

# GRAHAMVALE NEWSLETTER



**Week Nine – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Hi families,

The end of Term One is coming around quickly! We really appreciate the effort and support our parent community provide when we organise events. We continually encourage our families to be connected to their child's schooling life to strengthen the home/school partnership. This will again be supported through the parent/teacher conferences taking place next week.

## **Fun Run**

Our Fun Run is tomorrow!!! We look forward to seeing many of our community there to support and cheer on our students. The aim of the event is to enjoy each other's company and have a fun time celebrating the amazing generosity our community has shown in our fundraising appeal. Thanks to our parent volunteers who are manning the shared path for us and taking on first aid duties – this event couldn't take place without you all! We will be starting at approximately 9:30am. It will take place at the north end of the Victoria Park Lake. Our fundraising total is currently \$19,430. Donations will be accepted online up until Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

## **Easter Hat Parade & Raffle**

Our annual Easter Hat Parade is taking place Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, beginning at 9am at the undercover area. Parents are welcome to come and watch this event. We will also be drawing the Easter Raffle at the end of our parade. Raffle prizes will be sent home with students at the end of the day.

## **Farewell to Mrs Naylor**

At the end of Term One we are saying goodbye to Mrs Naylor after one term teaching at GPS. Mrs Naylor is transferring to Greater Shepparton Secondary School in an ongoing position. We wish her well in her next adventure in education.

To replace Mrs Naylor, we welcome Mrs Julie Nicholls. Julie is an ex-Grahamvale PS teacher and has been teaching at Kialla Central PS in more recent times. We look forward to Mrs Nicholls re-joining the GPS team! We are sure she will build connections with students, staff and parents quickly.



## **Parent/Teacher conferences**

Please arrive early for your conference times and wait outside the classroom until the conference before you has finished. Please note, that a chime will sound over the school's PA system to signal the end of your conference (this will chime every 15mins). Please be respectful of other families and finish up your session to allow others to run on time. A reminder that only one timeslot per child can be booked.

## **NAPLAN**

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students recently completed national assessments in literacy and numeracy and we look forward to receiving their results later in the year. We also remind our parents and students that these results are a snapshot of our students' abilities, and our teachers provide many opportunities for assessment throughout the year to gain an overall perspective of our students.

Thank you to our Parents Club for providing a delicious pancake breakfast for our students last Friday morning – our students appreciated it!

## Harmony Day

Yesterday was a great celebration of our wonderful diversity that we have at GPS. Thank you to the families of students who represented their heritage so well. A big thanks must go to Anita Voumard for her strong organisation and wanting to get as much student voice and agency involved as possible.

There will be more photos on our school's Facebook page soon.





### 2027 Foundation students

We are in planning mode for next year already. If you have a child starting school in 2027, please call the office to place their name on our list if you haven't done so already.

Our school tours for prospective families have begun this week. Please share these with any family or friends looking for a school for 2027 and inform them to call our office to secure a spot. The tours will be kept to small numbers.

## Student Leadership Conference

Our student leaders attended The Youth Leadership Conference at the Melbourne Convention Centre on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March with over 1000 students from across Victoria. This conference is ran in most states across Australia. After an early start catching the 6:27am train, our students enjoyed the day hearing from a range of guest speakers including Essendon AFL W player Maddy Prespakis. Students were also encouraged to step outside of their comfort zone to discuss topics with students from other schools. Our student leaders represented our school wonderfully and I received numerous positive comments from members of the public on the train at how well behaved our students were.



## Hume Region Swimming Championships



Congratulations to the students who represented GPS at the recent Swimming Championships in Wangaratta. We are very proud of their efforts!

- 9/10 Year Old Girls Freestyle: Gretel – 5th
- 9/10 Year Old Girls Breaststroke: Gretel – 7th
- 11 Year Old Backstroke: Indi – 7th
- 11 Year Old Girls Freestyle: Mary – 2nd
- 11 Year Old Girls Butterfly: Mary – 4th
- 9/10yo Mixed Freestyle 4x50m Relay: 7<sup>th</sup> (Liam, Ollie, Hunter and Gretel)
- 9–13yo girls Medley Relay: 8<sup>th</sup> (Indi-Backstroke, Milla-Breaststroke, Mary-Butterfly and Emma-Freestyle)

### House points – Term 1 totals

In 4<sup>th</sup> place is **James** House on 4145 points.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> place is **McDermott** House with 4565 points.

In 2<sup>nd</sup> place is **Hick** House with 4875 points

In 1<sup>st</sup> place is **Doyle** House with 5615 points.

Congratulations to **Doyle** House!

Doyle House were very happy to be wearing their House t-shirts with pride today and enjoying lunch altogether to celebrate their win!



## Kiwanis Terrific Kids Award

A big congratulations to our Term 1 Kiwanis Terrific Kid award winners- Sophie (Year 3), Lachlan (Year 2) and Amira (Year 5). Keep up the great work and keep being fantastic role models!



## Values Awards

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



## Dates to Remember

<b>March</b>	Friday 27	Fun Run – Victoria Park Lake
	Tuesday 31	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30pm – 6pm
<b>April</b>	Wednesday 1	Easter Hat parade & Easter raffle
		Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30pm – 6pm
	Thursday 2	Pupil Free Day/Last Day Term 1
		Parent Teacher Conferences 8:45am – 12:30pm
	Monday 20	First Day Term 2
	Friday 24	Cross Country – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
<b>May</b>	Mon 4 Tue 5 Wed 6 Thu 7 Fri 8	Swimming Program- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
	Mon 11 Tue 12 Wed 13 Thu 14 Fri 15	Swimming Program- Foundation, Year 1 & 2
	Tuesday 19	Cultural Incursion
	Wednesday 20	Pupil Free Day
	Thursday 21	Grandparents Morning 9am-10am
	Wednesday 27	F-2 Alpha Show & House Lunch
		Division Cross Country
<b>June</b>	Monday 8	Public Holiday- King's Birthday
	Friday 12	Region Cross County
	Friday 26	Last Day Term 2 – 2:20pm dismissal
<b>July</b>	Monday 13	First Day Term 3
<b>August</b>	Thursday 13	Author Visit Incursion
	Friday 14	House Athletics Day- McEwen Reserve
	Wednesday 19	House Lunch
<b>September</b>	Thursday 17	School Concert - Eastbank
	Friday 18	Last Day Term 3 - 2:20pm dismissal
<b>October</b>	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
	Mon 19 Tue 20 Wed 21	Year 5 Camp – Sovereign Hill Ballarat
	Wed 28 Thu 29 Fri 30	Year 3 Camp – Camp Kookaburra
<b>November</b>	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
<b>December</b>	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



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# FUN RUN

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Friday March 27th students will be participating in Grahamvale Primary School's annual Fun Run at the Victoria Park Lake to raise money for our school.

<https://grahamvalefunrun.goraiseit.com.au/>

Money raised will go towards installing a high fence around the turf to stop balls being lost in the paddock and other outdoor improvements!

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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# Prizes to be earned...



Depending on the amount of funds you raise, you will get to choose one prize from that category



## CATEGORY 1

Raise \$30- \$99.99  
Choose ONE of the following



Verao Hacky Sack/Football



Light Up Galaxy Ball (colours)



Wahu High Flyer



Verao Pocket Flyer



Verao High Bounce Ball



Light Up Galaxy Ball (styles)

## CATEGORY 2

Raise \$100-\$199.99  
Choose ONE of the following



Spalding Mini Basketball



Squeeze Rockets



Verao Colourful Yoyo



Nerf Finger Flinger



Waboba Moon Ball



Verao Mini Beach Soccerball

## CATEGORY 3

Raise \$200-\$299.99  
Choose ONE of the following



Verao Glider Plane



Verao Pro Flyer Frisbee



Verao Whistling Rockets



Footy Feud Card Game



Twippy Bumper Soccer

## CATEGORY 4

Raise \$300-\$399.99  
Choose ONE of the following



Adidas Pencil Case



Nike 600ml Water Bottle



Slingball Freestyle Toy



Under Armour Sling Backpack



Verao Mini Net Toss Set

## CATEGORY 5

Raise \$400+  
Choose ONE of the following



X-Shot Motor Soaker



Puma Prestige Soccerball



Sherrin Synthetic Football



Gilbert Club Netball



Spalding TF Varsity Basketball



Under Armour Sports Bag

# Ultimate Sports Clinic

Hosted by: SPORTZ LAB

2 hours of action-packed multi-sport fun with games, teamwork challenges and skill-building activities in a safe, supportive environment.

Led by three experienced local PE teachers.

- ✓ Builds confidence through fun challenges
- ✓ Develops skills, teamwork & game strategy
- ✓ Make new friends in a safe environment
- ✓ Boosts coordination, fitness & motor skills
- ✓ Encourages leadership & positive sportsmanship
- ✓ Active holiday fun away from screens

Foundation to Grade 6

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>  
April  
9am-11am  
Guthrie St PS  
\$25



Scan to Book  
Your Spot!

Scan the QR code to book  
with more details!



# Netball with GVNL Stars

Hosted by: SPORTZ LAB

EASTER HOLIDAY NETBALL CLINIC WITH THE STARS!

KEEP THE KIDS ACTIVE THESE HOLIDAYS WITH A FUN, HIGH-ENERGY NETBALL SESSION THEY'LL LOVE!

GUTHRIE STREET PS OUTDOOR COURTS

SUNDAY APRIL 12TH  
 9:00AM – 11:00AM  
 \$ 30 PER ATHLETE

FOUNDATION – GRADE 6  
(BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED)  
PLAYERS WILL BUILD SKILLS,  
CONFIDENCE AND TEAMWORK  
THROUGH FUN DRILLS AND  
MATCH PLAY – FINISHING  
WITH ZOOPEER DOOPERS  
AND AUTOGRAPHS  
WITH THE STARS!

SPOTS ARE LIMITED –  
SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO REGISTER!

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