

GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER



Week Two – 6th February 2025

Hi families,

Welcome back to our first newsletter of the 2025 school year! All of our staff, from the admin team, to our teachers and classroom support staff, Mrs Mellington and myself are excited to start the year with great energy, and are very much looking forward to providing engaging and fun experiences for our students. Our first assembly will be next Friday 14th February starting at 2:45pm. Our parents are always welcome to attend. There is lots of important information in this edition, so please read it thoroughly.

Compass/Facebook

Please ensure you keep up to date with everything for this year via Compass. It is the way we communicate with families and it is the most efficient way to reach all of our community quickly.

Our Facebook page is also a great reference to see photos and information about learning activities taking place at school, camps, excursions and incursions.

Meet the teacher conferences

Bookings can be made on Compass using the Conferences tab. This is a great opportunity to provide information specific to your child/ren to our teachers and set up the year for a positive one. This is taking place on Tues 11th & Wed 12th February 3pm-5:30pm.

Communication with teachers

A strength of GPS is the strong relationships that our staff have with parents each year. To increase your child's ability to have success, academically, socially and personally, a home/school partnership is of utmost importance. Each term, our teams of teachers send home a term outline which includes the learning objectives for the term ahead, information about camps & excursions and important reminders.

If you need to contact your child's teacher, we encourage you to use the email function on the Compass app. Parents in our junior school of Foundation-Year 2 will also be able to use Seesaw, which classroom teachers will be setting up, if not already done. Please note, our staff will respond to parent queries within 48 hours (2 working days). If your matter is urgent, please call the office on 58214219 and our admin team will pass on your message to the teacher.



Sad news

Sharna Hemsley whom many of you know is a teacher at GPS, currently on family leave. Sharna has been teaching casually here since the birth of her first child. Over the holiday break, Sharna gave birth to her second daughter Annabelle, who unfortunately was still born. We will continue to support her during this extremely challenging time. Miss Hemsley will be back at GPS teaching casually when she is ready.

FUN RUN – Save the date!!

Friday 28th March is our Fun Run day! After last year's success, we are again holding our whole school Fun Run at Victoria Park lake. More details will follow in the next week as we launch our fundraising campaign and put out a call to our community for volunteers.

Setting high expectations inside & outside the classroom

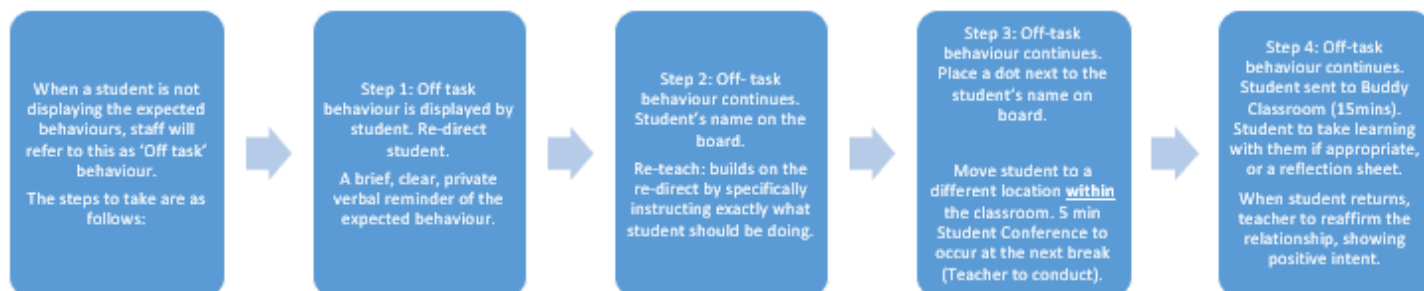
Throughout this year our staff will be continuing to implement our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) framework. This will include explicitly teaching our students the expected behaviours in different areas of our school. We will share with our community when we introduce new expectations which align with our school values. One of the first expectations for the year, has been the before school bag routine. I have been very impressed that after day one, all students know where to place their bags before playing in the mornings. As a result, this has made our play yard a safer and better organised place for students and parents, while also adding a consistent routine for our students. Here are the Year 2 bags lined up outside the sports shed. Keep up the great work kids!



Classroom behaviour process

At GPS we aim to promote positive behaviour as much as possible. On occasions, students may display behaviour that is not reflective of the teacher's expectations. The flow chart below shows the process that will occur in the classroom when required. If your child is regularly displaying off-task behaviour, your child's teacher will make contact with you. All students have been explicitly taught this process.

As we progress through the development of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) we will update families of any changes in our processes.



Digger James playground revamp!!

Thanks to Jonse Palmer (Lottie & Mackenzie's dad) for painting the Digger James playground equipment over the holiday break. It looks amazing! Jonse also painted the posts of the Digger James shade structure and those in the undercover area. It has certainly made a difference! Thank you to Dulux Paints for donating the paint so this could happen.



Thanks to Taylor Lewis (Audrey & Willow's dad) who installed a door between rooms 16 and 17 recently. This now enables both classes to complete learning activities freely without the worry of interrupting the class next door. Taylor put in an enormous amount of time and effort into our turf garden bed last year, which is growing well in these hot conditions.



If any members of our parent community own their own business, have any special talents or skills, have equipment, machinery or tools that you think may be able to benefit our school in a small way, we are always open to ideas on how to better our school. Feel free to give me a call or pop in to see me and we can discuss possibilities. One of the great things about leading GPS is the parent involvement in their child's learning environment. Thanks to everyone who contributes in a variety of ways – it doesn't go unnoticed!

Goulburn Valley Water Community Rebate

Last year when we were developing our Turf Garden bed, we were successful in obtaining a \$2500 rebate grant from GV Water. This week, Senior Communications and Engagement Officer Rohan from GV Water came to school to view our garden bed. Each tree & plant has its own individual irrigation dripper, making it as waterwise as possible. We thank GV Water for their valuable contribution to our community!



Parents club meeting

Our Parents Club are hosting a meet & greet session, prior to their Annual General Meeting on 10th February. It would be great to see a lot of parents attend and as always, new parents to the school are encouraged to come along.

A poster for the Grahamvale Primary School Parents Club. The background is light blue with decorative yellow and blue geometric shapes. At the top, it says "GRAHAMVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS CLUB" in bold black text. Below this, the words "MEET & GREET" are written in large, bold, blue and white letters. Underneath, a dark blue banner contains the text "AGM to follow" in yellow. Below that, another dark blue banner contains the text "10TH FEB 7PM GPS STAFF ROOM" in white. A list of bullet points follows: "Enhance the school's wellbeing", "Participate in whole school fundraisers", "Volunteer at school events", and "Connect with other GPS parents". At the bottom, it says "For further info, please contact: Gvparentsclub@gmail.com or via Facebook page".

**GRAHAMVALE PRIMARY
SCHOOL PARENTS CLUB**

MEET & GREET

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Mr Simo

Dates to Remember

Feb	Thursday 6	Prep Picnic
		School Council Nominations Open
	Tuesday 11	Meet the Teacher Conferences
	Wednesday 12	No Foundation Students
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	Thursday 13	Year 3 & 4 STEM Incursion
	Friday 14	Year 5 & 6 STEM Incursion
	Wednesday 19	No Foundation Students
	Wednesday 26	No Foundation Students
March	Monday 3	School Council AGM
	Wednesday 5	House Lunch
	Friday 7	Pupil Free Day
	Monday 10	Public Holiday – Labour Day
	Wednesday 12	NAPLAN Begins – Year 3 and 5
	Friday 14	School Photos
	Monday 24	Harmony Day
	Friday 28	Fun Run – Victoria Park Lake
April	Friday 4	Last Day Term 1 – 2:20pm dismissal
	Tuesday 22	Pupil Free Day
	Wednesday 23	First Day Term 2
	Thursday 24	Cross Country – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
	Friday 25	Public Holiday- ANZAC Day
May	Mon 5 Tue 6 Wed 7 Thu 8 Fri 9	Swimming Program- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
	Monday 12	Pupil Free Day
	Tue 13 Wed 14 Thu 15 Fri 16	Swimming Program- Foundation, Year 1 and 2
	Monday 26	House Lunch
June	Wednesday 4	Junk Yard Beats- Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
	Monday 9	Public Holiday- King's Birthday
	Friday 16	Region Cross Country
July	Friday 4	Last Day Term 2 – 2:20pm dismissal
	Monday 21	First Day Term 3
August	Wednesday 6	Pupil Free Day
	Friday 22	House Athletics Day- McEwen Reserve
September	Thursday 18	School Concert - Eastbank
	Friday 19	Last Day Term 3 - 2:20pm dismissal
October	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
	Wed 15 Thu 16 Fri 17	Year 3 Camp – Camp Kookaburra

	Wed 15 Thu 16 Fri 17	Year 4 Camp – Camp Wyuna
	Mon 20 Tue 21 Wed 22	Year 5 Camp- Sovereign Hill Ballarat
November	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
December	Friday 12	Final Assembly
	Friday 19	Last day Term 4 – 1:20pm dismissal

2025 School Photos

Grahamvale Primary School

Photo Day 2025

Date Friday 14th March

To Order Photos:

Order via the Compass Portal.

Order your School Photos before midnight Thursday 20th March

Late Orders can be accepted after 21st March by ordering online via the Compass Portal or by contacting **03 5482 3190**. All late orders incur an extra \$20 for postage and handling.

Family Photos – Please order online prior to photo day using the Compass Portal.




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photography

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admin.mrr@msp.com.au
www.msp.com.au

School Council Election

Each year, school council call for nominations from parents and school employees to participate on the school council.

The number on nominations required is determined by members who are finishing their term of office.

This year we have three parent member vacancies and three school employee vacancies. Please read the below notice for more details and the uploaded 'Information for Parents' on Compass.

Nominations forms are available at the school office or via email. For further information please contact Luke Simpson or Krissy James on 58214219

Form 2: notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of

Grahamvale Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on

Thursday 13th February 2025.

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on

Thursday 27th February 2025.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2027	3
School employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2027.	3

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.



LUKE SIMPSON

Principal

A message from Mrs Rogers from the Art Studio

All students require a named art smock. This can be an old shirt from home. The best art smock is one that does not require the student to do up Velcro tabs or buttons each lesson. These are stored in the students' classroom and used when needed.

Any donations of colourful wool balls, beads, ribbons appreciated. If you have anything you wish to donate, please contact me to check if I have room for it and can use it.

Lunch Orders

Reminder that lunch orders start tomorrow, Friday 8th February. These are to be ordered before 7:30am on Friday, using the external Qkr app- please follow instructions below on how to order.



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Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:

- Order and pay for your child's lunches, reducing the need to bring cash to school;
- Pay for a variety of school items;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.

Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

Step 2 Register
Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name

Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select 'Add student profile'

Add each child's details

Manage each child's details in Student Profiles

Order meals

Select a menu from our canteen

Tap the green box to view your receipt or to cancel an order

Select a date for a child and order a meal

Tap 'Repeat order' to copy all paid orders from one week to the next

Tap to change the date you are ordering for

Tap to change the child you are ordering for

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet

At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.

GSSC EXPO!

COME AND SEE WHAT MAKES US GREAT

5.30PM TO 7.00PM

THURSDAY, 6 MARCH 2025

GREATER SHEPPARTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

31-71 HAWDON ST, SHEPPARTON

Open to all GSSC students and their families & community members thinking about enrolling with our College in the future

- Neighbourhood Tours
- Interactive 'how to' session for Compass
- Meet our wonderful 2025 Student Leadership Team
- Info booths on clubs, careers and pathways, hands on learning, wellbeing services, disability support and more
- Music, bands and entertainment
- Free BBQ (halal)
- Domain / Subject area displays
- Cultural support staff and interpreters will be in attendance
- Find out about camps, excursions, key dates and more
- Meet the Teachers and staff
- Giveaways and goodie bags

GRAHAMVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL DROP OFF/PICK UP TRAFFIC FLOW

**NO PARKING
IN DROP & GO
ZONE BEFORE
9am**

- * No parking areas are in place for the safe entry and exit to the carpark.
- * Be patient in the carpark.
- * Standard road rules apply on Grahamvale Road.
- * Please obey all signage.
- * Use pedestrian crossing points in the carpark.

OFFICE



Please Note:
Before school supervision begins at 8.35am.

NO
PARKING

LEFT HAND LANE
MUST TURN LEFT

To Ford Rd

**EXIT
ONLY**

RIGHT HAND
LANE MUST
TURN RIGHT

**ENTRANCE
ONLY**

To New Dookie Road

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is Tuesday, 11th February and is a Global Day of Action bringing communities, schools, organisations and families from more than 180 countries together to raise awareness of online safety issues and work towards a safer internet.



To encourage our students to be safer online in the coming weeks the Years 3-6 students will take part in an online webinar in their classrooms. The topic for Years 3 and 4 will be around navigating online friendships and being respectful online. This will take place on the 21st February. The topic for Years 5 and 6 will be around students investigating and understanding fake information and fake friendships online. This will take place on the 28th February.

Please also see attached flyer with '5 Tips for a Safer Internet'. These might be great conversation starters for you as parents to have with your child at home.

There's also a wonderful section for parents on the eSafety Commissioner website where you can access resources and free webinars. Follow this link to view these resources <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>.



School Reporters

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome to Term One 2025 we have three new trainees as some of you may have noticed, each of them are working in different classes to experience teaching.



Name: Marisa

Age:17

Birthplace: Queensland

Primary School: St. Brendan's

Classes: 3 Williamson, 6 Minutoli

Part time Job: Brad's Magic Meats

Would like to accomplish at Grahamvale: Figure out what sort of Teacher she would like to be.



Name: Layla

Age:18

Birthplace: Shepparton

Primary School: Grahamvale P.S

Classes: 1 Ternes, 3 Bryant

Part time Job: Stanley's Cafe

Would Like to accomplish at Grahamvale: She would like to help kids learn.



Name: Maya

Age:18

Birthplace: Shepparton

Primary School: Toolamba P.S

Classes: 3 Coghlan, 6 Keele

Part time Job: Augustus Gelati

Would like to accomplish at Grahamvale: She wants to learn kids names and build connections to help them.

Please give a warm welcome to Marisa, Layla and Maya if you see them in the yard.

Sincerely,

Remi and Indiana

(The New School Reporters)



CERTIFICATE

OF APPRECIATION

This Certificate is Proudly Presented to

Grahamvale Primary School

FamilyCare would like to express our gratitude for your generous contribution and support of our Christmas appeal 2024. You have helped provide a brighter Christmas to over 290 local families this year.



David Tennant
CEO FamilyCare





Certificate OF APPRECIATION

This Certificate is Presented To

Grahamvale Primary School

in recognition of your generous donation of
Birthday Bags which will greatly benefit the
families we work with.

Angela Armstrong
Director of Service Development



TOOLAMBA RECREATION RESERVE

LIVE MUSIC
COFFEE AND FOOD TRUCKS
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
RAFFLE ON THE DAY

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL

SOD OFF MND
FUN RUN 2025

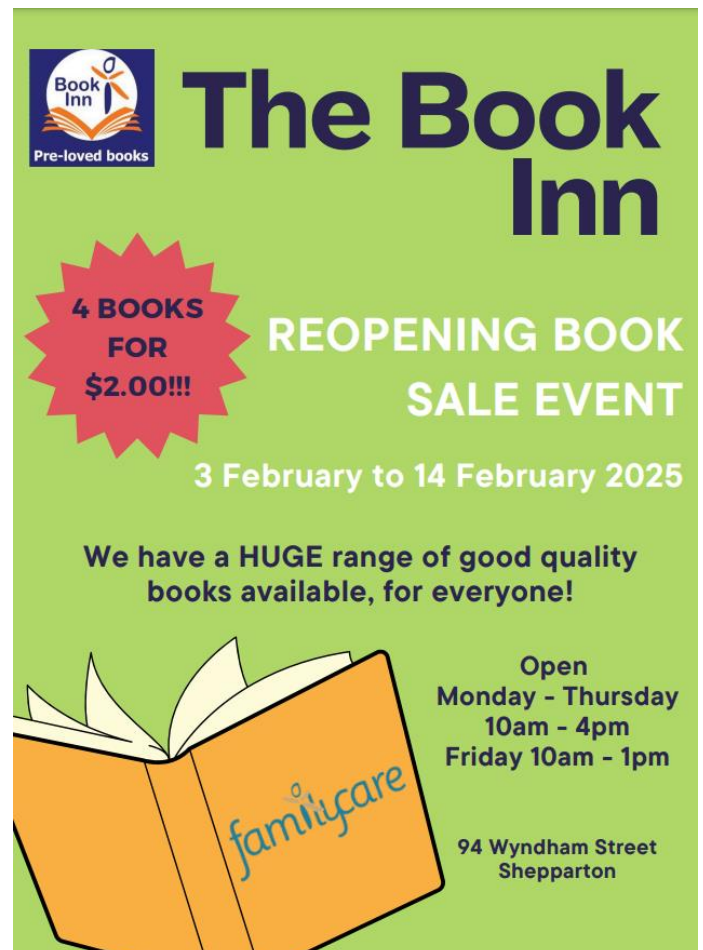
CHECK IN FROM 9:00AM
EVENT START 10AM
RAFFLE FROM 12:30PM

RUN, WALK, ROLL OR WATCH AND CHEER AS WE RAISE MONEY FOR MND

FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER

100% PROCEEDS TO MND RESEARCH & TRIALS

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