

GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER



Week Two – 30th April 2026

Hi families,

Welcome to Term 2 and this beautiful autumn weather we are experiencing!



Education Week 'Showcase your School' – Save the date!

We are celebrating Education Week on Thursday 21st May. Grandparents and special friends of our students are invited to visit our classrooms. This is always a wonderful event for our community as our students enjoy sharing their learning with loved ones.

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 later in the year, but 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.



Swimming lessons

Next week students in Year 3-6 will participate in 5 days of 45 minute swimming lessons. The following week it is Foundation – Year 2's turn. Please ensure your child has the correct belongings and they are clearly named. Students need to be independent in their clothes changing, so please practise this skill at home. See swimming times later in this newsletter.

AEU Industrial Action

There will be potential disruption to some classes on Thursday 14th May. I will provide more information closer to this date after I have received advice from the Department of Education. This industrial action may have implications for some F-2 swimming lessons on that day.

Professional Practice Day

As part of the current teacher's EBA, each teacher is entitled to a professional practice day each year. This is a common day for all teachers at the school, meaning it is pupil free. The date selected for this is Tuesday 23rd June (Week 10). Please note this date and the following pupil free dates on your calendar (that have been previously shared). TheirCare will be operating on these dates. Please book directly with them if your child will require care.

- Wednesday 20th May
- Tuesday 23rd June
- Tuesday 4th August (Student Led Conferences)
- Monday 2nd November

Congratulations Mrs Hemsley!!

Sharna and Andrew welcomed Lincoln Xander Marsh into this world on 20th April. Linc is 3.5kgs and 50cms long. A big congratulations from all the GPS community! We can't wait to meet Linc!



Mother's Day

We will be celebrating our mums every day next week, leading up to Mother's Day and our Mother's Day stall on Friday. Mums or special people in our students' lives are invited to bring some food in to share with their child/ren. Depending on the weather, this will either take place on the front grass, or in the library. Please let your child know which day/time you will be attending so you don't have to spend time looking for them in the yard.

As a special treat this year, we will also have some craft materials available for you to create something special with your child/ren.

Please note: due to Yr 3-6 swimming lessons next week, some classes will only be at school during some of the break times. Please see flyer below for these important details





Mother's Day

STALL

STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO BUY A GIFT FOR MUM/SPECIAL PERSON!

 Friday 8th May

 \$5 per gift
please BYO gift bag

 School library



Lots of lovely gifts to choose from!



GRAHAMVALE PS EDUCATION WEEK

SHOWCASING OUR SCHOOL!

Grandparent & Parents morning

Thursday 21st May May 9-10am
in classrooms



Swimming lesson times Year 3-6: May 4th- May 8th

10:30am-11:15am: 3 Holland & 3 Williamson

11:15am-12pm: 4 Coghlan & 4 Freeman

12:15pm-1pm: 4 Nicholls & 5/6 Bell

1pm-1:45pm: 5/6 Keele & 5/6 Minutoli

Swimming lesson times F-Year 2: May 11th - May 15th

11:15am-12pm: 2 Jeffery/Baker & 2 Williams/Marcetic

12:15pm-1pm: F Collins & F Pritchard

1pm-1:45pm: 1 Rullo & 1 Ternes

1:45pm-2:30pm: F Lloga

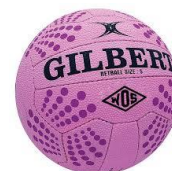
Year 3-6 Camps Expression of Interest forms

In the coming days each child in Year 3-6 will bring home a form about attending this year's camp. These forms will have an estimated price range of the total cost of the camp. Please return these forms ASAP, so our staff can continue with the big task of arranging camps. Some camps will require parent helpers too. Please note: Parent helpers may be required to share a room or cabin with other parents or staff members on camp.

Saturday sport begins!



All the best to our students who are beginning their soccer or netball season this weekend. I'm positive that they will represent our school, the Grahamvale Sports Club and themselves very well on the court and field.



Cross country event

Well done to all students who participated in our GPS cross country event last Friday. Good luck to those students competing at the next stage on Wednesday. Thanks to our parent helpers for being around the course and Mrs Thompson for her organisation of the event.





House points

In 4th place is **James** House on 325 points.

In 3rd place is **McDermott** House with 420 points.

In 2nd place is **Doyle** House with 425 points

In 1st place is **Hick** House with 449 points.

Congratulations to **Hick** House!

Values Awards

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



Dates to Remember

May	Mon 4 Tue 5 Wed 6 Thu 7 Fri 8	Swimming Program- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
	Wednesday 6	Interschool Cross Country
	Friday 8	Mother's Day Stall
	Mon 11 Tue 12 Wed 13 Thu 14 Fri 15	Swimming Program- Foundation, Year 1 & 2
	Tuesday 12 – Wednesday 20	Somers Camp
	Friday 15	Division Cross Country
	Tuesday 19	Cultural Incursion
	Wednesday 20	Pupil Free Day
	Thursday 21	Grandparents Morning 9am-10am
	Friday 22	Division Football, Netball & Soccer
	Wednesday 27	F-2 Alpha Show & House Lunch
June	Thursday 4	Year 3 Night of the Notables
	Monday 8	Public Holiday- King's Birthday
	Friday 12	Region Cross County
	Tuesday 23	Student Free Day
	Friday 26	PJ Day - Last Day Term 2 – 2:20pm dismissal
July	Monday 13	First Day Term 3
August	Thursday 13	Author Visit Incursion
	Friday 14	House Athletics Day- McEwen Reserve
	Wednesday 19	House Lunch
September	Thursday 17	School Concert - Eastbank
	Friday 18	Last Day Term 3 - 2:20pm dismissal
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!
	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
	Wed 11 Thu 12 Fri 13	Year 4 Camp- Phillip Island
December	Thursday 3	2027 Student Leaders Assembly
	Tuesday 8	Statewide Transition Day
	Friday 11	Final Assembly
	Tuesday 15	Year 6 Graduation
	Friday 18	Last day Term 4 – 1:20pm dismissal

**GRAHAMVALE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

WINTER BEANIES

**ARE
HERE!**

\$20

WARM & COMFY
SCHOOL COLOURS
ONE SIZE FITS ALL

LIMITED STOCK - GET IN QUICK!



Beanies will be available to purchase after school on Wednesday 6th May and Friday 8th May.

Payment is required at the time of purchase (cash or eftpos).

SILVER COIN DRIVE

JSC have recently launched the silver coin drive for 2026! We would love your support in gathering as many silver coins (5c, 10c, 20c and 50c coins) and send these along with your children. Our JSC reps will visit each classroom and count up the totals to announce at our assemblies.

YEAR 7 FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL
COLLEGE TOURS: 4.00 - 4.45PM
INFO SESSION: 5.00 - 6.00PM

THINKING OF ENROLLING AT GSSC IN 2027?
 JOIN US AT OUR INFO NIGHT TO FIND OUT MORE.

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SHEPPARTON FOOD SHARE
 FEEDING YOUR COMMUNITY

THE GREAT RICE DRIVE

RICE DONATION POINT

Do something nice, Donate rice!

Rice is an important food staple which is both nutritious and culturally appropriate, however it is difficult for Shepparton Foodshare to source as they don't have a regular rice donor therefore need your help!

Your donation of rice will help Foodshare reach its goal of collecting enough rice to provide 25,000 meals.

You'll be contributing to meals for local people who need it most! Scan the QR code for more information.

www.sheppartonfoodshare.org.au