local businesses, many of whom are connected to our school in one way or another. We thank them all very much for their generosity!

**Congratulations to the Trivia Night raffle prize winners below:**

|                |                 |                |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Adaline James  | Gavin Doyle     | Jo Bradshaw    |
| Jess Bryant    | Bianca Nardella | Kate Jeffery   |
| Graham Wellman | Sherie Sheriff  | Maddi Orr      |
| AJ Marx        | Donna Walsh     | Jodie & Andrew |
| AJ Marx        | Amelia Wright   | Kate Ryan      |
| Kate Ryan      | Narelle Freeman | Lyn Rogers     |
| Norm Howard    | Lyn Rogers      | Marnie Brain   |

**Congratulations to the Trivia Night silent auction winners below. Our Parents Club will be in contact when your item is available for collection.**

- ✦ Fleur Ferguson Photography Voucher - Jessica Mitchell
- ✦ Resolute Gym Membership - Sarah Keenan
- ✦ 12 Month Weekly External Valet Car Wash - Zara O'Keeffe
- ✦ 2x Medallion Club Tickets, Melbourne BBL Cricket - Jenny Hogg
- ✦ Bloom, Beauty and Balance - Virginia Campbell
- ✦ Shepparton Stay & Dine Escape - Jeremy Nolan
- ✦ Sip and Stay at Harvest Home - Ashleigh Winters

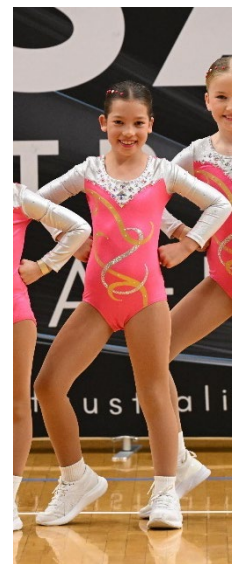
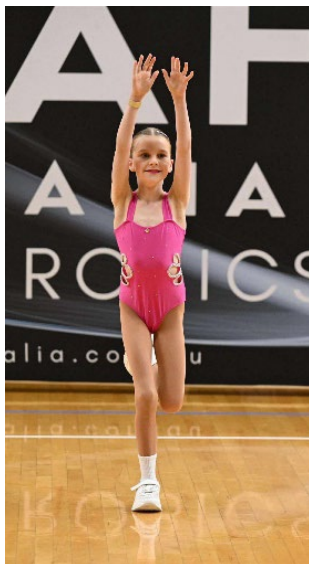
### **Regional Athletics Results**

Congratulations to the following three students who have progressed through to the state athletics competition later in the year. Competitors must finish in the top 2 to make it to state. What an awesome effort & we wish you all the best for the State competition!

- Mackenzie Palmer – 2<sup>nd</sup> 1500m
- Kamsi Ozoh– 1<sup>st</sup> Triple jump & 1<sup>st</sup> Hurdles
- Sophie Kemp – 2<sup>nd</sup> Discus

### **State & National Sport Aerobic Championships!**

Congratulations to Freya (Year 2), Bella (Yr 2), Elisa (Yr 5) and Melah (Yr 5) for competing in the State Sport Aerobics championships in June at Caulfield Grammar. The girls won the State Titles, progressing through to the National Championships in August in the Gold Coast! What a wonderful experience for our girls – We are very proud!





### Dates to Remember

|                 |                           |                                    |
|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>November</b> | 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                   |
|                 | Tuesday 18                | Colours Day                        |
| <b>December</b> | Thursday 4                | 2026 Student Leaders Assembly      |
|                 | Mon 8 Tue 9 Wed 10 Thu 11 | Activities Week                    |
|                 | Tuesday 9                 | Statewide Transition Day           |
|                 | 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. Keep up the awesome work!



## STEM Week Activity

Congratulations to Maya, Mackenzie and Lucie for winning the recent STEM water week competition with Goulburn Valley Water.



## Second hand uniform

We are grateful for the generous amount of second-hand uniform donations we receive, your support helps many families in our school community. We kindly ask that any future donations be in very good condition (free from rips, stains, holes, fading etc) to ensure all items can be reused and appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity and for helping us keep our uniform supply in great shape!



## House Lunch

A reminder next Thursday is House Lunch Day!

Come dressed in your house colour t-shirts and bring a rubbish free lunch



## 2026 Year 6 Uniform

The School Uniform Shop in Corio Street is now taking orders for the Year 6 t-shirts and rugby jumpers for 2026.

Please take your child into the store to check for correct sizing and to place your order. T-shirts will be available for pick up prior to the commencement of Term 1 next year and jumpers will be available after that.

Orders will need to be placed by Friday 21st November 2025. No orders will be taken after this date, and you will not be able to purchase them during the year.

# Remembrance Day Poppy's for Sale



*\$2 from School Office*



# CASUAL CLOTHES DAY!

**TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER**

**Come dressed in your colours according to your year level group**

 **Foundation: Red**

 **Year 1: Green**

 **Year 2: Orange**

 **Year 3: Purple**

 **Year 4: Blue**

 **Year 5: Yellow**

 **Year 6: White**



**Students are also invited to bring along their favourite board games or card games to enjoy a session of games.**



# HOW TO ORDER ONLINE WITH MAXIM OFFICE GROUP PTY LTD

## Grahamvale Primary School 2026

Dear Parents,

Many thanks for supporting Grahamvale Primary School with the online portal for book pack purchasing. Grahamvale Primary School has partnered with Maxim Office Group Pty Ltd to ensure a seamless school start for 2026. Packs will be delivered to the school and will be available in your child's classroom on the first day of the 2026 school year.

Please note:

Orders must be placed **by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November** to ensure delivery is on time, ready for next year.

**Any orders placed after this date will incur a late order processing fee of \$15 per student, for delivery in February 2026.**

To order your Backpack:

1. Please follow this link: <http://www.maxim.booklists.com.au> or go to our main website and click the link 'BOOKLIST' as indicated below



2. Your access code is: **GRAHAMVALE**  
*\*Please note this is capital sensitive. Please enter code as displayed above.*
3. Select the year level required for order ***This is the year your child is going into for 2026.***
4. Please ensure that the students' name, your name and contact details are given and correct
5. Select 'Place order'
6. If purchasing more than one booklist, please select 'Add another booklist' and follow the same procedure from step 3
7. Select 'Proceed to payment options'
8. Your total payment amount required will be displayed on screen
9. Select 'Pay Now'
10. Please choose your check-out option – Credit/ Direct Debit available. Ensure payment details are correctly entered
11. You will receive a payment receipt and an order confirmation to the email address you provided
12. Your child's pack/s will be delivered to the school and will be available in your child's classroom on the first day of the 2026 school year.

Thank you,  
Maxim Office Group Pty Ltd

## School Reporters

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

We have had a busy last two weeks with our Year 3 and 5 students attending their camps and the Year 1s Bendigo Discovery Centre excursion. Here are some student experiences.

### Year 1 Excursion:

Aris: "We went on the vertical slide. It was fast and it was really fun too. It was a bit scary at the top, but I enjoyed it."

Harvey: "First we went to the general exhibit, and we went to watch the stars in the planetarium. It was cool. Then we went down the vertical slide."

### Year 3 Camp:

Arlo: "My favourite part was the giant swing. I liked how it was very tall and high. And the zip line was cool"

Phoenix: "The flying fox was very calm and relaxing. I also liked canoeing because it was fun and I didn't fall in the water. And I also enjoyed my cabin because I had some of my friends. We also had group activities, and I liked the people in my group because they were very kind."

### Year 5 Camp:

Ella: "On Tuesday we attended Red Hill National School and we first had to get changed into pantalettes and big long dresses with straw bonnets. And on the second day we too wore old fashioned capes. I liked how the boys had to let the ladies go first."

Chevy: "On Monday we had to wake up at 6 o'clock to get ready for camp. We were at school from 7 to 7:15. Then we got on the bus and we arrived at Bendigo for a snack. And then we got to Sovereign Hill. On Wednesday we went to the gold smelting, and I held a 600,000-carat gold bar. And I had to describe it and I said it was smooth.

All our students had a great time, and we would like to thank teachers and parent-helpers for lending a hand.

Sincerely,

Remi and Indiana

The School Reporters



## Camp recount by Year 4 Student Maya

On Wednesday 10th September, all the Year 4s piled onto the bus at 7:30am to leave for camp. There was a mixture of emotions as the bus departed, ready for the 4 and a half hours awaiting us. On the way, we found out our cabin assignments. I was with Blaise, Emma, Thea and Louisa. When we finally arrived in Phillip Island, we headed straight to boogie boarding. Once we all had our wetsuits on, 4HJ went in first. As soon as the water hit my skin, I knew it was going to be freezing! But it was still fun. When I was back on the bus, I felt much better.

A couple hours later, we had a roast dinner. It was delicious. After, we had ice cream for dessert.

The next morning, we had a breakfast of cereal or toast. Then we packed our day bags and headed to the koala conservatory. We split up into our cabin groups and saw some adorable koalas.

A bit later, we went to Amaze 'n' Things. The first activity was mini golf. We also did two mazes, a gravity room and more. Some people were even brave enough to go down the giant slide! Before we left, we played and ate our yummy lunch.

We then went to the farm. My favourite thing was the nursery, where the baby goats got so close! Some of the parents and teachers even had a go at whip cracking!

Next we did a boardwalk. There were some amazing views. At the end of the day, everyone was exhausted. But there was one more thing to do. See the Little Penguins!

By the time they waddled down the beach, it was already getting dark. I loved walking back along the boardwalk because we could see the penguins closer.

When we made it to the main building, we had dinner. I had a burger but some people got fish and chips.

The next morning, we had all had a good rest. After breakfast, we packed our bags, stripped our beds and got ready to leave.

Before we left, we went to the chocolate factory. It was super fun! We got to taste some chocolate. It was very good.

Afterwards, we headed to have lunch and see some pelicans. While we were eating, we were attacked by seagulls! Tired and worn out, we walked onto the bus.

When we were about to get back, everyone started singing the school song. We happily greeted our families and grabbed our bags. Camp was so much fun! I would like to thank Miss Hemsley, Miss Coghlan, Julia, Jackson, Shane, Paul, Mr Ha, and of course, our bus driver Bob, for making this trip possible 😊

Maya



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!

Term 4 has really flown by! We've had an awesome first few weeks of term, it's been great seeing the weather warming up and us taking all the opportunities we can to play outside in the sunshine.

This term we have been loving doing lots of cooking including making yummy frozen yoghurt cups for breakfast, sushi for afternoon tea, and even making our own butter.

We would like to remind everyone to please bring their hats or a spare for the afternoon as the UV continues to get higher coming in to summer!

Thanks, have a great week 😊

