GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER

Week 6 – 12th November 2026

Hi families,

This week has felt a little different at school with our Year 6 and Year 4 students away on camp. I was lucky to be part of the Melbourne Camp and I, along with the other teachers and parent helpers were impressed by the level of maturity of our students. We received lots of positive feedback about our students from members of the public on the trains and trams whilst navigating our large group around the city.

Leadership badge presentation

Thursday 3rd December 2:45pm we are announcing our 2027 student leaders. To help with this special occasion, we are fortunate to have former assistant principal of Grahamvale PS, Peter Frizzell in attendance. This will be a great afternoon for our community, and it will be wonderful to have Peter back in this capacity.

This week our Year 5 students participated in a Leadership Day, learning lots about the quality of what good leaders show and do with their words and actions. We were also lucky to have students from GSSC visit to present to our Year 5 cohort. Students applying for leadership positions will be presenting their speeches at school on Monday 16th November. Some other year levels of students will be invited to listen and then vote. One change we have made for 2027 is our Junior School Council leadership members will now be known as our Student Voice team.

Year 6 Graduation

Monday 16th November at 9am will be our graduation photo. Students need to be at school on time as the photographer will be here for 10 minutes before going to many other schools around the Goulburn Valley. Our graduation is taking place on Tuesday 15th December at the GV Hotel in the evening, with a rehearsal taking place in the morning. Further information will be provided by the Year 6 team.

Year 2 sleepover & Year 1 late stay

Thank you to Mrs Marcetic and Miss Baker for giving up time with their families last week to stay over at school. Thanks to parents, Jessica, Julia & Damien for supporting our teachers and students overnight. Our Year 6 leaders also did a fabulous job in running activities and games for the younger students.

End of year excursions

Many year levels have planned end of year activities. Some of these are off site. Please continue to check Compass daily for any important updates and to provide consent and pay for your child to attend these special events.

Term 4 Assembly dates

- Friday 20th November (2:45pm)
- Thursday 3rd December – 2027 Leaders Assembly (2:45pm)
- Friday 11th December – Final Assembly (2:30pm)

Mr Simo

Year 6 Camp - Melbourne

Student spent three days taking in all the sights Melbourne has to offer. Early mornings and late nights helped us make the most of our time on camp. Students visited and had guided tours of the Old Melbourne Gaol, the State Library, Parliament House, the Immigration Museum and the MCG. They also spent time in the Sports Museum, swimming at MSAC, ice skating at O'Brien Ice House and grabbing some bargains at The South Melbourne Market. It was exciting getting on and off trams in busy peak hour times, but our students did themsleves proud. Thanks to Mrs Keele for organising camp, Mr Minutoli, Miss Bell and parent helpers, Heather, Sarah, Tameika and Meg for joining me on camp.













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Year 4 camp – Phillip Island

Our Year 4s are having some beach fun this week. Surfing lessons and boogie boarding were popular options with great weather. Students are going to the penguin parade this evening after visiting Nobby's Boardwalk and A Maze'n Things during the day. Thanks to Miss Coghlan, Mrs Moran, Mrs Nicholls, Jack Bergamin, Toby Williams and parent helpers Belinda, Chloe and Erin for being part of the camp.











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Dates to Remember		
November	Monday 16	Year 6 Graduation Photo 9am
	Friday 27	Colour Run
December	Thursday 3	2027 Student Leaders Assembly 2:45pm
	Tuesday 8	Statewide Transition Day
	Friday 11	Final Assembly 2:30pm
		Year 5 Aspirations Day at GSSC
	Tuesday 15	Year 6 Graduation – GV Hotel
	Friday 18	Last day Term 4 - 1:20pm dismissal

Values Awards

Congratulations to these students who received a Values Awards.



Grahamvale

is excited to be hosting another

COLOUR RUN!

Friday 27th November 2026

This fun-filled event encourages students to be active, enjoy time with their classmates and participate in a memorable whole-school experience.

WHAT HAPPENS?

Students will run or walk around a designated circuit for approximately **20 minutes**. During this time, they will have water sprayed on them and coloured powder squirted at them from bottles.

The powder is made from high-quality corn starch and permitted food colours. It is non-toxic, biodegradable, skin-safe and environmentally friendly.

WHEN WILL THE COLOUR RUN TAKE PLACE?

The Colour Run will take place in the afternoon, commencing at approximately **2.00 pm.**
Students will participate in the following groups:

First session:	Foundation (short course) and Years 3/4 (longer course).
Second session:	Years 1/2 (short course) and Years 5/6 (longer course).

Each group will participate for approximately **20 minutes,** with coloured powder squirted at students as they complete the circuit.

WHAT SHOULD STUDENTS WEAR?

The Colour Run will be a **casual clothes day.**
Students are encouraged to wear a **white T-shirt** (no singlet tops), along with bright-coloured clothing and accessories to make the event even more colourful!

Please avoid sending students in their best clothes or shoes, as the coloured powder may leave stains. While the colour will generally wash out after a few washes, this is not guaranteed.

All students must wear a broad-brimmed hat.
Their usual school hat is suitable.

Caps are not permitted.

WHAT ELSE DO WE NEED TO KNOW?

Water will be sprayed from a hose prior to the race to help the coloured powder stick to students' clothing. The powder will be aimed at students' torsos.

Students may choose to wear sunglasses or other suitable eye protection if they wish.

Students will be dismissed at the usual pick-up times. Families may wish to bring a change of clothes for their child to wear home, along with a towel to sit on or wrap around themselves before getting into the car.

The Colour Run has been funded through money raised by the **Junior School Council**, allowing all students to participate in this fun-filled event **free of charge!**

We look forward to a fantastic afternoon of colour, fun and school spirit!

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