

GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER

Week Eight – 20th March 2025



Hi families,

Just over two weeks of the term to go, with lots of events taking place!

Harmony Day

On Monday we will be celebrating Harmony Day together. Students will be participating in a session with indigenous performer Sean Choolburra. Sean is a charismatic, vibrant and captivating performer. His engaging energy, alongside historical facts, spiritual wisdom, depth of ancestral understanding and knowledge assist him in being one very exciting and talented cultural ambassador. At 2:45pm we will have a whole school assembly, celebrating our community's cultures. Mrs Voumard has been practising with students over the last month and we look forward to this. Students are encouraged to dress in cultural clothing, the colour of their flag or the colour orange, which is the official colour of Harmony Day. Parents are invited to join in our assembly.



Fun Run

Our Fun Run is only a week away!! Next Friday morning all students will board buses to the Victoria Park Lake, leaving school just after the 9am bell. Students are to participate in full school uniform, including their hat. We have had a terrific response from our parent community, with many volunteers helping out to make this a fun and importantly, safe event.

Our fundraising total is approx. \$15,000 which is a great effort. To date we have **147 students** who have organised a donation and we hope that many more can possibly donate over the final week of our major fundraiser. Fundraising donations will close online on Monday 31st March.

2026 Foundation school tours

We are looking forward to welcoming families on our upcoming school tours over the next two weeks and again early in Term 2 to showcase the wonderful things GPS have to offer our students. If you know of families looking for a school for 2026, please encourage them to call the office to book a tour time ASAP.

NAPLAN

Over the past week our Year 3 and Year 5 students have been showing great stamina to complete these national assessments in a range of literacy and numeracy areas. To mark the end of the testing period, our Parents Club are providing a pancake breakfast at school on Friday morning. This will take place in the library from 9am. Thank you to our parent volunteers for providing this event for our students.

Easter Hat Parade & raffle

On the final day of this term we are celebrating Easter and having a fun way to begin the holiday break. The day will start with an Easter Hat parade at the undercover area, followed by the drawing of our Easter raffle

prizes. If you can donate an Easter related prize, please drop off to our office before Wednesday 2nd April. Our Parents Club are wrapping the prizes Wednesday evening.

Mr Simo

Dates to Remember		
March	Monday 24	Harmony Day
	Friday 28	Fun Run – Victoria Park Lake
April	Friday 4	Last Day Term 1 – 2:20pm dismissal
	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
May	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
	Monday 26	House Lunch
June	Wednesday 4	Junk Yard Beats- Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
	Monday 9	Public Holiday- King's Birthday
	Friday 16	Region Cross Country
July	Friday 4	Last Day Term 2 – 2:20pm dismissal
	Monday 21	First Day Term 3
August	Wednesday 6	Pupil Free Day
	Friday 22	House Athletics Day- McEwen Reserve
September	Thursday 18	School Concert - Eastbank
	Friday 19	Last Day Term 3 - 2:20pm dismissal
October	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
	Wed 15 Thu 16 Fri 17	Year 4 Camp – Camp Wyuna
	Mon 20 Tue 21 Wed 22	Year 5 Camp- Sovereign Hill Ballarat
November	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
December	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 for the last few weeks of the term!



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.



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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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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 2ND APRIL





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

FROM 8AM TILL 4PM

School Reporters

Dear Parents/ Guardians and Students,

On Monday 24th March we will be celebrating our annual Harmony Day Ceremony.

We encourage students to either wear the colour orange the colour of harmony day or cultural clothing based on your ancestral background. E.g. Black, Red and Yellow for Germany or the traditional clothing of your culture. We are very lucky to be having Sean Choolburra a cultural performer come to our school to share his background. We will have 28 different countries perform during our ceremony including...

Northern Europe:

Ireland

Scotland

U.K

Southern Europe:

Italy

Greece

Macedonia

Albania

America:

USA

Oceania:

Tonga

Samoa

Fiji

New Zealand

First Nations

Australia

South Asia:

Afghanistan

Pakistan

Sri Lanka

Bangladesh

South East and East Asia:

China

Thailand

Philippines

Malaysia

Western Europe:

Germany

Netherlands

Poland

Middle East:

Egypt

Iraq

Turkey

We are very proud to say our students have been putting the effort in to sing, dance and play instruments. They have worked very hard for their performance so please show respect during the ceremony because the whole idea of harmony day is "Everyone Belongs"

Our Harmony Day Ceremony will take place at 2:45pm

Sincerely,

Remi and Indiana (The School Reporters)



How can you keep information private online?

Related questions

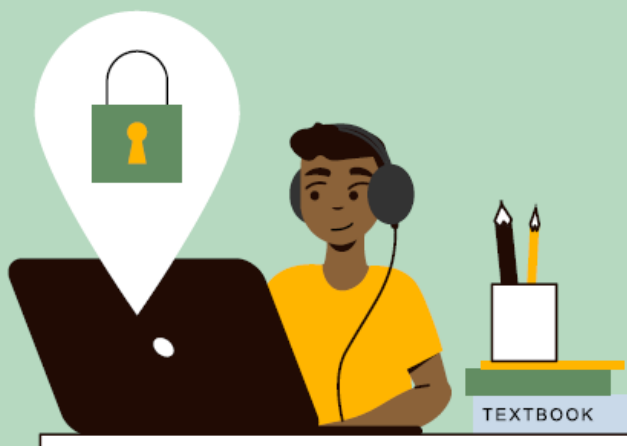
Do you have privacy settings on your social media accounts? Do you know how to change the privacy settings? Would you tell me if you decided to have a public account?

Why this question matters?

Privacy settings include private, friends only, approve new requests/friends, or public. If your child's account settings are public this means anyone can see what they are posting. Privacy settings can help your child be more in control of who can see their posts and the information they share online.

Take action together

Talk about what's OK and not OK to share, for example there are risks in sharing information about your location, school or age. If your child is open to it, you could offer to help them review and change their privacy settings.



Do you know all your social media friends and followers in-person?

Related questions

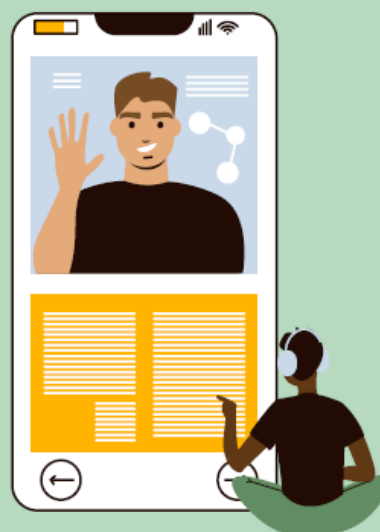
Are they friends from school? Or did you meet them online? If you've only met them online, how do you know they are who they say they are? What do you talk about?

Why this question matters?

Having regular conversations with your child about who they are talking to can help make it easier to notice if they are in trouble or something isn't right. It's also important to talk about the risks that come with talking to people who you've only met online. For example, someone can pretend to be someone else online, to trick or harm your child.

Take action together

Talk regularly about who is in your child's contact list and how they interact with them. Investigate together how to 'block' someone who might be unsafe or acting in an inappropriate way.



WANTED

Plastic tops

bottles, toothpaste, jars, yoghurt, dips, juice etc



FamilyCare will use the recycled plastic tops to
create an eco mural

Please rinse
All sizes welcome



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read more about the
project here

Pop-up Museum

**Australian Dinosaurs, Megafauna
& Animals**



Tuesday 8th April
12:00pm - 3:00pm



Bookings are essential

Scan the QR code or go to
www.gvlibraries.com.au/museums-victoria to book
a time slot for your Pop-up Museum experience.

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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!

Over the past fortnight, our After-School Care Program has been filled with exciting and creative activities! Here's a look at what the kids have been up to:

- **Baking Banana Bread:** Our budding chefs had a blast in the kitchen, mixing ingredients and baking delicious banana bread.
- **Making Rainbow Jars:** The children created beautiful rainbow jars, combining colors and creativity for a colorful keepsake.
- **Alien Masks:** It was an out-of-this-world craft session as the kids designed and decorated their very own alien masks!
- **Kinetic Sand:** Everyone enjoyed the sensory fun of kinetic sand, creating textured designs and sculptures.
- **Beads:** The children got busy with beads, making necklaces, bracelets, and other fun jewelry pieces.
- **Cardboard Robots:** Using their imagination, the kids built and decorated cardboard robots, showcasing their creativity and problem-solving skills.

These activities not only foster creativity but also encourage teamwork and skill-building. We can't wait to see what the next fortnight brings!

