

GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER

Week Ten - 3rd April 2025



Hi families,

What a great few weeks for our community at GPS! Harmony Day celebrations, followed by the Fun Run & our Easter hat parade tomorrow!!

Fun Run

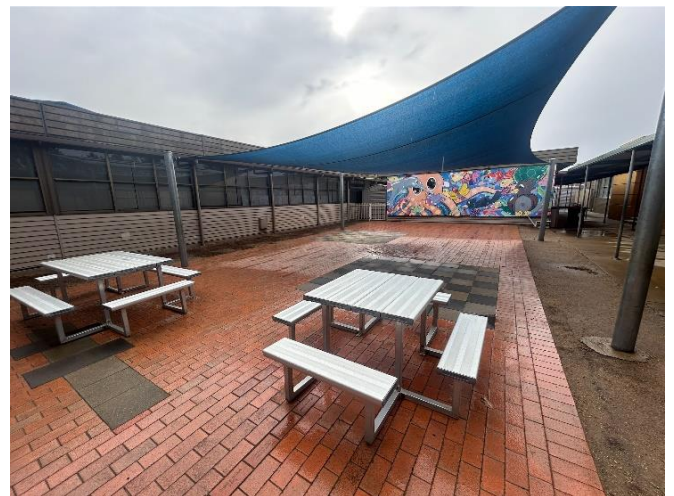
Thank you for the wonderful generosity of our wider community in helping us to raise a total of \$22,559.00! Once expenses have been fully worked out and prizes purchased through our partnership with Rebel Sport Shepparton, we will work on some firmer plans for our courtyard space. As you can see in the photos, it is a blank canvas to begin with. Some time ago, past & present families may have been involved in the 'Buy a brick campaign'. Please be assured that these engraved bricks will remain in the courtyard space, with the names on show for generations to come.

After the school holidays, our Parents Club will organise information for each student who fundraised over \$30 to select their prize from the corresponding category. We will then place orders with Rebel Sport and distribute items when they arrive. As our Parents Club are doing this independently from a big fundraising company to save our school money, please be patient with this process.

Thank you to the many parent and grandparent volunteers on the day – it was a great turn out and the weather played its part! Thank you also to the Sherif and Rachele families who donated fruit for our students to enjoy after the run.

Congratulations to all students who won a spot prize throughout the fundraising campaign. A big congratulations to Zaidyn in Foundation Pogue for taking home the major prize at our last assembly. How cool!

Finally, a thank you from me to our staff. For those who went under the buckets of slime, who helped make the slime each week and clean it up each week and for encouraging our students on the run – it doesn't go unnoticed!

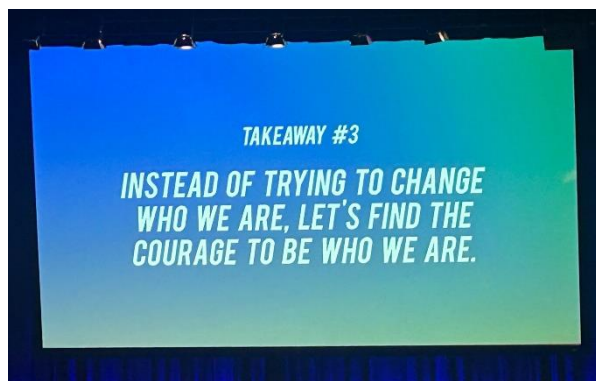
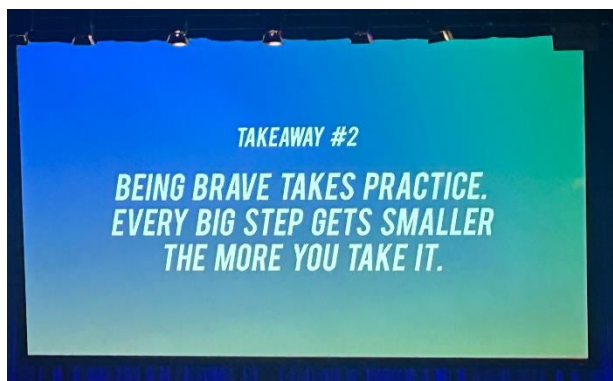
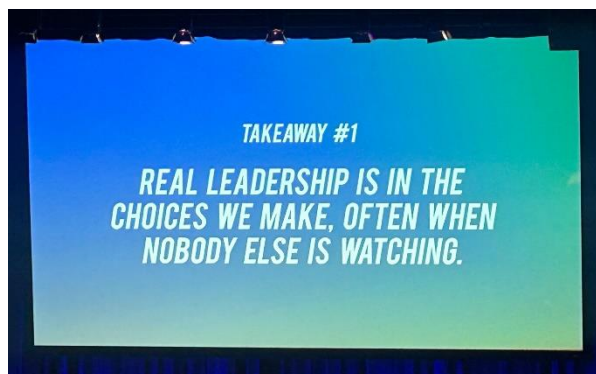
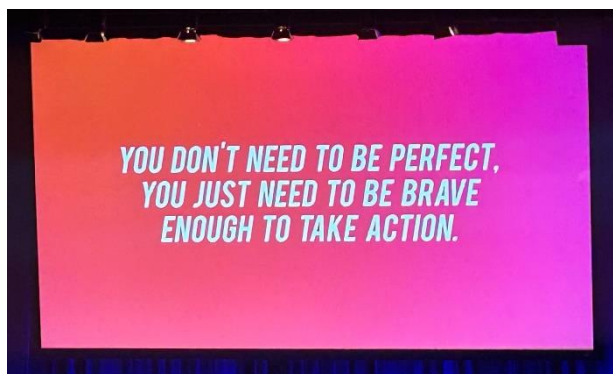


Easter dress up day

This Friday at 9am we will be having an Easter Hat parade at the undercover area. We look forward to seeing many parents there and ask students to bring along a gold coin to donate to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. We will also be acknowledging students who have not missed a day of school this term!

Student Leadership Conference

Last Wednesday our student leaders spent the day in Melbourne with 2000 other students learning all kinds of things about leadership. They gave a summary at assembly on Friday and some students mentioned these quotes which resonated with the group. We look forward to watching them learn throughout the year along with all Year 6 students.



Congratulations to Miss Shannon!!

Miss Shannon and her partner Corey welcomed Hayes Clayton James Hickford into this world on April 2nd, weighing 7.3 pound. Miss Shannon and Hayes are doing well.

A big congratulations from everyone at GPS! We cannot wait to meet Hayes!



Term 2 Week 1

Here is a quick snapshot of what is happening in the first week after school holidays. We hope to see all students at school on Wednesday & Thursday.

- Monday** – Easter Monday public holiday
- Tuesday** – Pupil free day. Teachers have a numeracy professional learning day.
- Wednesday** - Normal school.
- Thursday** – 10:45am Year 3-6 cross country at Congupna Football oval
2:45pm ANZAC Day assembly at school
- Friday** - ANZAC Day public holiday

A reminder that there is an early school finish tomorrow of 2:20pm.
I hope all families have a safe and restful school holiday break!

School Council update

School Council's role includes:

- establishing the broad direction and vision of the school
- overseeing the school's finances
- reviewing and approving proposals for camps, excursions and fundraising activities
- regulating/facilitating the after-hours use of the school premises and grounds
- overseeing the school buildings and grounds and ensure they are kept in good order and condition.

This year, a key focus will be to continue to lobby government, with the help of our local Members of Parliament, to acquire additional land to the west and south of the existing school grounds which has been earmarked for school use under planning rules. As residential development continues to advance from Verney Road, School Council is focused on planning for the time when access to the school will be from residential roads to the north, west and south rather than via Grahamvale Road.

If you have any other suggestions, you would like School Council to consider, please email info@grahamvaleps.vic.edu.au.

Mr Simo



More Fun Run photos can be seen on our school's Facebook page!

Dates to Remember

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

Students of the week

Congratulations to last week's students of the week.



Terrific Kid

A big congratulations to our Term 1 Kiwanis Terrific Kid award winners- Rachel (Year 2), Lexi (Year 5) and Cara (Year 4). Keep up the great work and keep being fantastic role models!



Furphy Literary Awards

THE FURPHY STORY

Everyone can write at least one good story. That was the belief of J. F. Archibald, the editor and founder of the famous nineteenth-century weekly, *The Bulletin*, who invited his readers to become contributors. It was this encouragement that led Joseph Furphy, working in his brother's foundry at Shepparton, to write his novel, *Such is Life*, using the pseudonym of 'Tom Collins'. The book, full of stories derived from Joseph's experience in the Riverina and told in a voice uniquely his own, is now acknowledged to be a classic of Australian literature.

In the spirit of Archibald and honouring the author of *Such is Life*, the Furphy Literary Award has been established to promote and extend the tradition of story-telling, both factual and fictional, that is so much part of Australian life.

In 2025 the Furphy Foundation will again hold a Junior and Youth competition as part of the awards. The Youth and Junior competition will be split into four categories. The Youth and Junior Award is open to all children/students up to age 17 who reside or attend school in the Goulburn Valley Shire/Council areas of:

Shepparton; Moira; Strathbogie; Murrindindi; Campaspe; Mitchell and Benalla

- Junior Short Story, for writers 12 and under to submit an entry on any theme of 2000 words or less.
- Junior Poetry, for writers 12 and under to submit a poem on any theme of 20 lines or less.
- Youth Short Story, for writers aged 13-17 years to submit an entry on any theme of 2000 words or less.
- Youth Poetry, for writers aged 13-17 years to submit a poem on any theme of 30 lines or less.

Each category will have a first place prize of \$300, followed by second \$100 and third \$50.

Entries can be submitted from **Saturday 1 March until 11.59pm Saturday 31 May 2025**

A selection panel of judges will select a list of finalists to attend the exciting awards ceremony at the Shepparton Library in July to announce the Top Ten shortlisted authors and winners in each category.

www.furphyliteraryaward.com.au

email fla@furphystory.com.au

phone: FLA Co-ordinator 0408 553 087

Label your uniforms!

A reminder to parents.

Please label you child/rens uniform and articles sent to school e.g. Lunch box, hat.

Items found unnamed are placed in 'Lost Property'.

From time to time there are quite a few items which are not claimed, therefore they are placed in the 'Second Hand Uniform' store. They then become available for anyone to purchase.





GREATER **SHEPPARTON**
SECONDARY COLLEGE

YEAR 7

FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING

**THINKING OF ENROLLING
AT GSSC IN 2026? JOIN US
AT OUR INFO NIGHT TO
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT:**

- ✓ What sets us apart
- ✓ Year 7 curriculum and the many opportunities offered to our youngest students
- ✓ Information on our Year 6 into 7 transition program
- ✓ Process and timelines for enrolling



WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL

COLLEGE TOUR: 4.30pm - 5.15pm

INFO SESSION: 5.30pm - 6.30pm



**BOOK A TOUR OF
THE COLLEGE
HERE**



31-71 Hawdon St,
Shepparton. Enter via the
Main Office.



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What are some things you could do if someone you don't know in-person sent you a direct message?

Related questions

Have you ever received a direct message from someone you don't know in-person?
What did they want? How did you know if they were a safe person to talk to?

Why this question matters?

It's common to receive direct messages from people online, and not all messages are harmful.

But, sometimes young people can be pressured or tricked into sending photos or videos with no clothes on. The image is then used to blackmail them for money or more photos or videos.

Take action together

Talk about some of the things your child can do if someone tries to contact them through an online game, messaging or social media app.

They can:

- Take a minute to think 'What do they really want?'
- Avoid replying, even if the offer seems tempting
- Block and report the account
- Tell a parent/carer or a trusted adult



What would you do if someone online asks you to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable?

Related questions

What would you do if they asked for a photo or video of you without clothes or cultural attire on?
What about if they asked you to go to a private chat, video call or another platform?

Why this question matters?

People online can ask children and young people to do things that they might not be ready for, that are unsafe or make them feel uncomfortable. Thinking about how to respond to these situations is an important skill that can help in lots of online situations.

Take action together

Talk about some online scenarios and strategies to respond. Examples of the scenarios may include:

- A friend is asking you to participate in a dangerous challenge
- Someone is saying inappropriate things in a group chat
- Someone is asking you to send photos with no clothes on

Talk to your child about how they could say 'no' if they are feeling uncomfortable or unsafe. Tell them it's okay to say no, and to keep saying no, even if they feel like they are being pressured.



activities in the park

WHAT'S ON

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Qigong in the Park

Date: Monday 7

Time: 9.00am - 10.00am

Where: Queens Gardens, Shepparton

Kids Activities

Date: Tuesday 8

Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Where: Maude Street Mall, Shepparton

Chuckin Chickens Game & Temporary Airbrush Tattoos

Date: Thursday 10

Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Where: Maude Street Mall, Shepparton

Sumo Suits

Date: Friday 11

Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Where: Murchison Public Park and Gardens Reserve

Converge on the Goulburn - Silent Disco & Lake Activities**

Date: Saturday 12

Time: 12.00pm - 7.00pm

Where: Victoria Park Lake, Shepparton

Running as One

Date: Sunday 13

Time: 9.00am - 12.00pm

Where: Victoria Park Lake, Shepparton

Invent Your Own Nature Fidget

Date: Sunday 13

Time: 10.00am - 11.30am

Where: Australian Botanic Gardens, Shepparton

Qigong in the Park

Date: Monday 14

Time: 9.00am - 10.00am

Where: Queens Gardens, Shepparton

Playground Escapade in Small Towns**

Date: Monday 14

Time: 9.30am - 12.00pm

Where: Meet in front of Shepparton library

Kids Activities

Date: Tuesday 15

Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Where: Maude Street Mall, Shepparton

Playground Escapade in Small Towns**

Date: Wednesday 16

Time: 9.30am - 12.00pm

Where: Meet in front of Sports Stadium, Shepparton

Temporary Airbrush Tattoos & Free Fairy Floss on a Stick

Date: Thursday 17

Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Where: Maude Street Mall, Shepparton



FOR MORE INFORMATION



** Activity requires booking

FOR BOOKING CONTACT:

03 5832 9592

healthycommunities@shepparton.vic.gov.au

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

07 – 16 APR '25



Designed to encourage self-expression, cultural connection and hands-on learning in a fun and supportive environment - these **FREE** programs are for **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 8–12 years** living in or around Greater Shepparton.

Choose from 4 creative workshops that explore different techniques, guided by experienced Kaiela Arts artists, Tarn Parker and Chloe Jones.

Join us for an inspiring school holiday filled with connection, creativity, and fun!

Spaces are limited so BOOK NOW! You can select one or multiple sessions on the ticket page via the QR code or the link below:

<https://events.humanitix.com/holsapr/tickets>



BAYADERRA (LONG NECK TURTLE) CLAY WORKSHOP WITH TARN PARKER

MONDAY 7 APRIL 10AM–12PM
Bayaderra, a totem of the Yorta Yorta people, is often seen in our creation stories. Make your own bayaderra using terracotta clay.



PAINTING WORKSHOP WITH TARN PARKER

WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL, 10AM–12PM
Explore painting techniques to develop your own visual language and tell your story through art.



GALNYATJ NANYAK DANA ART JOURNAL WITH CHLOE JONES

FRIDAY 11 APRIL, 10AM–12PM
Galnyatj Nanyak Dana means 'deadly dreaming path'. Find your inner-creative, connect with First Nations culture and create a mixed-media book to hold your journey.



FASHION WORKSHOP WITH TARN PARKER

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL, 10AM–12PM
Discover the power of clothing to tell stories, share knowledge and connect with culture by making outfits for a paper doll.



Book Sale

School Holidays

7 April to 17 April 2025

**4 BOOKS
FOR
\$2.00!!!**

We have a huge range of
good quality books available,
for everyone!

Open Monday - Thursday
10am - 4pm &

Friday 10am to 1pm

(closed Friday 18 April due to the Good
Friday Public Holiday)

The Book Inn
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Street Shepparton

familycare



activities in the park

**PLAYGROUND
ESCAPADE
BUS TOUR**

Discover playgrounds and parks
across Greater Shepparton

FREE

Mystery locations | Fun activities
April 14 & 16 | May 31

shepp.city/playtour

For ages 12 and under.
Registrations required.

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
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4 - 7 YEAR OLDS

Superkick
8 - 12 YEAR OLDS

SHEPPARTON SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
LOCATION: DEAKIN RESERVE
DATE: MONDAY 14TH APRIL
TIME: 9AM - 3PM

**MUSEUMS
VICTORIA**

Pop-up Museum
Australian Dinosaurs, Megafauna
& Animals



Tuesday 8th April
12:00pm - 3:00pm

Bookings are essential



Scan the QR code or go to
www.gvlibraries.com.au/museums-victoria to book
a time slot for your Pop-up Museum experience.

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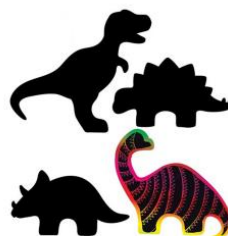
Shepparton Library **goulburn valley libraries**
Holiday Program

**Scratch Board
Dino Magnets**

Thursday 10th April, 2:30pm

Bird Flyers (STEAM)

Thursday 17th April, 2:30pm



Bookings essential as places are limited.

Phone 1300 374 765 or email shepparton@gvlibraries.com.au.
Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

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