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Term 1 - Week 4, 18th February 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

After such a positive start back to school this year, a big thank you to all of our staff, students, parents and carers for being agile and adaptable during our Covid Circuit Breaker. Whilst this was the last thing any of us wanted, it acted as a very timely reminder about the things we need to do to stay safe, especially hand hygiene, staying at home when unwell and getting tested if we ever have any symptoms.

It is also a reminder that we may have periods of time when our school moves to Remote & Flexible Learning. Our leadership team and staff have spent some time over the past few days preparing for this possibility and we are well placed should we need to. Importantly we are also moving to ensuring our Years 3 & 4 iPad program is up and running and ready to go before the end of this term.

In a nutshell, if required, we would move to the use of Seesaw as our delivery source for Remote & Flexible Learning. This platform was used very successfully in 2020 and is well known by our students and staff. Any future requirement to close our school would require a phased scale up of Remote & Flexible Learning. It would not be the case where we jumped straight into the model that we used at the very height of the lockdown last year with multiple Webex sessions each week. Our staged model worked really well last year, particularly as parent feedback and input was a key element of how it was managed.

Seesaw will also be used this year for our Continuous Reporting Program. This will replace the older style portfolios we have had in the past. In fact, our previous student portfolios which were sent home at specific times of the year were introduced way back in 2005. Whilst they have served an important purpose, lots of the student learning that was shared inside the portfolios at the end of each term had happened weeks earlier. Moving to continuous reporting will be much more dynamic. Continuous Reporting will commence in a few weeks' time. Initially we will keep a very structured and consistent timeline across our school as we manage implementation. We have learnt that starting small is a good thing! However as we progress, we imagine that students will be able to share their learning, achievements and future goals and teachers will be providing feedback that families can share continuously and seamlessly throughout each school term.

This is certainly an exciting step for our school, especially because it is another way in which our students can build and develop their agency in their learning.

SCHOOL TOURS 2022

I am about to start hosting school tours each week at 9.30am on Tuesday as we begin our enrolment program for 2022. If you know of anyone with a child ready to start school next year please direct them to our school website or have them make contact with our school office so that they can join me on a tour and see what our school has to offer.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS 2021

Thursday 18 th February	School is back! School Council Election materials sent home
Friday 19 th February	9:00am Cheers and Tears Morning Tea – (Preps 2021) Interschool Sport (Years 5 & 6) Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons 3pm Assembly - TBC
Monday 22 nd February	District Swimming Carnival
Thursday 25 th February	9am-9.15am Parent Helper Induction Session 3pm-3.15pm Parent Helper Induction Session
Friday 26 th February	CURRICULUM DAY- Pupil Free
Friday 5 th March	Interschool Sport (Years 5 & 6) Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons 3pm Assembly
Monday 8 th March	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 9 th March	Parent Association Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)
Tuesday 9 th March - Friday 12 th March	Year 6 Camp
Friday 12 th March	Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons
Tuesday 16 th March	Student Led Conferences (Students only attend school for the duration of their conference).
Friday 19 th March	Interschool Sport (Years 5 & 6) Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons 3pm Assembly PA Welcome back BBQ from 3:30pm
Monday 22 nd March	House Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 24 th March - Friday 26 th March	Year 5 Camp
Friday 26 th March	Interschool Sport (Years 5 & 6) Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION 2022

Thank you to Daniel Kelly, Sam Redman, Kelly Rogel, Therese Kennedy, Justin Parr-Davies & Rosita Zakaria for nominating as candidates for election to our School Council. We have three vacancies to fill for a two year period on School Council.

Election material has been sent home to all school families via the eldest child today. These envelopes contain a letter outlining the process to complete and return your vote, summary statements from each candidate, the ballot paper and two envelopes. To vote you must mark 3 boxes by placing a clear mark beside each of the 3 candidates you select. Then place the completed ballot paper into one of the envelopes and then place that envelope into the second and ensure your name and address is written on the back of it. This can then be delivered in person to the office or post to the school before the closure of the ballot at 4pm on Thursday 25th February. You can also directly place the envelope containing the vote into the ballot box at the office and print your name and address in the register of voters.

The votes will be counted by myself and Victoria Harris our Business Manager on Friday 26th February and results announced on that day.

Our first School Council meeting will be held on Monday 1st March at 6:45pm in the staff room. At this meeting, we will elect our School Council office bearers including our School Council President. We will also organise the membership of our sub-committees. The actual core work of our School Council is achieved via our sub-committees and we encourage parents to become involved with these each year. I will outline the role of each sub-committee and the meeting schedule after this first School Council meeting.

PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDERS

To help us manage the growing number of private service providers organised by parents such as occupational therapists, speech therapists etc. who attend our school to work with students, we have a set process in place. This requires approval from Janine Hough our Assistant Principal prior to commencement. Following approval, all service providers must make direct contact with the school in order to make an appointment to complete our local induction process so that all DET, OH & S and Child Safe requirements are covered including the sighting of insurances and Working with Children's Check etc.

This is an annual process that will need to be followed at the start of each school year or when parents would like a new service provider to support their child at any stage during the school year. It should also be noted that we have very limited space available across our school each day. There are only two withdrawal rooms in the school and these are also used regularly by our school staff working with individual or small groups of students.

If you have any questions about this please contact Janine Hough.

janine.hough@education.vic.gov.au or 9435 4181

ARE YOU A LIFELONG READER?

What are you reading at the moment? Modelling reading and good reading habits is incredibly important to our children. If they see you actively engaged in reading on a regular basis, they will also have a greater chance of becoming a lifelong reader.

James Penson
Principal



Happy Birthday to the following students celebrating their birthdays this week:

Charlotte D, Poppy F, Joshua L, Deon L, Archer H
Leo K, Zoe N, Jackson D, Ava T

FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back after the brief lock down.

All families should have received Compass Log on details, if you have not please contact the office.

If you require any assistance please feel free to contact the office.

The following forms were sent out this week:

- **2021 School Council Election pack**
- **Class representative letter**
- **Visual Art Roster**
- **Grade 5 Adanac Camp clothes checklist**

School Office Hours

Monday to Friday

8.00am – 4.30pm

Parent Payments

Full payment of School fees is **due by 15th March 2021**.

We would appreciate your prompt payment, to ensure we have the funds to support our core programs.

If you have opted for a payment plan the second instalment is due by **23rd April 2021**.

COVID-19 has affected many families financially and we are aware that this may apply to you. We want to reach out to say that if you require any financial assistance with school payments, please do not hesitate to call or email the Principal, James Penson.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per primary school student is \$125 for primary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants need to download and complete [CSEF Application Form](#) or contact the school office. If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2020, you do not need to complete an application form in 2021 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 in 2021 or you did not apply in 2020.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, **or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021**. Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Anne, Karen, Nicole & Victoria
Administration Team

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK Term 1 Wk 4 PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY on
5th March 2021**



HERE ARE OUR SUPERSTARS for this week..

NAME	CLASS	REASON
Zoe L	Prep BH	For your fabulous start to school! Zoe, you're a great role model to the students of our grade. I love the way you walk in every morning with a big smile on your face ready to learn. I absolutely love having you in our grade. You are a SUPERSTAR!
Caden H	Prep BJ	For being a Prep BJ Bucket Filler! Caden I am so proud of the way you are filling your friends buckets and thinking of ways to help around the classroom. You have had a wonderful start to school and I cannot wait to see what you achieve this year! Well done Caden!
Amelia S	Prep ND	For being such an amazing leader in our classroom. Amelia has started the year with a positive mindset, always offering to help her classmates. Thank you for being such a big help and making people feel so settled in our classroom!
James C	Prep SM	For your amazing start to Prep! James, I have loved watching you tackle every task with a huge smile on your face. Your positive attitude fills the Prep SM bucket every day. Keep up the amazing work superstar!
Abby L	1LO	For an amazing start to Grade 1! You are a polite and responsible member of 1LO, who is a fantastic role model to others. Keep it up superstar!
Isabella A	1TS	For your amazing start to Grade 1! It is so great to see you put your best effort into everything that you do. Keep up the amazing work Isabella.
Matthew W	34B	You have embarked on Grade 3 with enthusiasm, a growth mindset and a maturity towards your learning. You are always willing to help and support those around you and I've loved hearing your ideas! I know we're going to have an awesome year together Matt, I can't wait!
Sophie M	34D	Sophie is an incredibly positive student who is always there to help her peers and make everyone feel included. We feel very lucky to have someone like you in 3/4D, Sophie!
Scarlett C	34H	For the kindness that you show your classmates. You make sure that you include others and care about the feelings of everybody around you. Thank you for throwing kindness around like confetti!
Charlie L	34K	Charlie, you are to be commended for always giving things a go. Your positive attitude, supportive nature and calmness during challenging tasks, including Remote Learning is inspiring. It is a pleasure to have you as part of 3/4K.
Bailey B	34M	Bailey has boundless energy and a 'can do' attitude when trying new and challenging things. She has a very positive attitude and her enthusiasm for learning inspires her classmates. Bailey helps make 3/4M a G.R.E.A.T learning environment. Keep it up superstar!
Remi M	34S	For your excellent contributions to classroom discussions. Remi, it's been marvellous seeing you share your thoughts and ideas. Well done!
Senna V	56E	For your positive start to your Grade 5 year. Senna, you thoughtfully contribute to class discussions, demonstrate loads of initiative and willingly help others. You are a delight to have in 5/6E,
Wes M	56F	For constantly sharing your thoughts and ideas with the grade. Wes you are full of knowledge and I am so proud each time you share your insights. Keep it up, legend!!
Ethan O	56M	Ethan has been a fantastic student during our startup weeks and is fitting into the class really well. He is working hard and having a few laughs as well. Keep it up Ethan.
Odin T	56T	For your willingness to help everyone while we set everything up for the year during our transition back to school after the holidays. You never fail to offer a helping hand when needed and it is much appreciated by everyone. Thankyou for sharing your wisdom Odin!
Jack N & Nicholas T	ITALIAN	For an amazing start to your roles as Italian captains!!!! It's great to see the enthusiasm and effort that you put into your role. BRAVO!!!!
Georgia K (56 E)	ART	For the way you have started your year in Art, whilst creating your kindness tokens. I'm impressed by with your GREAT attitude, you are always enthusiastic, organised and helpful and a little bit funny, all at the same time! Well done and keep it up.
Claire L	MUSIC	Claire, I have loved seeing you showcasing your awesome piano playing skills in Music. Your own composition, depicting your group's musical element, was also very impressive. Bravo!

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Friday 19th February 2021

Greenhills A VS Yarrambat – AWAY

Time:	Sport:	Venue:
9.30am-10.30am approx.	Basketball	Greenhills PS
	Volleyball	Yarrambat PS
	Hot Shots	Yarrambat PS
	Rounders	Yarrambat PS
	Cricket	Plenty War Memorial Park

Greenhills B VS Hurstbridge – AWAY

Time:	Sport:	Venue:
9.30am-10.30am approx.	Basketball	Hurstbridge PS
	Volleyball	N/A - Greenhills don't field a Volleyball B team
	Hot Shots	Hurstbridge PS
	Rounders	N/A - Hurstbridge don't field a Rounders team
	Cricket	Ben Frilay Oval

The Diamond Valley Primary School Sports Association, in line with School Sport Victoria's COVID-19 Safe Plan, are informing all parents that they are unable to attend Interschool Sport and District Carnivals until further notice.

COMMUNITY SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

If your child achieves something special (grand final win, most valuable player award, best and fairest etc.), please email me (daley.jordan.w@edumail.vic.gov.au) through photos (just make sure these photos only contain students from Greenhills PS) to post in Contact.

It is important to celebrate and recognise such successes with the school community.

REBEL COMMUNITY KICKBACKS PROGRAM



Greenhills Primary School is involved in the Rebel Community Kickbacks Program

What can you do to help Greenhills primary School benefit from this program?

Staff, family and friends can link the school to their Rebel Active Loyalty Program account and instantly start earning credits.



Jordan Daley
Physical Education

CANTEEN

Welcome back to everyone

The canteen is open for lunch orders on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**. Orders can be placed via QKR or by sending a lunch order to the canteen. **PLEASE DO NOT send in a lunch order if you have already placed an order via QKR.**

Volunteers are now welcome back since Covid restrictions have changed from last year. If you are interested in volunteering whether on a regular basis or occasionally please do so through Carebookings.

The parent code is JGU9L and you can then select what dates you would like to help.

Maximum number of volunteers is 2.

The canteen menu is available on the school website or a copy can be obtained from the front office.

A menu will be available for window sales on the website in the near future that will enable parents to help their child/ren to make choices.



If you have any issues that you would like to discuss please contact me at school or alternatively on my email address miriam.pekolj@education.vic.gov.au.



Miriam Pekolj
Canteen Manager

MUSIC



Recital and Training Choir Rehearsals:

Both Recital and Training Choir Rehearsals have started this week at 8.00a.m. Recital Choir is on Tuesdays and the Training Choir is on Thursday mornings.

Training Choir - the Training Choir is open to any student in Grades 3 & 4. If your child would like to try it out please feel free to take a 4 week trial. We have a few places still available.



Kate Stewart
Music Teacher

Connected School - Seven ways to be a positive influence on children by Dr Justin Coulson

Parents and teachers influence children most during their first twelve years of life. We have less influence over teens as they become increasingly independent and look to their peers for guidance and approval.

The following strategies will help ensure that you have a positive influence on children at any age.

1. Be available

Nothing says “You matter” more than a busy parent giving a child undivided attention. Research has established that children whose parents are emotionally present for their kids have better social, academic, and wellbeing outcomes than those whose parents aren’t available.

2. Be warm

Sometimes we can forget that our children are people too – particularly when they’re irritable, tired and obnoxious. By responding to kids warmly (even when you don’t feel like it), you show that you value them as people. A gentle touch, a smile, or soft words bring warmth to a relationship, and increase the likelihood that you’ll be listened to and be a positive influence on their lives.

3. Listen, but don’t fix

Parents can fix sore knees, broken hearts, messy friendships, and even some difficult homework projects. But kids generally don’t need adults to fix them. They just want us to ‘get’ what they’re going through. When you see the world through their eyes, you are more understanding – and more likely to be listened to when they need us.

4. Set limits

Nothing says “I love you” more than a firm and clear “No!” from mum or dad.

“No, you can’t say that to your sister. How can you make things right?”

“No, it’s not ok for you to stay out until midnight. You’re 14.”

“No, I don’t feel right about you having your smartphone/tablet/laptop in your bedroom. Ever!”

Children and young people will often argue with you, but setting limits means that you are having a positive influence on your children. The trick is to not become too authoritarian or you’ll simply drive unwanted behaviour underground.

5. Play

Playing games and laughing together binds us close to our kids. Through play you build a relationship of trust with that facilitates our ongoing positive influence.

6. Be grateful

Grateful people are happier, healthier, have better relationships, sleep better, have more income, are less materialistic, achieve better academic outcomes and are more energetic. By being grateful you’ll be a positive influence in the lives of your children. Say thanks often – and mean it.

7. Love them and show it every day

We’re always correcting our kids or telling them what to do. Pick this up, put that away, get off the computer, pack your bag, tidy up your room, and so on... and that’s before 7.30 in the morning! Our ratio of negative to positive statements can often be the wrong way round. So find opportunities to tell your kids such things as:

- “You really make a positive difference around here.”
- “I am amazed at the exceptional effort you make at...”

“I love you – no matter what.”

Your time with kids is short. By setting a positive example, you can be a positive and lasting influence in your children’s lives.



OSHCLUB NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Lockdown 2021!

Greenhills OSHClub is proud to be able to continue to provide Before- and After-School Care to children of permitted workers at this time. If you had bookings for Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday (or longer, if necessary), then please be assured that there will be no fees or charges for any children who haven't attended during this lockdown period. It is not necessary to remove your child(ren)'s bookings, but if you could please contact the Greenhills OSHClub service on 0437 928 183 or at greenhills@oshclub.com.au to advise whether or not your child(ren) will be attending would be greatly appreciated. Fingers crossed that this lockdown doesn't last for long!



Cooking Fun!

Cooking has quickly become a favourite activity of many children attending After-School Care. This past fortnight children made lamingtons and hedgehog slice. Things got messy as we made the lamingtons, with many children getting covered in the chocolate icing and shredded coconut. Everyone's favourite part of making the lamingtons was getting to eat them! The following week, a small

group of children worked together to crush some biscuits and mix the ingredients together to make hedgehog slice. Unfortunately, we had to wait for the hedgehog slice to set before we can enjoy the chocolatey goodness. Hopefully we will be able to have more fun in the kitchen soon!

Light the Way!



We observed Lunar New Year this year with children making Chinese Lanterns out of paper. Many of the children found making them a little bit fiddly but showed great perseverance and with a little bit of help they were able to put them together. The children were interested to learn that there are different annual calendars to the one we follow and how they work. We will be observing more cultural festivities in the coming months with lots of craft and learning about other cultures on the horizon!

Zoom Zoom!

Some toy cars were recently purchased for the service and they have quickly become a very popular toy for all children to use. We are looking to purchase more in the future, but if anyone has any toy cars, trucks or planes or any other hard toys that your children no longer play with we would greatly appreciate the donation!

Please note, children require a hat at when OSHClub After-School Care from September 1st to April 30th if they wish to go outside.

If you need to make a booking, please do so through the iParent Portal. Greenhills OSHClub is open 6:45-9:00am for Before-School Care, 3:00-6:30pm for After-School Care and 6:45am-6:30pm for Vacation Care. If you need to make a late booking, please contact the service on 0437 928 183 or greenhills@oshclub.com.au.

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Coordinator: Megan Statham-Danckert

Educators: Jordan Martin & Crystal Grech

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

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