

GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER



Week Eight – 11th June 2026

Hi families,

We have had a wet past couple of weeks and now there is only two weeks left of Term Two! There are still some great activities coming up such as our Year 1 Learning Expo, High Abilities programs for students in Years 3-6, Year 6 online State Library writing session and PJ dress up day on the last day of Term. I would also like to remind parents there is a pupil free day for students on Tuesday 23rd June. TheirCare will be operating on this day if required. Our final assembly of the term will be Friday 19th June, where we will be presenting our Terrific Kid awards.

Farewell Mrs Freeman

Most of our community is aware that Mrs Freeman is moving interstate as her husband moved there earlier this year for work reasons. Mrs Freeman is finishing at Grahamvale at the end of this term and taking leave for the remainder of 2026. Mrs Freeman has taught at GPS since the beginning of 2022. We wish Mrs Freeman all the best at her new school.



We have appointed Pam Moran to teach the Year 4 class full time for Semester Two and welcome Mrs Moran to the GPS team! We also welcome Kate Willcock to GPS who will be supporting students in small group instruction.

Working Together for a Positive Start to the School Day

At Grahamvale, we are committed to providing calm, structured, and successful learning environments for every student. Our teaching practices are guided by evidence-based approaches, which promote high expectations, explicit teaching, consistency, and strong relationships. These approaches support students to develop confidence, independence, resilience, and positive learning behaviours.

Strong partnerships between home and school play an important role in student success. We ask families to support the school by ensuring students arrive on time each day, ready to learn. **Arriving by 8:45am** allows students to settle calmly, organise themselves for the day, and begin learning successfully alongside their peers. Late arrivals can impact both student wellbeing and classroom routines. If you are able to stay in the classroom to support the teachers with students' reading practice, please let the teacher know.

If you cannot stay and assist with reading, we kindly ask that parents say their goodbyes promptly in the morning and leave classroom spaces. This supports students to develop independence, reduces disruptions to learning, and assists staff in establishing calm and focused classroom environments from the beginning of the day. If you wish to catch up with other parents, we kindly ask you to do so outside the classroom to minimise distractions for our students as every minute of learning time is valuable.

Semester One reports

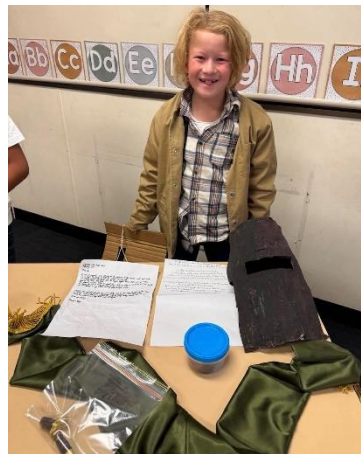
We will be providing student achievement reports for Semester One this year as usual. The reports will be made available for parents/carers to download on Compass on Monday 22nd June at approx. 4pm.

As a result of industrial action taken earlier this term by the Australian Education Union reports will look different to other years. Teachers who are members of the AEU are not required to write written comments this semester. AEU members will only indicate student achievement against the relevant curriculum areas of the Victorian Curriculum.

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

Night of the Notables

Last week it was our Year 3 students' time to shine at their Night of the Notables. Students had spent many weeks researching their Notable Australian, taking in as much information as their long term memory could consume. They did a fantastic job in sharing these facts with our community. The costumes, the artefacts and the opening song all played their part to make a memorable event. Congratulations to our students and thank you to our teachers for their work in the lead up to the night including, Mr W, Miss Holland, Miss Walker & Mrs Voumard. Thank you also to our parents and carers for supporting our students to feel confident on the night!



Push Up Challenge

I have signed up our school to participate in the 2026 Push Up Challenge! Each school day I am inviting students and staff to join me in completing some push ups, squats, star jumps or sit ups to promote the importance of everyone's mental health. I have been blown away by the support of our students. Even on wet weather days we have been having fun inside, ticking each days' activities off. Even next year's Foundation students joined me at the end of our last Best Start session! If you could spare a gold coin, please put this in the container at the front office and at the end of the month I will donate it to the cause.

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 eheadspace for online/phone support, visit your local GP or have a chat with a trusted adult.



The Huddle – North Melbourne Football Club

Over the past two Wednesdays our Year 6 students have travelled to Melbourne on the train to participate in the Game Day program at North Melbourne's Huddle facility at Arden Street. The focus of the day was on STEM activities and if you were at assembly last week, you will have heard some of our students share their experiences. It challenged our students to think critically and collaborate to solve STEM based problems such as building pendulums to kick a small football through the goals, navigating Sphero bots through a pre-designed course and exploring concepts such as artificial and emotional intelligence.



Check out the link below to see some photos of our students in action on The Huddle webpage.

<https://www.thehuddle.org.au/latest-stories/a-big-day-for-grahamvale>

House points

In 4th place is **McDermott** House on 195 points.

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

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

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

Congratulations to **Doyle** House!

Values Awards

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



Dates to Remember

June	Friday 12	Region Cross County
	Tuesday 23	Pupil 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! 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
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
Monday 16		Year 6 Graduation Photo
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

Apple Drive

Parents Club recent Apple Drive fundraiser was a great success, raising over \$1,300 towards numeracy resources for our school. Thank you to the members of the Parents Club who volunteered their time to pack and distribute the apples which were kindly donated by McNabs Orchards Ardmona.

Mitchell from McNabs Orchards Ardmona generously donated 350kg of pink lady apples for the fundraiser. Vasil Damianopoulos of Vadpak Shepparton also kindly donated the bags and clips for the apples to be distributed in.

The generosity of McNabs Orchard and Vadpak is greatly appreciated and we thank them for their support for this fundraiser.





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



GRAHAMVALE Parents Club

NEXT MEETING



7 PM



STAFF ROOM



15TH JUNE

All parents and carers are welcome!
We look forward to seeing you there.

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
- SAUSAGES
- SAUCE
- PRE-CUT ONIONS

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

BBQ DATE Sunday 26th July

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GRAHAMVALE PS!