

# GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER



Week Six – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Hi families,

Our teachers have been busy planning excursions and incursions that relate to the learning taking place in the classrooms. Please regularly check Compass to see if there are any events that need your consent. Some events like the upcoming Fun Run are covered by the school, whereas other events such as an author visit to school are to be paid by parents/carers. Please remember that all families can use the School Saving Bonus to put towards activities and camps this year. If you require more information about this, please contact our Business Manager Michelle Ball at school.

## Wonderful Baby News!!



As announced at our recent assembly, Mrs Fowler and her husband Jeremy have welcomed their first child into the world. Jasper Joel Fowler was born on February 10<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to Mrs Fowler visiting us one day soon when Jasper is ready. A big congratulations from everyone at GPS!



## GPS FUN RUN!



Our whole school Fun Run is fast approaching with only 3 weeks until all our students take off around the Victoria Park Lake! Our fundraising efforts are going well with \$10500 raised so far. Thank you to those who have donated. We have 185 out of 352 students who have registered online, so if you are yet to do this task, please check out the Fun Run flyer in this newsletter and scan the bar code to get fundraising. Please remember that money raised will be going towards improving our courtyard space for all students to enjoy.

## School Council update

We thank the following 12 members of the 2025 School Council group for their commitment to the school:

Virginia Campbell (President)  
Jessica Mitchell (Vice President)  
William Hemming (Treasurer)  
Michelle Sung (Secretary)  
Katie Thorp (Parent representative)  
Simon Ryan (Parent representative)

Luke Simpson (Principal)  
Karen Mellington (Assistant Principal)  
Narelle Freeman (Staff representative)  
Laura Pogue (Staff representative)  
Jason Beattie (Parents Club representative)  
AJ Marx (Parent Representative)

We thank our outgoing school council members for their service to our school:

Kristie Welch joined School Council in 2019 (active member for 6 years) and has been School Council President since 2022 (3 years).

Zara O'Keefe joined school council in 2023 and was an active member for 2 years.

Vivek Phutane joined school council in 2023 and was an active member for 2 years.

Georgia Shannon joined school council in 2024 and was an active member for 1 year.

### Division Swimming Trials

We recently had four students participate in the Division Swimming Trials at Aquamoves. They were Fatimah, Maryam, Milla and Indi. All girls did themselves, families and school proud. This was Fatimah & Maryam's first day of school at GPS and they achieved terrific results and qualified for the Hume Primary Regional Swimming Championships which was held yesterday.



FREESTYLE 9/10 Girls:	Maryam 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall for age group Milla 4 <sup>th</sup> in her heat
FREESTYLE 12/13 Girls:	Fatimah 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall for age group
BACKSTROKE 9/10 Girls:	Indi 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall for age group Milla 2 <sup>nd</sup> in her heat
BREASTSTROKE 9/10 Girls:	Indi 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall for age group
BUTTERFLY 9/10 Girls:	Maryam 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall for age group
BUTTERFLY 12/13 Girls:	Fatimah 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall for age group

At the Hume Primary Regional Swimming Championships yesterday Maryam & Fatimah achieved the following results:

FREESTYLE 9/10 Girls: Maryam placed 1<sup>st</sup>  
BUTTERFLY 9/10 Girls: Maryam placed 1<sup>st</sup>

FREESTYLE 12/13 Girls: Fatimah placed 4<sup>th</sup>  
BUTTERFLY 12/13 Girls: Fatimah placed 1<sup>st</sup>

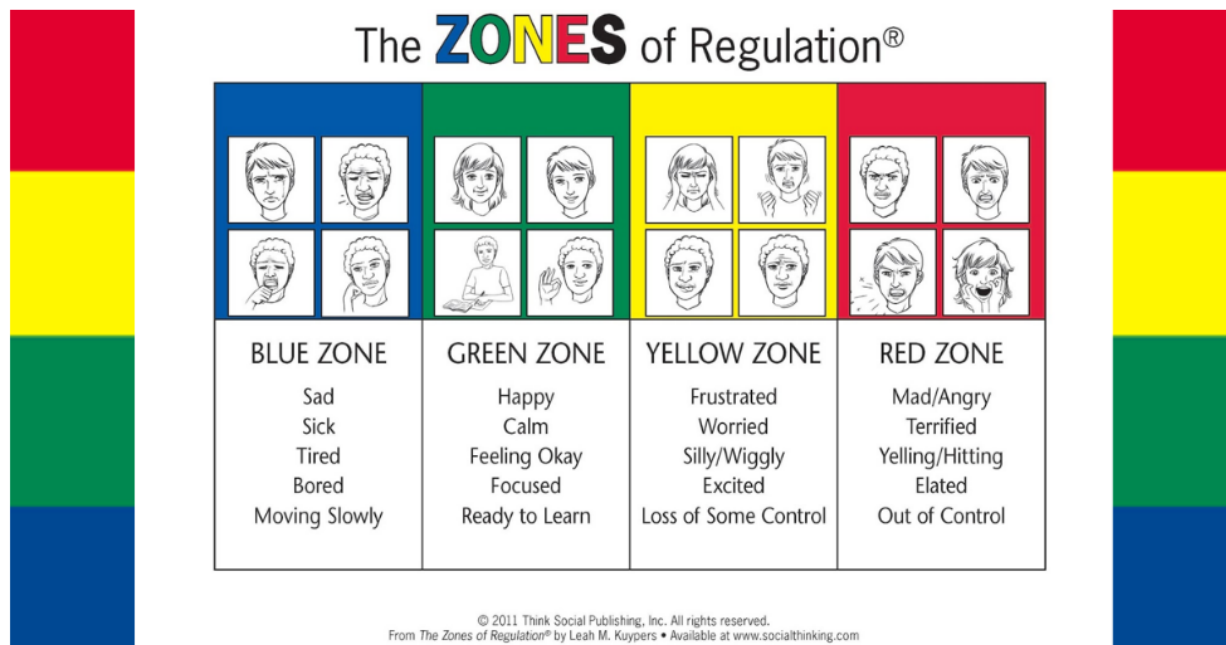
Both girls are now off to the State Swimming Championships in Melbourne which will be in May.

We are very proud of their efforts and wish them all the best with their swimming training!



## Pupil Free day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March (Tomorrow)

Tomorrow our staff are participating in a professional learning day on The Zones of Regulation. Some of you may be aware of this program as our social worker Simone Nolan often uses this framework with groups of students. We look forward to learning as a whole staff, explicitly teaching our students about each zone and more importantly providing tools for our students to assist them in identifying which zone they are in and how to regulate to move into another zone which will help them make better choices.



### Grahamvale Primary School

**Photo Day 2025**

**Date Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

#### To Order Photos:

Order via the Compass Portal.

**Order your School Photos before midnight Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Late Orders can be accepted after 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.msp.com.au)

## Dates to Remember

<b>March</b>	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	Sean Choolburra – Harmony Day performance
		Harmony Day Assembly 2:45pm
	Friday 28	Fun Run – Victoria Park Lake 9:15am
<b>April</b>	Friday 4	Last Day Term 1 – 2:20pm dismissal
		Easter Dress Up Day & Raffle
	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
<b>May</b>	Thursday 1	Gregg Dreise Author visit
	Friday 2	Kyabram Fauna Park- Foundation
	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
	Friday 23	Melbourne Zoo- Year 2
	Monday 26	House Lunch
	Wednesday 28	Alpha Show – Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2
<b>June</b>	Wednesday 4	Junk Yard Beats- Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
	Monday 9	Public Holiday- King's Birthday
	Friday 16	Region Cross Country
<b>July</b>	Friday 4	Last Day Term 2 – 2:20pm dismissal
	Monday 21	First Day Term 3
<b>August</b>	Wednesday 6	Pupil Free Day
	Thursday 14	Bendigo Excursion- Year 5
	Friday 22	House Athletics Day- McEwen Reserve
<b>September</b>	Wed 10 Thu 11 Fri 12	Year 4 Camp- Phillip Island
	Thursday 18	School Concert - Eastbank
	Friday 19	Last Day Term 3 - 2:20pm dismissal
<b>October</b>	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
	Mon 20 Tue 21 Wed 22	Year 5 Camp- Sovereign Hill Ballarat
<b>November</b>	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
<b>December</b>	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. Keep up the great work!



### 2025 Easter Raffle Fundraiser

The Parents Club is excited to announce this year's **Easter Raffle Fundraiser!** Each student will receive a sheet of tickets NEXT week to sell to family and friends **Tickets will be just \$1 each.**

To make this fundraiser a success, we kindly ask each family to donate an item such as **Easter eggs, Easter bunnies, or other festive Easter items** to be used as prizes. Donations can be sent with your child and dropped off at the school office.

If you have any spare **baskets** to help present the prizes, they would be greatly appreciated!

**Need more tickets?** Additional sheets will be available from the front office!

Thank you for your support!



## Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

CSEF payments of \$154.00 for each eligible child, is provided by the Victorian Government to assist families to cover the costs of school trips, camps, and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card, you may be eligible for CSEF. All payments are made directly to the school and allocated to your child/ren's charges for activities.

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

# 2026 FOUNDATION TOURS



Come and see all that Grahamvale Primary School has to offer. We will be conducting small group tours with our Principal, Luke Simpson.

## School Tour Dates

Tuesday March 25th	- 9:15am & 10:15am
Thursday March 27th	- 9:15am & 10:15am
Monday March 31st	- 9:15am & 10:15am
Wednesday April 2nd	- 12:15pm & 1pm
Monday April 28th	- 9:15am & 10:15am
Wednesday April 30th	- 12:15pm & 1pm



### book now!

Contact the office to book your school tour - 5821 4219.



## Grahamvale Sports Club

### NETBALL REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2025 SEASON!!

Do you have a child in Year 2 or above who are eager to play netball in 2025? Registrations for the Saturday Winter competition are now open.

Registrations cost \$215/player and this includes your child's uniform hire, SNA court fees, plus your child's VNA registration and insurance.

Games will commence on Saturday 3rd May.

To register and pay, please visit the link below:

<https://registration.netballconnect.com/userRegistration?organisationId=42cd8301-2f35-4ca2-bab2-3309f4a257c8&competitionId=ffc0f2a6-109c-4832-8ad1-4a5ecb0eacfb>

REGISTRATIONS WILL CLOSE FRIDAY 7TH MARCH!

If you have any queries, feel free to email the club directly: [Grahamvalesportsclub1@gmail.com](mailto:Grahamvalesportsclub1@gmail.com) or contact Shinea Sali, (Netball Delegate - Grahamvale Sports Club).

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the courts this season!



### SOCCER REGISTRATIONS FOR WINTER 2025 COMP NOW OPEN!!!!

Shepparton Junior Soccer Association season starts Saturday 26th April and Grahamvale Sports Club Inc. are looking to field teams in U12, U10, U8, U7, U6 and Kinderoos.

For your child to play soccer, you will need to complete two registrations and make two credit card payments. One reg/fee is with Grahamvale Sports club (\$43) and the second is with Football Vic/SJSA (\$107).

The total payment for your child's soccer registration is \$150.

Follow the link below to register:

<https://grahamvalesportsclub.com/2025soccer-regos>

REGISTRATIONS WILL CLOSE MONDAY 17TH MARCH!

We look forward to welcoming lots of kids to soccer at Grahamvale Primary School in 2025!

If you have any queries, feel free to email the club directly: [Grahamvalesportsclub1@gmail.com](mailto:Grahamvalesportsclub1@gmail.com) or contact Casey Collins or Lisa Ryan, (Soccer Delegates - Grahamvale Sports Club).

### MONDAY 24TH MARCH at 3:45PM

Pop this date and time into your calendars! We'll be holding our Uniform Try On session at Grahamvale Primary School (outside the sport shed) for all our 2025 netballers and soccer players.

Come, bring your player and they can choose the size for their uniforms. As well, if you need a hand with your registration, our friendly delegates will be there to give you a hand and answer any questions.





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# FUN RUN

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Friday March 28 students will be participating in Grahamvale Primary School's annual Fun Run at the Victoria Park Lake to raise money for our school.

Money raised will go towards improving our courtyard area, transforming it into a green, calm space for all students to enjoy!

Individuals will earn prizes depending on the amount of funds raised (please see other side), PLUS the class that raises the most amount of funds will enjoy a pizza lunch with Mr Simo and Mrs Mellington!

**Scan the QR Code to start  
fundraising!**



Thank you Rebel Sport Shepparton for supporting our school!

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# NAPLAN



## PANCAKES

**FRIDAY 21ST MARCH  
8AM STAFF ROOM**

A celebratory pancake breakfast for the  
Grade 3's and 5's after NAPLAN



**Volunteers needed to mix pancakes  
Thursday 20th, 3pm in the staff room.**

**Volunteers needed to help cook and serve  
pancakes Friday 21st March 8am**

**Please let the office know if you can help!**



# GPS Easter Raffle



WE ARE REQUESTING DONATIONS OF EASTER EGGS AND  
THEMED ITEMS:  
BE IT LARGE, SMALL, "FREE FROM(ALLERGIES)", ACTIVITIES,  
STICKERS, BOOKS

PLEASE SEND ANY DONATIONS WITH YOUR CHILD TO BE  
DROPPED INTO THE OFFICE BY 28TH MARCH





## SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER



### Shepparton Bunnings

Grahamvale Parents club is holding  
our annual fundraising sausage sizzle

**Sunday  
27th April  
2025**

Volunteers needed  
Contact the office or  
Please email

[guparentsclub@gmail.com](mailto:guparentsclub@gmail.com)

FROM 8AM TILL 4PM

## School Reporters

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Our Staff Members have been counting down the days till our school **FUN RUN!**

So far we have saved **\$10,405**

We encourage those who haven't donated yet to think about how vibrant the school's new courtyard would be.

For those of you who are hoping to get Mrs Lloga slimed we must reach the total of **\$39,999** in the next few weeks leading up to the **FUN RUN!**

Last week 4 of our specialist teachers got **SLIMED!**

**Mrs Rogers** said it felt fun and exciting and she very much enjoyed it. She also felt relieved that it was over and would LOVE to do it again. But unfortunately, she is not present for rest of term but will be having the holiday of a lifetime in Tasmania.  
(Rumour has it she looked like a minion at the end of her sliming).



**Mrs Curiso** said she felt slimy but relieved because it was over. She said she'd do it again but if she could have any coloured slime poured on her she would pick **GREEN**.

**Mrs Voumard** said she felt sticky and some of that pesky slime got in her mouth, for those who are wondering she disliked the texture more than the taste. She would not like to do it again. And if she could be tipped in any slime colour it would be **BLUE**.



Unfortunately, Mr Harold was not present on the day of our interviewing.

Our highest fundraising students are Seneen (Year 3 Williamson) and Samuel (Year 3 Bryant) both raising \$1000 each.

Remember every cent counts, we are very grateful for those who have donated to our school.

Sincerely Remi and Indiana



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# BADMINTON JUNIOR COMPETITION



**2 PRACTICE  
AND GRADING  
EVENINGS**

**COME AND TRY  
FOR FREE**

**FRIDAY 28TH MARCH 2025 - 4 - 6PM**  
**FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025 - 4 - 6PM**

Competition starts on the 2nd May and ends the 12th September  
For further information call John on 0428 367 791  
visit [shepbadminton.com.au](http://shepbadminton.com.au) or  
Facebook (Shepparton Badminton Association).  
Entries for both school teams and individual players are welcome.  
(Entries close 11th April)  
Shepparton Sports Stadium, Numurkah Rd





# TIGERS BASKETBALL

## SHEPPARTON

# REGISTRATIONS OPEN

## GSBA 2025 WINTER SEASON

**(28/04/2025 - 31/07/2025)**

# REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 30TH MARCH

proud sponsor : **STELLAR**  
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## 11 & UNDER NETBALLERS

**WE ARE CALLING OUT TO 11 AND  
UNDER NETBALLERS WHO ARE  
WANTING TO JOIN DOOKIE UNITED  
FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB**

**Boys and Girls welcome!  
Training Thursday Weekly starting  
6th March**

**Games will be at 9:30am on  
Game days!!**

Reach out to Kim Bussell on  
0428 546 287 for any  
more information!



# AusBike

AGES 5-12



The national program, designed by Australia's peak cycling body, AusCycling, is being facilitated by local club, Shepparton Cycling Club.

AusBike gives kids the essential skills to experience the freedom, fun and adventure of life on a bike.

**AusBikers are safe & active kids!**  
Our accredited coaches will help build your child's competence and confidence on two wheels...and who knows where their love of riding will take them?!



REGISTER NOW

The AusBike program has been developed with the support of the Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission.



## Every online safety conversation matters

The eSafety Commissioner (eSafety) and the Australian Federal Police-led Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE) have created this resource to help families have important conversations about online safety.

Having open and honest conversations can help your child confide in a trusted adult when they are faced with unsafe situations online. These cards cover topics about online interests, handling uncomfortable or unsafe situations, getting help and reporting abuse.

The cards are numbered and should be asked in order as they build on the previous questions.

To learn more about online safety or reporting abuse, go to:

 [www.accce.gov.au](http://www.accce.gov.au)

 [www.eSafety.gov.au](http://www.eSafety.gov.au)

 [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au)

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## What do you like to do online?

### Related questions

What games are you and your friends playing? What social media apps do you use?  
What's the best and worst thing about social media?

### Why this question matters?

Regularly talking with your child about what they are doing online helps create a safe, trusting environment to talk about more serious online safety topics, and can help you work out how best to support your child.

### Take action together

Choose an online activity to do together, such as watching videos or playing an online game. This is a great way to connect as a family and learn together. Talk about how the apps or games work, if there is a chat option and what makes them fun.



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## Do you share your thoughts and ideas online?

### Related questions

Do you think everyone can share their ideas and thoughts equally online?  
How do you express yourself differently online?

### Why this question matters?

Everyone has a right to share ideas and thoughts online, but not if it makes someone else unsafe or uncomfortable. Sometimes people online can be unkind. If someone is being targeted online for things they can't change, it is not their responsibility to educate others at the expense of their own wellbeing or safety.

### Take action together

Look at how to report abuse on a few favourite games or social media services. A quick online search of 'report abuse on ...' will usually take you to the instructions or you can search in the game or app.



In the spirit of reconciliation, TheirCare acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country in Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



## Hello!

It's been a wonderful start to the year in OSHC! Our preps have settled in beautifully, and we're so happy to see them feeling comfortable and excited each day.

One of the highlights so far has been baking! The children have absolutely loved getting hands-on in the kitchen, and it's been so much fun to see their creativity shine. We're looking forward to doing even more cooking activities with the kids in the coming weeks – there's lots of tasty fun ahead!

We also wanted to mention that Harmony Week is just around the corner. It's a great time to celebrate diversity and inclusion, and we have some exciting activities planned to help the children learn more about different cultures and the importance of kindness and respect. Stay tuned for more updates, and we're looking forward to more fun-filled afternoons ahead!

