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Grit, **Respect**, **Effort**, Adventure, **Teamwork**

**Term 1 - Week 3, 11th February 2021**

## A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW PREPS



A very special welcome to all our new Prep students and to our new families. The Prep students have had a magnificent start to the year and are ready and excited for a fabulous year, full of great new adventures, fun and learning! A big thank you to our Prep team who were able to deliver the very best transition program possible with all of the different restrictions that were in place in 2020. This effort has certainly had a very positive impact on how our students have started school this year.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS 2021

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00am-9:15am Parent Helper Induction Session 3:00pm-3:15pm Parent Helper Induction Session
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00am Cheers and Tears Morning Tea – (Preps 2021) Interschool Sport (Years 5 & 6) Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons 3pm Assembly
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	District Swimming Carnival
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	9am-9.15am Parent Helper Induction Session 3pm-3.15pm Parent Helper Induction Session
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	CURRICULUM DAY- Pupil Free
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Interschool Sport (Years 5 & 6) Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons 3pm Assembly
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Association Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Camp
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Student Led Conferences (Students only attend school for the duration of their conference).
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Interschool Sport (Years 5 & 6) Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons 3pm Assembly PA Welcome back BBQ from 3:30pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	House Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Camp
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Cyber safety workshops & presentations for students and Parent Night
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Interschool Sport (Years 5 & 6) Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of Term 1 (2:00pm Assembly) 2.30pm finish



## GREAT DAY

On Tuesday we “officially” launched our new GREAT values with our students. These are Grit, Respect, Effort, Adventure and Teamwork.

The day started with a special guest speaker Don Elgin. Don is an athlete who represented Australia at the Paralympics and World Championships. He is also a very motivational speaker who uses his life experience to share a message about what you can achieve through hard work, grit and determination and having a smile on your face at the same time. It was a very engaging morning as Don was able to share his thoughts about our GREAT values and how important it is for us all to live them each day.

Here is a link to his website: <https://doneelgin.com.au>

Here is the link to the 7 daily tips he’s shared with our students and staff: <https://doneelgin.com.au/dons-daily-tips>



Over the course of the rest of the day, all of the students were mixed into multi-age groupings spending time learning about and launching into each of the 5 values. Here are some photos that highlight some of the learning, fun and adventure we had on the day.



As a little follow up at home, ask your child/ren if they know what our values are for a bonus point see if they can tell you what they mean!

## **iPADS @ GREENHILLS**

GREAT news – our Year 5/6 1:1 iPad Program is now in the very final stages of being ready to begin for 2021. This means we have nearly completed setting up all of the Year 5 students' iPads on our system. A big thank you to Ed Kinder our ICT technician who has worked very hard on his one day a week time fraction at our school to achieve this.

The next step is shifting focus onto setting up all of our Year 3 and 4 students. We ask that all iPads are sent to school from the week beginning of 1<sup>st</sup> March. This will then give our team a few weeks to set up all the devices and make sure we are fully ready for the start of Term 2.

If there are any Year 3 & 4 families who are still in the process of organising an iPad to purchase, one option is through CompNow, the link is : <https://shop.compnow.com.au/school/greenhillsps>

## **PA UPDATE**

We had a GREAT turn out for our very first PA meeting this year. Thank you to everyone who is returning and welcome to our new members including some new prep parents. Thank you to Josh Lucas who has volunteered to be our PA president and Convenor and Justin Parr-Davies who will be the PA Secretary.

2021 will be an important year for our school community as we re-build our on-site presence and community events. The most important role of the PA each year is to build a connected school partnership. This starts with our sense of belonging to our school and embracing our unique and diverse community. As such not all events need to have a fundraising agenda and can focus on community building instead.

We have some exciting plans for this year and we welcome new members at any time. The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March in the staffroom. Hope to see you there!

## **PARENT - TEACHER COMMUNICATION**

It was GREAT seeing so many parents attending the Meet the Teacher interviews yesterday. Communication between home and school is extremely important and something we take very seriously as we are keenly aware of the benefits to children of a team approach. Children benefit most when parents and teachers work in partnership. To this end, it is important that communication is ongoing and not just something that only occurs after reports go home or when a problem arises.

We are very lucky at Greenhills to have a staff who are extremely professional in their approach and who are passionate about providing the best possible education for all students in their class. They are more than willing to make themselves available on a regular basis. To facilitate this process it is important to remember to:

- Address problems or issues as soon as they arise. Don't dwell on a problem or spend lots of time discussing it with other parents in the yard as this can compound the problem.
- Contact the teacher by email to organise a time to meet. The beginning of the day can be very busy and teachers would prefer to be able to sit and have a proper discussion with you.
- Ensure that discussions are respectful and calm. It is always important to ask questions before making an assumption that is based on what a child has reported has happened. The child is only able to see the issue from their own perspective and there may be a different context that needs to be discussed.
- Give the teacher the opportunity to discuss the issue with your first. If a resolution cannot be reached, both myself and Janine Hough our Assistant Principal are always happy to become involved in order to help ensure the best outcomes can be reached.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP – STUDENTS WITH LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES**

We have a number of students at our school with potential life threatening allergies. These anaphylactic reactions are often triggered by coming into contact with nuts. Whilst we can never say we are a nut free school, we do ask all members of our school community to help keep our students safe by not bringing nuts and nut related products e.g. Nutella to school at anytime. We appreciate your support and assistance with this request.

## PARENT HELPERS PROCESS

To help us comply with a range of Ministerial Orders & DET Policies, we have a process for all parent helpers to complete prior to commencing support in our classrooms or attending excursions and events. This forms part of our Child Safe and Induction requirements as a DET school. A COMPASS newsfeed with more information will be sent out shortly. This includes some dates and time for a 15 minute on-site induction process which must be completed by all parent helpers this year.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS – AMBULANCE COVER & INSURANCE

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance / ambulance cover are responsible for paying the costs of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs.

Private property brought to school by students, parents or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

I would encourage you to purchase the appropriate ambulance cover and insurances that meet the needs of your family.

## SCHOOL HOURS 8.45AM – 3.45PM

I need to remind parents and carers that our official school opening hours are from 8.45am through until 3.45pm each day. At times we have students who arrive well before this time and also some who stay in the school grounds after that time. There is no adult or teacher supervision of students outside of these times and I request that you make the appropriate arrangements to ensure the safety and well-being of your child.

We are fortunate to have OSHClub available to provide before and after school care for those families that need it.

James Penson  
Principal



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS

*Amelia S, Laleh S, Kristina J, Sam C, Damon M, Riley S,  
Billie Mc, Harry P, Jasmine D, Lily T, Clara Mc*

## FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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:

Family Statements

Canteen - Sushi Day, Wednesday Wonders

### Lost Property

There is a lot of unnamed items in lost property, if they are not claimed within the next week – they will be sold at the next uniform sale.

Also a number of items from the swimming carnival are at the office.



### Parent Payments

Payment in full - **due by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

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

Instalments - 1st instalment - **due on Friday 5th February 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.



Remember all Children  
must wear hats for  
Term 1 and Term 4.

Hats are also available  
at the School Office

School Office Hours

Monday to Friday

8.00am – 4.30pm



Anne, Karen, Nicole & Victoria  
Administration Team



**STUDENT OF THE WEEK Term 1 Wk 2 PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY on**  
**19th Feb 2021**

**HERE ARE OUR SUPERSTARS for this week..**



NAME	CLASS	REASON
Jack A	Prep BH	Jack, you have settled into the routines and structure of school very well. I love the way you are so kind to the students of our grade. Keep smiling Jack. I am so proud of you.
Ruby F	Prep BJ	For your fabulous start to school! I am blown away by how well you have settled in and are getting use to the day to day routines in our classroom. Thank you for being such a kind and considerate member of Prep BJ, always looking for ways to help me and your friends. We are so lucky to have you Ruby!
Savannah S	Prep SM	For your amazing start to Prep! Savannah, you have settled into the school routine so well and I am so proud of you. Thank you for being so kind to everyone in Prep SM. We are very lucky to have you part of our grade! Keep up the great work superstar!
Isla T	1KO	For sharing her vibrant energy and enthusiasm for learning with our class. Isla your huge smile brightens up our day and helps make our classroom a positive place to learn. Well done Superstar!
Tyra K	1LO	For settling into Grade 1 with ease and always being so positive and happy. We love that you bring your beautiful smile to school everyday and light up our classroom!
Alyssa D	1TS	Alyssa, you have settled back into school with so much enthusiasm and kindness towards your classmates. We are so lucky to have you as part of 1TS.
Ella B	34B	For already displaying impressive insight and leadership skills. I'm so impressed by your willingness to challenge yourself and I can't wait to see what you achieve this year Ella!
Alston L	34D	I am absolutely blown away with Alston's effort and enthusiasm this week. His writing about the Swimming Carnival was extremely engaging and detailed. You are a superstar, Alston!
Lucas K	34H	For your sensational start to Grade 3! Thank you for being kind, thoughtful, polite, friendly and extremely helpful. You are a wonderful class member who puts 100% effort into everything you do. You are a Super Star!
Stella K	34K	Stella, your welcoming smile, assistance towards your classmates, contributions to our discussions and your positivity towards all our tasks are extraordinary! It's such a pleasure having you in our classroom and I'm loving our many chats!
Summah K	34M	Summah has made a great start to the year. She is a supportive friend who is first to offer help to other classmates.
Josh S	34S	For always being ready to help his peers. Josh, your positivity and generosity towards others has not gone unnoticed. Keep it up!
Archie B	56E	For coming into class ready to learn each morning. You try your best with all your work and are a great friend to your peers. Keep up the great work Archie.
Avish K	56F	For settling into life at Greenhills so well!! It's been lovely getting to know you and we are very lucky to have part of our grade!
Alexander T	56M	Alexander has had an amazing start to the year and is showing that he will be one to watch in 2021. His leadership skills are fantastic and he is helping bring the class together as a team. Great start Alexander.
Mia R	56R	Congratulations on your amazing start to the year. Your positive attitude, friendly smile and willingness to give things a go makes you a successful person and great to be around.
Charlie S	56T	Charlie for displaying great qualities as a friend and classmate. He has come in each day with a supportive and positive attitude and is always considerate of others in his actions. Great TEAMWORK Charlie!

## 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](mailto: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.

Best Wishes



Kate Stewart  
Music Teacher



# Connected Schools – A Simple Formula For Parenting by Michael Grose

Show kids how to behave.

Keep pets to develop nurturance and responsibility.

Be the adult in the parent-child relationship.

Cultivate good manners.

Build character daily.

Catch kids being kind, gentle and strong.

Establish healthy habits early.

Stick to routines.

Have fun.

Eat together every day.

Focus on excellence, not perfection.

Spend individual time with each child each week.

Expect kids to change.

Keep an adult only place at home.

Admit it when you're wrong.

Choose time and place to deliver big messages.

Keep the meal table free from arguments.

Prepare for tomorrow the night before.

Expect children to help.

Encourage siblings to apologise.

Send kids to school with breakfast, a kiss and a smile.

Celebrate success as a family.

Spend time in nature together.

Let go.



## COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



### Registration for our boys and girls junior teams is now open

We are looking for players between the ages of 5 to 17 to join DVUSC. Our teams are coached by qualified coaches and our club is a safe and enjoyable place to play junior soccer. No experience is necessary and we don't hold trials for places in teams - it's first in first served.

Visit **[www.dvusc.club](http://www.dvusc.club)** for further details



**FREE, all ages, come and try soccer sessions at DVUSC!**

- Sunday 14th Feb @9am
- Monday 15th Feb @6pm

Register at **[www.dvusc.club](http://www.dvusc.club)**

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