

GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER



Week Ten – 25th June 2026

Hi families,

As we approach the last day of Term Two tomorrow, I wish all families a safe holiday break. I hope our students are able to take a break and refresh their batteries for another big term of learning and fun ahead. I also wish our staff a restful break and those in our community who are lucky to travel, a safe journey. Term 3 begins on Monday 13th July.



Semester One reports

Hopefully by now you have downloaded your child/ren's Semester One report on Compass. Although most reports look different due to industrial action taken earlier this term by the Australian Education Union, you will have a strong understanding of how your child/ren are progressing.

If you have any questions about your child's report, please contact your child's teacher.

Terrific Kids

Congratulations to Lucas (Foundation), Steele (Year 1), Nesli (Year 4) & Remi (Year 6) on being recipients of our Term 2 Terrific Kid Awards! Thank you to Kiwanis for their ongoing support in recognising our students each term.



Pupil free days

There are only two pupil free days in Semester Two. They are:

- Tuesday 4th August (Student Led Conferences)
- Monday 2nd November (Reporting & Assessment)

TheirCare will be operating on these days if required.

Attendance

In Term 2, we had 99 students attend school everyday! These students were acknowledged at Friday's assembly and received a small reward for their efforts. No doubt students and families have had to have some luck with staying healthy too!



Each semester we celebrate students who have attended school everyday for half of the year. In Semester One we had 51 students attend every single day! What a fabulous effort from these students. Students who have attended each day were invited to a pizza lunch with Mrs Mellington & myself this week. Next term we have some surprises install about attendance, so stay tuned!



GPS Fete is back!

Our school hasn't had a fete for a very long time, but it is back this year – Thursday October 15th. There will be more details available after the holiday break with most staff members selecting an activity for our community to enjoy. Please mark this date on the calendar as it will be an event not to be missed! For this event to be successful, parent volunteers will be needed for each class to assist our staff. Our teachers will be in contact with parents very soon to get the ball rolling!



House points

In 4th place is **McDermott** House on 305 points.

In 3rd place is **Hick** House with 235 points.

In 2nd place is **Doyle** House with 245 points

In 1st place is **James** House with 260 points.

Congratulations to **James** House!

Push Up Challenge

I'd like to thank the students and staff who joined with me to participate in the Push Up Challenge during the month of June. Not only do I feel a little bit stronger, I know I have raised the awareness about the importance of looking after our mental health within our community. Tomorrow is the last day to donate. If you could spare a gold coin, please put this in the container at the front office.

I encourage parents/carers to consider 'The Stress Bucket' diagram below to track their own mental health. Hopefully over the school holiday break, you have the opportunity to turn off some of the things filling up your bucket.

WHERE MIGHT YOU GO IF YOU NEED MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AT SCHOOL OR IN THE COMMUNITY?

It is normal to feel stressed, sad, angry, worried or down sometimes - especially during times of uncertainty. But sometimes, even if you are doing everything you can to look after your mental health, you still don't feel good, and you may want some extra help. It is important to know how and when to ask for help if you or someone you know needs additional support.

There are many services within the school and outside of the school environment where you can seek additional support.

At school: Teachers, support staff, friends, our Wellbeing Leader Mrs Watts, Mrs Mellington or myself,

In the community: Your local headspace centre, Visit aheadspace for online/phone support, visit your local GP or have a chat with a trusted adult.



Child safety and wellbeing at Grahamvale Primary School

Grahamvale Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website: www.grahamvaleps.vic.edu.au

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective.

Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact us on 03 5821 4219 or at grahamvale.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources

www.education.vic.gov.au/protect



Values Awards

Congratulations to these students who received a Values Awards for the past fortnight!



**GRAHAMVALE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

BUNNINGS BBQ

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Our Bunnings BBQ is coming up and we're asking our amazing community to help by donating items.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- WATER
- SOFT DRINKS
- PRE-CUT ONIONS

DONATION DROP-OFF TO SCHOOL OFFICE
by Friday 24th July

BBQ DATE
Sunday 26th July

♥ **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GRAHAMVALE PS!** ♥

Dates to Remember

June	Friday 26	PJ Day - Last Day Term 2 - 2:20pm dismissal
July	Monday 13	First Day Term 3
	Thursday 16	Year 5/6 STEM Incursion
	Sunday 26	Bunnings BBQ
	Wednesday 29	TwistEd Science - Year 2
August	Tuesday 4	Pupil Free Day - Student Led Conferences
	Wednesday 5	Student Led Conferences
	Wednesday 12	Foundation 100 days of school
	Thursday 13	Author Visit Incursion
	Friday 14	House Athletics Day - McEwen Reserve
	Wednesday 19	House Lunch
	Thursday 20	Legoland - Year 3
	Thursday 27	Year 5 Bendigo excursion
September	Friday 4	Father's Day Stall
	Thursday 17	School Concert - Eastbank
	Friday 18	Last Day Term 3 - 2:20pm dismissal - Out of Uniform day
October	Monday 5	First Day Term 4
	Tuesday 6	Interschool Aths - Year 6
	Wednesday 7	Interschool Aths - Year 5
	Thursday 8	Interschool Aths - Year 4
	Friday 9	Interschool Aths - Year 3
	Monday 12	Division Athletics
	Thursday 15	Fete! 5pm-8pm @ Congupna Football oval
	Mon 19 Tue 20 Wed 21	Year 5 Camp – Sovereign Hill Ballarat
	Wed 28 Thu 29 Fri 30	Year 3 Camp – Camp Kookaburra
November	Monday 2	Pupil Free Day
	Tuesday 3	Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup
	Mon 9 Tue 10 Wed 11	Year 6 Camp - Melbourne
	Thursday 5	Year 1 & 2 Late Stay/Sleepover
	Wed 11 Thu 12 Fri 13	Year 4 Camp - Phillip Island
	Monday 16	Year 6 Graduation Photo
	Friday 27	Colour Run
December	Thursday 3	2027 Student Leaders Assembly
	Tuesday 8	Statewide Transition Day
	Friday 11	Final Assembly
		Year 5 Aspirations Day at GSSC
	Tuesday 15	Year 6 Graduation
	Friday 18	Last day Term 4 - 1:20pm dismissal

Shepparton Food Share Great Rice Drive


Thank you to everyone that donated to the Shepparton Foodshare annual 'Great Rice Drive'. The 119kg of rice collected will contribute to providing meals to local people that need it most.




Chris Grant is a parent at GPS, is a teacher and in his spare time also writes and publishes books. If you're searching for books to purchase for your children, check out his web page by scanning the QR code below.

Local Author - Chris Grant


We're excited to share that one of our local authors, Chris Grant, has written five fantastic children's books that are quickly becoming student favourites. With his background as a teacher and his passion for engaging young readers- especially those who might be reluctant- Chris creates stories that are fun, relatable and full of heart.




Follow Garbage Duck as he zooms around Duckville in his garbage truck, teaching teamwork and friendship through catchy rhymes and quirky humour. Perfect for young readers!




Blast off with Roy as he journeys through space in his out-of-this-world adventure. A mix of imagination, science, and storytelling that inspires curiosity about the cosmos. This is a book that will draw the children in with amazing illustrations that keep them turning pages.



Each month brings a new adventure for Kayla in the eucalyptus forest. This interactive story helps children learn the months of the year while exploring nature. With amazing rhymes and engaging questions, it's a great read-aloud for curious little minds.




A hilarious, relatable chapter book that taps into the fun (and chaos) of school life. Packed with jokes and schoolyard antics, it's perfect for middle-grade readers who love to laugh.



A playful, rhythmic book that celebrates the energy and joy of a day at the playground. Great for reading aloud with early readers!

Some titles include colouring books!

Scan QR to explore and order




Pyjama Day

FRIDAY, 26 JUNE 2026

Students are invited to come dressed in their pyjamas for the day. Appropriate footwear will be required, for outdoor play times.




DO YOU LOVE YOUR FOOTY?





FEATURING:
Famous Fitzpatrick Cup & Medal Giveaways, skills acquisition and a whole lot more...

JUNIOR FOOTY FUN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

A TWO DAY PROGRAM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

THURSDAY, 2 JULY
FRIDAY, 3 JULY
8:30am - 4:30pm
Venue: Deakin Reserve, Shepparton

REGISTER ONLINE



\$85 per day
\$160 for 2 days

THE PROGRAM CATERERS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS




FUN HOLIDAY PROGRAM DETAILS

The Shepparton Bears Football Netball Club will be holding a Football based holiday program.

THE PROGRAM WILL RUN ON THURSDAY 2 & FRIDAY 3 JULY.

Time schedule from 8:30am to 4:30pm
The program is applicable to ages ranging from 5 to 15.

WE ENCOURAGE BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS TO BE INVOLVED.

Day One (Thursday 2 July)

Day one will be based at the Deakin Reserve, Shepparton and will focus on a variety of Football based activities.

These include Australian Rules Football skill acquisition, healthy lifestyle and nutrition, Day 1 Draft and trades and beginning of the Fitzpatrick Cup.

Morning and afternoon snacks as well as lunch will be provided for participants on this day. Structured aged games, with an emphasis on fun, will feature throughout the day.

Day Two (Friday 3 July)

Day two will be based at the Deakin Reserve, Shepparton and will focus on a variety of Football based activities and more.

Friday will see the business end of the famous Fitzpatrick Cup culminating in the Grand Final and the prestigious vote count of the Fitzpatrick Medal.

Morning and afternoon snacks as well as lunch will be provided for participants on this day. Parents/guardians are more than welcome to visit throughout course of the two days, especially the staging of the Famous Fitzpatrick Cup and the prestigious Fitzpatrick medal kicking off from 3:15 pm on the Friday of the program.

The program will be co-ordinated by experienced teachers and incorporates male and female accredited personnel (Working With Children Certified).

We encourage both boys and girls to be involved in the program.

The program will run regardless of the weather conditions (with modified activities).

The program incorporating Thursday 2 & Friday 3 July is priced at \$160 (or \$85 for single day).

All enquiries phone 0420 938 138 (Shawn)