

# GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER



Week Eight – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Hi families,

In Week 10, our students will participate in some fun end of year activities, with most of these taking place outside of school. There is a mix of activities including, gymnastics sessions, participating in different sports at the basketball stadium, Aquamoves and some fun things to do in our school grounds. Please ensure you have provided consent and paid for these on Compass, so your child does not miss out on the fun!

We look forward to our students representing themselves and our school with pride outside of the school.

## **Student Leaders assembly**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2:45pm is when we are presenting our 2026 student leadership team to our community. We have ex-Olympian cyclist, Brett Lancaster presenting the student badges this year. We look forward to seeing many of our community for this event.

## **Volunteer's morning tea**

If you have helped in anyway this year, e.g. attended camps/excursions, listening to reading, coached a sporting team, volunteered in the library or helped with a maintenance issue at school, then we would love to say thank you by having you come along to our Volunteer's morning tea. This will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 11am in our library. Our staff will be providing the food as a way of saying thanks.

## **Final assembly**

Our final assembly will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, beginning at the earlier time of 2:30pm. We will present our Term 4 Terrific Kid awards, attendance awards, Values awards and farewell staff members leaving at the end of the year. There will also be a special presentation between our Year 6 and Foundation students.

## **GPS transition program**

This year all students will spend one full day with their 2026 class and teacher/s. This will occur on Statewide Transition Day – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Students will bring home a typed letter on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, stating their 2026 teacher/s and room number. A reminder that all students will have at least one friend off the list they provided to their teacher over the past couple of weeks. No changes to classes can be made.

On transition day, our 2026 Foundation students will be at GPS from 9am-1pm. I know our Year 5 students are looking forward to meeting their buddies for the first time! Our Year 6 students will be attending secondary school this day too.

## **Year 6 Graduation**

We celebrate seven years of schooling for our Year 6 students on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at the GV Hotel. Starting at 6pm sharp, we look forward to sharing many memories of our 2025 graduates with our parent community.

## 2026 pupil free days – Important dates for the calendar

The following dates have been approved by school council as pupil free days for next year. The purpose of each day will be explained in 2026 newsletters closer to the dates. The first date is when staff are required back to school after the holiday break. Students in Years 1-6 return on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, with our new Foundation students starting school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January: (Term 1)
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: (Term 1)
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May: (Term 2)
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August: (Term 3 Student Led Conferences – students will attend only for their conference)
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: (Term 4)

There is a possibility that there may be one more pupil free day added to this list, as each year teachers have a Professional Practice Day. This day has not been confirmed by the Education Department.

### Kamsi– State Champion!!

Kamsi represented Grahamvale Primary School in the 9-10 year age group, at the School Sport Victoria - State Primary Track & Field Championships. This event took place at Lakeside Stadium in Melbourne on the 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Kamsi came first in the triple jump event with her best jump being 9.12metres, winning a gold medal!

She also came second in the 80 metres hurdles event with a time of 13.81secs (Personal Best time), winning a silver medal!

Congratulations also to Sophie Kemp who also competed at the State Athletics event in the 11 year old age group. Sophie competed in the discus event, with her best throw measuring 15.69m, placing her 16<sup>th</sup> in the state.



## Student uniform

Please see the link below to our student dress code policy below. We are noticing an increase of students not wearing the full correct uniform recently. I know many families may look to purchase new items of clothing for school over the holiday break as students grow. I strongly recommend reading our student dress code prior to making purchases. I would like to particularly point out that no logos, such as 'Nike' or 'Adidas' etc. are to be visible on any of the bottom options. The only acceptable jewellery is a watch and one small plain stud or sleeper per ear.

At the beginning of 2026, if a student is not wearing full school uniform, they will receive a note from their classroom teacher to take home to their parents/carers. As stated in our student dress code, if non-compliance of the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, contact will be made by the school leadership team.

We thank those families who always ensure their children are adhering to the student dress code.

Please read though our uniform policy if needed – **[Student Dress Code Policy](#)**

Mr Simo



## Dates to Remember

<b>December</b>	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

### Students of the week

Congratulations to last week's students of the week.



### 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!



## Victorian High Abilities Program

Congratulations to the following students who received distinctions in the Victorian high ability program: Charlotte, Elijah, Lincoln, Anzarul, Maya, Layaan, Brodie, Remi, Hannah, Audrey, Dexter, Lelia and Shabi.

We are super proud of your efforts!



## Get Devices Under Control – Our Children Need Us!

Many of our students still have unsupervised access to social media, chat rooms and inappropriate online content. This can affect their behaviour, focus and wellbeing at school every day.

With the new social media ban for children under 16 coming into effect on December 10, 2025, now is the time for families to act. Here's how you can help:

- Check accounts immediately – remove or deactivate any social media accounts for children under 16.
- Set strict device rules - no unsupervised use of phones, tablets or computers.
- Talk openly with your child - explain why safe online behaviour matters and the risks of inappropriate content.
- Promote offline activities - reading, hobbies, outdoor play and face-to-face socialising.
- Model responsible use - children learn digital habits by watching adults.

Taking action now protects our students' safety, supports their focus and learning at school, and sets them up for responsible, healthy technology use in the future.

# FAMILY CARE'S CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

The logo for Family Care, featuring a stylized orange figure with arms raised, surrounded by small orange stars, positioned above the word "familycare" in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font.

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.



# Volunteers

## Morning Tea



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

When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December @ 11am

Where: School Library

## School Reporters

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Over the last fortnight the Year 6s attended their camp in Melbourne. And here were some experiences they would like to share.

Year 6 Camp:

Jett: "We went to the Skydeck and we also went to MSAC, a swimming pool. I also liked our cabins. And we also went to the Melbourne Zoo."

Tanya: "On the first day we went to the train station to take a coach to head to Melbourne. Once we arrived we put our bags at the accommodation and we went to Melbourne Central before going to the Old Melbourne Gaol."

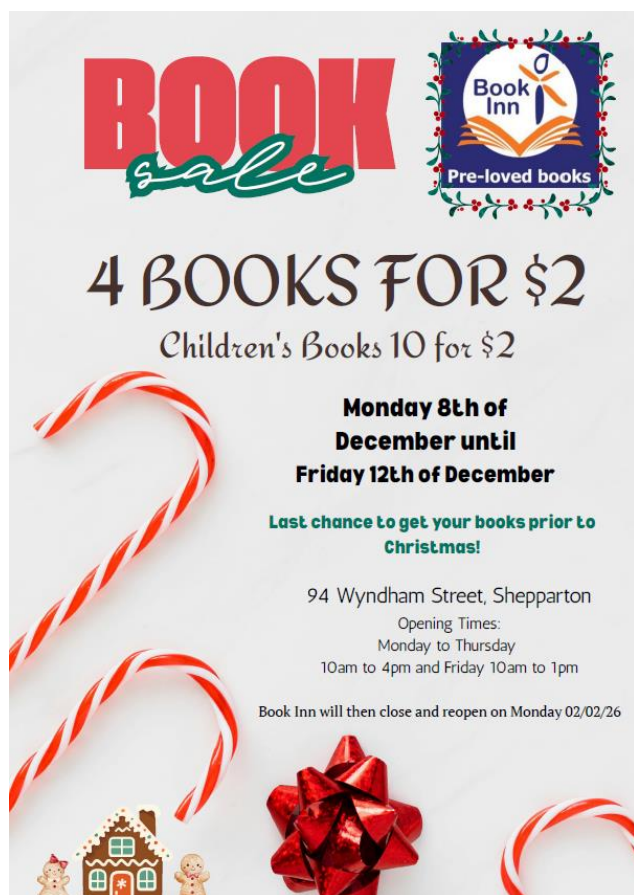
Harlow: "We did a lot at our camp. We went to the Melbourne Zoo and while we were there we saw a wild little possum sleeping there. And then later we found a lizard that looked like an iguana. My favourite animals there were the lemurs, reptiles. And we also saw this humongous orangutan."

The year 6s had a super time going to their last camp at Grahamvale Primary School

Sincerely,

Remi and Indiana

The School Reporters



**BOOK**  
*sale*

**Book Inn**  
Pre-loved books

**4 BOOKS FOR \$2**  
Children's Books 10 for \$2

**Monday 8th of December until Friday 12th of December**

**Last chance to get your books prior to Christmas!**

94 Wyndham Street, Shepparton  
Opening Times:  
Monday to Thursday  
10am to 4pm and Friday 10am to 1pm

Book Inn will then close and reopen on Monday 02/02/26



**SPORTZ LAB**  
ELEVATE YOUR GAME

**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**