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Term 1 - Week 9, 25th March 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS 2021

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
Monday 29 th March	6.30pm School Council
Thursday 1 st April	Last day of Term 1 Finish at 2.30pm
Monday 19 th April	TERM 2 STARTS
Wednesday 21 st April	House Cross Country (Years 3-6)
Sunday 25 th April	ANZAC Day
Tuesday 27 th April	6pm Education & Communications Meeting 7pm PA Meeting
Wednesday 28 th April	School Photos
Wednesday 25 th May	7pm Connected Schools Parent Partnership Event An evening with Michael Ymer – Maths Consultant
Thursday 24 th June	Last day of Term 2 Assembly 3pm
Friday 25 th June	Curriculum Day (Pupil Free)

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

I really like these before and after photos and I think they make a strong case for just how successful our Ride To School Day was last week. In fact, the event was so good we will be looking at ways to build this into something we do more often at Greenhills. Stay tuned for more news about this when our Sustainability and Environment Sub-Committee gets up and running next term.



PA BBQ

How good was last Friday's Parent Association Welcome Back BBQ!! It was just a wonderful feeling having parents, carers and friends on-site enjoying the atmosphere and conversation. Building our sense of community and connection is what our PA is all about.

Here is a special message Josh Lucas Convenor of Parent Association:

"On behalf of the whole PA team, A big thankyou to Emma Wilkes and all that helped with the End of Term BBQ . It was a GREAT afternoon helping to raise approx. \$1,000 towards new take home reading material for the school. It was amazing to be able to have the school community coming together again, not to mention all the fun and laughs along the way. PA is open to anyone that is interested, meeting twice a term to help organise fun activities for the children and parents that raise money towards little extras that help make Greenhills GREAT."

CONNECTED SCHOOLS EVENT

Thank you to Ros Mackie and Janine Hough who ran our first Connected Schools Parent Partnership event on Tuesday night. We plan on running one of these each term as a great way to continue to build our partnership with you through sharing more of what we do and why we are doing it. This event included a tour of our new STEAM teaching space, an outline of our beginning plans for a new competition grade basketball court and there was also some time for questions, suggestions and feedback.

I encourage you to put the date for our Term 2 event in your diaries now. This night on Wednesday 26th May will be all about maths. It will be presented by Michael Ymer who is maths guru our staff have been working with. Michael is extremely engaging and I guarantee you will not enjoy the night, but you will also develop a deeper understanding of how maths is being taught at our school.

THANK YOU TO MR DALEY & OUR TEAM FOR HOUSE ATHLETICS

What a great event at our House Athletics Carnival on Monday. Well done to all of the students who participated so actively and energetically. Of course the biggest thank you and congratulations goes to Jordan Daley. The quality, structure and organisation of this event highlights how lucky we are to have such an outstanding PE teacher.

We will present some special awards for outstanding achievement and sportsmanship and our House shield at our end of term assembly next Friday. Good luck to all those students who will be selected into our Athletics team to represent our school at the District Athletics on the 26TH August.

YEAR 5 CAMP

Our Year 5's are currently away on camp and I can report that these students are having a great time. Just important, I can also say that they are doing a terrific job as a group and have really shone and risen to all of the challenges set so far.

For many of these students this is their first camp experience and we are really grateful that we were able to book this camp in as a make up for the normal Year 4 camp we missed last year. Camps provide our students with a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate our new core values by trying new things and challenge themselves. It might be showing grit by having a go on the zip line and facing a fear of heights, showing teamwork by working with a group of peers to complete a range of initiative activities or building a hut or even simply being able to meet new friends or broaden a friendship group.

Camps can only be part of our school calendar thanks to the dedication and commitment of our staff. Our staff are not paid any extra money for the countless extra hours they work (or lack of sleep!). Instead this relies on their goodwill and commitment towards our school. Many thanks to Megan Hattenfels, Alex Katsogiannis, Becc Stephens, Tegan Smith, Brad Ryan, Andrea Williams, Raelene Turner and Alannah Baird.



James Penson
Principal





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

Finn M, Mia G, Charlotte S, Zoe B, Heath K,

Nicholas Z, Lacey L, Isabelle B, Josie E, Daniella J, Eden C, Wes M

Grade 3/4 iPad Program Reminder - Term 1

Grade 3/4 Families,

The commencement of the Grade 3/4 iPad Program in Term 2 is fast approaching.

In preparation for this, we begin adding devices to the school's network in the week beginning the 1st of March.

From the 1st of March, please deliver your device to your child's classroom and it will be set up to use at Greenhills. Please ensure your child's device is in a protective case and is clearly labelled with their name and grade.

Due to the high number of iPads being set up, this may take a number of weeks. Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.

Please remember that If your iPad is currently set up and in use, please back up your data, sign out of all Apple accounts and reset the device to factory settings. Please visit the Apple website.

David Symeonidis
Grade 3/4 Teacher



We're on the hunt for

EASTER EGGS

The PA are currently planning an end of term Easter Raffle, and are hoping for some donations of Easter Eggs to go into the hamper prizes.



If your family would like to donate an egg or two, please leave them in the tub at the office.

Your generosity is always greatly appreciated!

FROM THE OFFICE



School Office Hours

Monday to Friday

8.00am – 4.30pm

If you have not yet logged onto Compass and you would like assistance please contact the office-we are happy to help.

Reminders

Payment is overdue for Years 1 & 2 swimming lessons, the last lesson is on Friday 26th March. If you have not yet paid or set up a payment plan could you please pay **by the end of term**.

School fees were **due by 15th March 2021**, if you have not yet paid could you please organise payment by the end of term.

Lost Property

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

HAS YOUR CHILD LOST THEIR GLASSES? QUIKSILVER BLACK FRAME WITH RED ARMS
IF SO CONTACT THE OFFICE.



Anne, Karen, Nicole & Victoria
Administration Team



A big Thankyou to everyone who came along to support the sausage sizzle last week.

A special thankyou to our amazing helpers – Connie Johnston, Hayley Ormondy, Karen Daly, Emma Maguire, Rosie Zakaria, Donna Anderson, Mel and Josh Lucas, Roslyn Mackie, Bec Zappia, James Penson, Danielle Sousa, Carolyn Tsioulous, Justin Parr-Davies, Alicia, Barry and Ivy Lo and Melinda Smith.

Not forgetting our fantastic Grade 6 helpers – Ethan C, Tom C, Alexander T, Thomas C and Emily B

We couldn't have done it without you.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK Term 1 Wk 9 PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY on 1st April 2021

HERE ARE OUR SUPERSTARS for this week..



Isla K	Prep BH	Isla, I love the way you walk into the classroom each morning and are excited to read and share your book with our grade. Well done on having such a positive attitude to learning. I am so proud of you.
Knox H	Prep BJ	For walking into the classroom with a big smile on your face, ready to learn! You try your best with every activity and are first to put your hand up to answer a question. Keep up your amazing work Knox, I love having you in Prep BJ!
Aki N	Prep ND	For his brilliant writing this term. Aki works hard to include lots of details in his writing and is trying so hard to write the sounds he can hear. Keep up the clever work Aki!
Xavier S	Prep SM	For the effort you are putting into your writing. I have loved watching you sounding out every word and recording the letters for the sounds you can hear. Keep up the amazing effort superstar!
Kayla G	1KO	For how hard you are working on your learning goals. Kayla we love how you are sharing your ideas and thinking with the class and with how you are sharing your understanding to help others in the class. You are a superstar! Keep on sharing your great ideas.
Pierce S	1LO	For always trying your best and taking pride in the presentation of everything that you do in class. Pierce, you should be proud of everything you have achieved so far this term, keep it up superstar!
Ben M	34D	Ben has displayed grit and a positive mindset on challenging tasks. It was great to see him apply new thinking to his persuasive writing piece. He provided strong reasons and examples to persuade the reader. Keep up the great work, Ben!
Ari B	34K	Ari, you are to be congratulated for your focused attitude towards your work. You 'knuckle down' and get on with all your tasks. As an avid reader you are the first to pull out your book and read for a sustainable amount of time, every morning! I also love how you are always up for a challenge, especially in Maths. Keep up the great attitude!
Lilly S	34M	For being a GREAT Greenhills kids! Lilly proudly and enthusiastically represented her House at the Athletics Carnival. She gave 100% effort in her events, supported and encouraged her friends and went out of her way to offer assistance when needed. Lilly you are such a kind and thoughtful student and you help make 3/4M a happy place to be!
Lily T	34S	For the effort you have been putting into understanding the structure of persuasive texts. Lily, your conclusion was a standout and had all the components required to make it 4-stars. Well done!
Georgette L	56E	For your fantastic persuasive writing piece. You wrote a very convincing piece on primary school students having homework. Your arguments and supporting evidence and examples were very convincing. Great work Georgette.
Lucas T	56F	For being a true mathematician! Lucas, I'm so happy to see you have a go at every task and especially how successful you have been at renaming. Well done super star.
Autumn B	56M	Autumn has been working very well over the past week by being more positive about her learning tasks. Always full of creative ideas, Autumn is learning to use her strengths in her work with fantastic results. Well done Autumn.
Gene K	56R	Gene's enthusiasm and inquiring mind is wonderful to share each day. He thinks deeply about things and is a passionate learner (especially when trains are involved!). Keep that wonderful zest for life Gene!
Summer M	56T	Summer I love how you have started Grade 5 off with such a positive attitude towards your learning. I've seen so much progress from you already and cannot wait to see where you go with your learning throughout the year. Well done on a solid start!
Archer H (3/4B)	ART	Archer, I'm so impressed with your positive attitude in the art room. You have been working so hard on your 3D house, and I'm really proud of the effort you are putting into this activity. Keep up the sensational work, you're a wonderful artist!

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.



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

Connected Schools

Managing anxiety before it becomes a problem by Michael Grose

The president of Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) recently highlighted the enormity of the anxiety problem that children are facing. A survey of primary schools across Australia conducted by the APPA showed that 80% of school leaders regard anxiety as a significant issue for children.

Research shows that childhood anxiety left unmanaged will almost certainly re-emerge, highlighting the importance of early detection and management of anxiety. Parents, as first responders, play an important role by minimising the impact of stressful moments before they lead to full-blown anxiety. Here's how they can help.

Recognise anxiety triggers

Recognising the events that trigger anxiety is the first step in helping a child to manage their stress. Rapid or unpredictable change, new social situations, unfamiliar events and difficult experiences are the most common anxiety stressors for kids.

Know how it shows

Stress and anxiety show in many ways however most children display anxiety behaviours that are unique to them. Typically, anxiety shows through physical signs such as chest pains, nausea and headaches. Anxiety can be observed through behavioural clues such as avoidance of activities, aggression, concentration difficulties and constant fiddling and movement. Worrying, overthinking and catastrophising are also common in children who experience anxiety. Knowing how anxiety shows in your child will alert you to respond appropriately with support and understanding.

Give kids tools to manage their states

Once anxiety is experienced it never truly disappears. It's always there in the background. Anxiety needs managing so kids can get on with their lives rather than become overwhelmed by stress and worry. Providing children with tools to manage their thinking, emotional and physical states prevents anxiety from becoming debilitating. Management tools such as deep breathing, mindfulness and exercise as well as techniques to help kids distance themselves from their anxiety-inducing thoughts help them minimise the impact of stress.

Help them understand how anxiety works

Children who understand what happens in their brains and bodies when they are stressed are better able to manage their anxious states. Providing children with a thorough knowledge of how anxiety works and how it shows empowers them to push their worries into the background while they get on with their lives. Managing anxiety takes practice, but it's absolutely essential if children are to flourish rather than become overwhelmed by stress and worry.

In closing

Stress and anxiety have accelerated with the impact of the pandemic. The growing rate of anxiety is no one's fault; however, it does mean that parents need to become more knowledgeable about how anxiety works, how it shows and how you can help your children.



James Penson, Janine Hough, Roslyn Mackie and Betty Hajichristou
Connected Schools Team

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Friday 26th March 2021

Greenhills A VS Diamond Creek – HOME

Time:	Sport:	Venue:
9.30am-10.30am approx.	Basketball	Greenhills PS
	Volleyball	Greenhills PS
	Hot Shots	Greenhills PS
	Rounders	Greenhills PS
	Cricket	Greensborough Park

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



Congratulations to **Wes M (5/6F)** who was presented with the Diamond Valley Cricket Association U16 White Bowling Award, for his efforts this season while representing Greensborough Cricket Club. To achieve this as an 11 year old is credit to his hard working attitude. Well done, Wes! We look forward to following the great cricket career you have in front of you.

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.

DIAMOND CREEK WOMEN'S FOOTBALL CLUB

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EXPLORE EVENING



**WEDNESDAY 31ST
MARCH, 2021**

- 5:30 - 7:00 PM - Subject fair in the Multi-Purpose Building
- 7:00 - 7:30 PM - Information session in the Performing Arts Centre
- 7:30 - 8:15 PM - Athletic Development Program information session in the Performing Arts Centre

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