

GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER

Week Six – 13th November 2025



Hi families,

It is hard to believe that we are coming into the last half of Term 4! There are still many exciting events taking place in the next 5 weeks. I enjoyed accompanying our Year 6 students on Melbourne Camp this week!

Year 6 Melbourne camp

Our students had a wonderful time exploring city life in Melbourne. There were lots of steps taken and rides on public transport. Old Melbourne Gaol, Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre, South Melbourne Market, Melbourne Zoo and Eureka Skydeck were just some of the highlights from the three day trip. Thanks to Mrs Keele for her organisation and Mr Minutoli & Nicole Healey for their support. Thanks to parents, Madi, Sarah, Peter, Kellie & Rebecca for attending and being part of the fun.



Year 2 sleepover & Year 1 late stay

An exciting evening and night is ahead for our Year 1 & Year 2 students. Thank you to Mrs Marcetic, Mr Johnson and Mrs Watts for giving up time with their families. Thanks to parents, Aaron & Campbell for supporting our teachers and students overnight. A reminder that our Year 2 students are to be picked up by 9am tomorrow morning.

Farewell to the following staff members

Each year we say goodbye to some staff members. At the end of this year, we will be farewelling the following:

- Lyn Rogers – Lyn is retiring after 38 years with the Education Department. Lyn has taught at GPS for 21 years. We wish her well in retirement.
- Laura Pogue – relocating to Darwin for 12 months
- Jessica Bryant – relocating to Geelong
- Dean Johnson – returning to St Georges Rd PS
- Aaron Fry – Numurkah Secondary College
- Zoe Best – university studies in Melbourne
- Jas Best – university studies in Melbourne
- Marisa Mann – university studies
- Layla Trevaskis – university studies

We look forward to hearing from these staff members at our final assembly on Friday 12th December.

I'm delighted to share that Sharna Hemsley is expecting another child and will begin maternity leave towards the end of Term 1.

Teacher list for 2026

We are looking forward to welcoming back Georgia Shannon, Jo Holland and Nicole Reade, along with some new staff members to GPS. Below is a list of our staff for 2026.

Assistant Principal: Karen Mellington

Wellbeing Leader: Suzanne Watts

Foundation: Rachelle Collins, Jenni Lloga & Kylie Pritchard

Year 1: Sarah Ternes & Nadia Rullo

Year 2: Dayna Williams (Mon-Wed) & Alison Marcetic (Thurs/Fri), Georgia Shannon (Mon/Tues) & Kayelene Jeffery (Wed-Fri)

Year 3: Ashleigh Williamson & Jo Holland

Year 4: Narelle Freeman, Kellie Coghlan & Elli Naylor

Year 5/6: Rachael Bell, Sarah Keele & Dylan Minutoli

Art: Zoe Walker (Mon-Wed) & Nicole Reade (Thurs)

Performing Arts: Anita Voumard

Physical Education: Stacey Thompson (Mon/Tues) & Kim Harrold (Wed/Thurs)

STEM: Carly Cursio

Business Manager: Michelle Ball

Admin: Lou Madigan & Krissy James

Education Support: Nicole Healey, Maya Watson, Jack Bergamin & Tiana Hasan

Trainees: Andre Gagliardi, Ashleigh Ferremi & Jessica Glover

Leadership badge presentation

On Thursday 4th December 2:45pm we are announcing our 2026 student leaders. To help with this special occasion, we are fortunate to have Olympic gold medallist Brett Lancaster in attendance. Brett won a gold medal at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens as a member of the team pursuit. He was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in the 2005 Australia Day Honours List. This will be a great afternoon for our community!

Mr Simo

Volunteers

Morning Tea



We invite all our wonderful volunteers to share a morning tea with us.

When: Wednesday 3rd December @ 11am

Where: School Library

Dates to Remember

November	Tuesday 18	Colours Day
	Wednesday 26	Foundation Transition 9-11am
December	Wednesday 3	Volunteers Morning Tea
	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

FAMILY CARE'S CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE



Families are invited to bring a gift to school to contribute to the Family Care Christmas Gift Appeal. These gifts will be distributed by Family Care to local families in need of a gift this Christmas time.

Please ensure the gifts are appropriate for primary-aged children and remember to bring them unwrapped to reception. All gifts must be in by 12th December as they will be handed over to family care during our final assembly.



Students of the week

Congratulations to last week's students of the week.



School Reporters

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

We have interviewed some students about what they are looking forward to in 2026. And here are some responses...

Foundation Archie: "Meeting my new teacher and having different people in my class."

Year 1 Layla: "Meeting new people and our new teacher. And trying more difficult learning"

Year 2 Paxton: "I'm looking forward to going to my first camp and attending different excursions and doing more challenging learning."

Year 3 Gretel: "Going to new camps and getting to know more people and being in a different class."

Year 4 Olly: "To see my new class and my new teacher and go to a different camp next year."

Year 5 Ruby: "I'm looking forward to who is going to be my buddy for next year and maybe getting a leadership position for 2026."

We are very excited to see what amazing things come in 2026 and thank all those we interviewed.

P.S: And thank you to Adelina for helping us write this newsletter.

Sincerely,

The School Reporters



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.



Federal Member for Nicholls, Sam Birrell MP, is excited to once again invite primary school students across the electorate to take part in his 2025 Christmas Card Competition.

The winning artwork will feature on Mr Birrell's official 2025 Christmas Card, which is sent to hundreds of people including the Prime Minister.

A card template (see below) will be available from the front office. Entries close Friday November 21.

SAM BIRRELL'S

Christmas Card

Drawing Competition



Draw what Christmas means to you!

Name

Address

Phone School & Class

Age

I consent to my child

(Parent/Guardian Full name)

(Child's Full Name)

submitting an entry which will be distributed by the Federal Member for Nicholls, Sam Birrell, child's first name and age will appear.

I agree to my child's first name and entry being sent to local people, community groups and businesses.

Entries will also be displayed on social media and if required via local news outlets.

☐ No, I do not consent

Signature



Sam BIRRELL MP

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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!

It's been a fun and creative few weeks at After School Care! The children have been busy building, cooking, and crafting, using their imagination and teamwork to bring all sorts of ideas to life.

Our breakfast cooking sessions have been a big hit — we've made tasty veggie pancakes and colourful frozen yoghurt cups, and next week we'll be trying our hand at making homemade baked beans as we continue our "fun breakfasts" theme.

Please note that our Holiday Program will be closed for December, but our 2026 program is out now! Next year's theme is "Galactic Circus" — a mix of space adventures and circus fun that's sure to inspire creativity and excitement.

Have a great week!



SPORTZ LAB – NETBALL WITH THE STARS CLINIC! 🏐 ⭐

Calling all young netballers!

Join **Head Coach Charli Boschetti** and **GVNL Stars** for a fun-filled morning of skills, games, and match play.

Whether you're a **beginner or a seasoned player**, we've got you covered!

We'll work on **footwork, attacking and defending skills**, and finish off with some exciting **match play**.

📅 **Sunday 30th November**

🕒 **9:30am – 11:30am**

📍 **Guthrie Street Outdoor Courts**

💰 **\$30 per participant**

Bring along a **hat, water bottle, fruit or snack** for a quick break.

💡 Come sharpen your skills, build confidence, have fun, and mingle with GVNL players!

👉 **Spots are limited — book now via link or QR code 😊**

🔗 Book here: <https://www.trybooking.com/DHJHU>





NETBALL

with GVNL Stars!

PRESEASON SKILLS SESSION

JOIN US FOR A 2-HOUR CLINIC TO SHARPEN SKILLS, BUILD CONFIDENCE, AND HAVE FUN ON COURT!

COACHES: CHARLI BOSCHETTI & OLIVIA KIRBY (UNITED) & GVNL STARS!

FOCUS: BASIC SKILLS, FOOTWORK, ATTACKING & DEFENDING DRILLS, PLUS MATCH PLAY

OPEN TO FOUNDATION TO YEAR 7'S – BEGINNERS TO EXPERIENCED PLAYERS

**WHEN: SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
TIME: 9:30 AM – 11:30AM**

**WHERE: GUTHRIE STREET OUTDOOR COURTS
COST: \$30 PER PARTICIPANT**

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

