

# Greenhills Primary School



Greenhills is **G.R.E.A.T.**

Grit, Respect, Effort, Adventure, Teamwork

**Term 1 - Week 7, 11th March 2021**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE



GREAT news – we have officially launched our new website. This has been a much needed update and it looks fantastic. A school website is really important for a number of reasons. It is often the first point of contact for families wanting to find out about schools as they enrol a student. It is also a really valuable source of information for our current families. It is where our parents and carers can access our current policies and find all of our previous newsletters. Make sure you go on and have a look at all of the different sections and links. We will be continuing to update the content and photos to make sure all the information is accurate, relevant and informative.

A massive thank you to our Education & Communications Sub-Committee for leading and organizing our new website. This is a great example of the work that our staff and parents on these committees do. A very special thank you to Irina Fainberg in particular for driving the project and keeping the work on track and Janine Hough who assisted Irina as our staff point of contact. <https://www.greenhillsps.vic.edu.au/>

### GRADE 6 ANGLESEA CAMP

On Tuesday morning, a very excited group of Year 6 students boarded the buses for the Anglesea Camp. I am pleased to report that they are all having an excellent time and really enjoying the activities and adventure. Camps are one of those really special extra-curricular activities that allow students to have rich experiences that just aren't possible within the normal school environment. Look out for a full report in the newsletter next week.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Don't forget our new Breakfast Club is happening every Monday morning from 8.15am – 8.45am.

You will find us in Portable 4 .

On the menu we have:

- Cereals – Wheat biscuits, Cheerios, Oats, Muesli
- Toast – vegemite or honey
- Fruit, fruit cups
- Mini milks and water to drink!

The program is funded until 2023 and we also offer “emergency” lunches for students who may require it or who might have left their lunch at home. School holiday supply packs can also be arranged. Please let me know if you would like to take up this offer of assistance and I will arrange it.

[james.penson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:james.penson@education.vic.gov.au)

Many thanks to our PA team who are running the program this year and if you would like to assist, even for one morning please let me know.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS 2021

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Student Agency Conferences (Students only attend school for the duration of their conference).
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm PA meeting (staffroom)
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
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	7pm Connected Schools Parent Partnership Event Tour of the new building & Forum with the Principal Team
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Camp
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Interschool Sport (Years 5 & 6) Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	6.30pm School Council
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of Term 1 - Finish at 2.30pm

### CONNECTED SCHOOLS PARENT PARTNERSHIP EVENT

**Tour of the new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) building and an introduction to how we will be using this space to engage learners – Ros Mackie  
and a Forum with the Principal Team - James Penson & Janine Hough**

**TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
7pm – 8.15pm**

At our Term 1 Connected Schools Parent Partnership Event we are pleased to offer our school community a tour of our new building. This will be the first real opportunity we have had to open the doors to this wonderful new space and showcase it. Ros Mackie will share some ideas about how we will be using the room to engage students in learning and inquiry. This will be followed by a short Principal Team Forum which will cover information about the next stage of our building project and also a brief overview of how school finances work and what impact this has on how we run the school. There will also be plenty of time for questions and feedback.

This will be a GREAT opportunity to see and hear more about our school, stay informed and most importantly be more connected and involved.

If you would like to book a ticket here is the link to CompassTix!

<https://compassstix.com/e/c4ubsma1xr>

James Penson  
Principal



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS  
CELEBRATING  
THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Cleo K, Hudson M, Eden T, Maddie M, Claudia C, Ross L,  
Grace G, Oscar T, Nicholas T, Alexander T

## FROM THE OFFICE



### School Office Hours

Monday to Friday

8.00am – 4.30pm

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

Hats are also available at the School Office

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET LOGGED INTO COMPASS AND YOU WOULD LIKE ASSISTANCE TO DO SO, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP.

The following form was sent out this week:

- Book Fair Brochure.

### Parent Payments

School fees are **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.

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.

### Reminders

Grade 5 (2020 Grade 4) to Adanac 24<sup>th</sup> March to 26<sup>th</sup> March Balance was due 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.

**If you have not yet paid, please do so immediately or If your child is not attending camp please notify the School Office.**

Years 1 & 2 swimming lessons, The last lesson is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

We still have a lot of outstanding swimming fees if you have not yet paid for these and have not set up a payment plan could you please pay **ASAP.**

### Lost Property

Please remember to label your child's uniform. We still have a lot of unclaimed lost property.



Anne, Karen, Nicole & Victoria  
Administration Team

### BOOK FAIR

Our major Book Fair will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March all day. Please feel free to pop in either before or after your interview and have a look at the great range of books and other items available to purchase on the day via QKR, credit card or cash.



**STUDENT OF THE WEEK Term 1 Wk 7 PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY on**  
**19th March 2021**

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



Kian A	Prep BH	For being a Writing SUPERSTAR! Kian, I am so impressed that you are recording letters for the sounds you hear in words. Keep up the great effort. I am so proud of YOU!
Hannah N	Prep BJ	For being a Prep superstar in every single way! Hannah, you are such a kind friend to everyone in Prep BJ and you try your best with everything you do. Thanks for being a wonderful role model to your classmates, you are going to do amazing things this year! Keep up your fabulous work!
Christopher H	Prep ND	For his hard work and positive mindset when learning new concepts. Christopher has been really enthusiastic about learning his sounds and practising how to write letters neatly. He is very proud of his progress and loves to show off his learning. Well done Christopher, I am so impressed!
Jack O	Prep SM	For being so kind to everybody in Prep SM. Jack, you walk into the classroom everyday with a big smile on your face ready to try your best with every activity! Thanks for always filling up our buckets. Keep up the amazing work superstar!
Andy Y	1KO	For the effort he puts into all of his learning tasks daily. Especially during writing, Andy we love how you continue to add more detail to paint a clearer picture for your readers. You are a superstar!
Anna T	1LO	For always giving everything a go in the classroom and displaying a growth mindset. Anna, your enthusiasm towards your learning is incredible, you are a GREAT member of 1LO!
Annika B	1TS	For your amazing attitude towards school and your learning. We love having you in 1TS and we are all going to miss you when you go to your new school. Thanks for being GREAT Annika!
Sasha W	34B	Sasha, I have been so impressed by your willingness to accept a challenge and push yourself in all areas of the curriculum. I know that you are going to achieve fantastic things this year and shine as a leader and role model in our classroom.
Isaac H	34D	Isaac is an incredible role model in 3/4D. He is always there to lend a helping hand, is always the first to follow instructions and is more actively sharing his opinion with the class. We are lucky to have you, Isaac!
Oscar T	34H	For 'Bumping Up' your persuasive writing with convincing language and powerful writing devices. You always impress me by striving to achieve our success criteria and by sharing your writing ideas with the class. I loved your writing about travelling Australia! You are a superstar!
Adara G	34K	Adara, we are so fortunate to have in our midst a most thoughtful and considerate class mate. You are mindful of others and their feelings, you are a supportive, caring and encouraging member of our class. Thank you for making 3/4K a GREAT place to learn.
Jack B	34M	For being a respectful member of 3/4M. Jack always greets his classmates and teacher with a welcoming smile and by using a person's name. He is trying very hard to be the best he can be. Thanks for being a GREAT Greenhills kid!
Ethan A	34M	For his enthusiasm for learning! Ethan loves a challenge and is excited by Maths! He enjoys the competition of Maths games and playing with others. Ethan is quick to offer suggestions and help with mathematical strategies so others can learn by his example. Thanks for being such a valued member of 3/4M.
Matilda A	34S	For the effort you are putting writing. Matilda, your use of OREO paragraphs has allowed you to form arguments that will persuade your audience. Well done!
Zoe P 3/4H	MUSIC	For your great contribution to the class when acting out some short plays about 'kindness'. I loved seeing you enjoy yourself and work so well. Great effort Zoe

## 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 at a time is two.

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. Recital Choir is on Tuesdays and the Training Choir is on Thursday mornings, both at 8:00am.

**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



# How to Get Your Child to Put Forth Effort?



**What to do if your child does the bare minimum and doesn't put effort into things?**

**1**

Realize there's always a reason for lack of effort. Sometimes it's because they don't have the skill, they're bored, anxious, hungry, tired, they don't learn the way it's being taught, etc. It's important to understand what's happening with your child and WHY they are not putting forth effort.

You can say:

*"I can see you were not feeling it today but it's really good that you still gave it a try. Is there anything troubling you that you want to talk about?"*

**2**

Help your child self-evaluate and nurture their self-awareness. As children become more self-aware, they're able to keep track of what they're doing and figure out what's working and what's not working. They are also able to think over things that happened to find ways to make things work better next time.

You can say:

*"Tell me how you think you did." If they respond, "I don't know!" you can say, "Maybe that's your answer. We usually know when we put in our 100% into something and do our best. Do you want to brainstorm ideas on things you can do to improve?"*

**3**

Pause and think about the purpose of the task. Doing your best is not always necessary. For example, if the goal for a task is to develop the love for creative writing, problem-solving, or thinking skills, their perfect spelling in that specific task is not that important.

So ask yourself, "How did they do in the part that **really** matters? And do I really need to worry about them not doing their best in other parts?"

  
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To claim his rightful place on the throne and save his beloved Pridelands Simba must find his inner strength and confront his wicked Uncle Scar. . The Lion King JR. features classic songs from the 1994 film such as "Hakuna Matata" and the Academy Award®-winning "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" as well as additional songs penned for the Broadway production.

*"The Lion King Jr reaches to our deepest emotions, touching on themes of love, loss, guilt and responsibility. The overarching message of the Circle of Life and our place in it is both humbling and empowering. Lebo M's soaring African music, Elton John's crowd pleasers and the exotic beauty of the African landscape all combine to make this show, to me, the most joyful and moving of the Disney productions."*

Merinda Gray Director Lion King Jr

Playing from the 20th March until the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at Warrandyte High School Theatre this wonderful cast of 50 children aged 8-15 bring this magical story to life.

Tickets are available via try booking (<https://www.trybooking.com/BGQMB>)

*About Diamond Valley Singers (DVS): DVS was established in 1985 to provide a medium for community members in the Diamond Valley and surrounding areas to exercise their talents, and at the same time to raise money for charity. Since our inception, we have donated over \$150,000 to charities, including World Vision, International Needs Australia, Open House, and the Elizabeth Nursery School in Malawi*





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**BSC SCHOOL TOURS** will run

every Wednesday at 10:00am from the 10 February 2021.

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## BANYULE outdoor movies

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**Saturday  
13 March 2021**

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### Sam Sam (G)

4.30pm (movie starts 5pm)

Shelley Park, Heidelberg Heights

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### Think like a dog (PG)

7.30pm (movie starts 8pm)

Shelley Park, Heidelberg Heights

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## COLLEGE SHOWCASE

**Tuesday 23rd March 2021**

**5pm, 6pm and 6.45pm**

Optional guided tours or self-guided tour around College grounds thereafter.

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## COLLEGE TOURS

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## ACE INFORMATION EVENING

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## ACE INFORMATION EVENING - ONLINE

Applications due Friday 28 May

**Thursday 25 March**

ACE Testing Saturday 21 June

Online presentation at 6:00pm.

Bookings can be made via <https://www.trybooking.com/BOOX5>

ACE Selection Interviews  
late July to early August



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The background of the poster features a close-up photograph of native Australian plants. In the upper half, there are tall, spiky flower spikes, some in shades of pink and others in light green. The lower half of the image shows a dense cluster of small, bright yellow flowers. The text is overlaid on this background in various colored banners and blocks.

# **NATIVE PLANT & BOOK SALE**

**24th April 10am - 4pm**

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