



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

Grit, Respect, Effort, Adventure, Teamwork

Term 2 - Week 3, 6th May 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS 2021

Friday 7 th May	Interschool Sports - Years 5 & 6	
Monday 10 th May	6.30pm School Council	
Tuesday 11 th May	NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5) – Language Conventions & Writing	
	Parent Helper Induction Session 5:30pm	
Wednesday 12 th May	NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5) – Reading	
	9.30am School Tour	
Thursday 13 th May	NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5) – Numeracy	
	Year 3/4 Swimming	
Friday 14 th May	3pm Assembly	
Tuesday 18 th May	9.30am School Tour	
Wednesday 19 th May	Year 2 Excursion to Zoo	
	Years 3 & 4 Excursion to Zoo	
Thursday 20 th May	District Cross Country	

INQUIRY LEARNING SIZZLING AWAY





It has been GREAT seeing our Inquiry Learning really starting to take shape this term. We are using a whole school provocation "Our Footprint on Earth". Each area has commenced with a "Sizzling Start" and this has then led to some wonderful examples of student agency and voice across the school.

Following our Sizzling Starts, we are gathering all of our student wonderings and developing a series of inquires across the school. Some examples from our Year 2 students include:

Why are animals important? How many animals are endangered?
How much electricity do we use? Why do people use so much plastic?
Where does the rubbish come from? Why is there so much rubbish at the beach?
How does rubbish affect sea life? What can we do to stop people littering?
How does all the plastic get into the sea? What would the world look like without bees?

How are bees important to humans?

As you can see we will have a very strong focus on investigating and learning with a sustainability and environmental focus. You will be able to keep up to date with all of the excitement, learning and action as we dive deeper into our inquiries through asking your child about what is happening each week in our classrooms and checking in with our "What We Have Built This Week" newsfeed links that are sent out each Thursday via Compass.

SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIROMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Wow – what a smooth segue into sharing news about our Sustainability and Environment Sub-Committee. This team met last week and have set some exciting plans in place. The GREAT thing is that we also have a Year 5/6 Sustainability Focus Student Action Team who will link in with our committee. In this way we will have parents, staff and students working together cohesively and towards common aims and goals.

The first combined action is launching our "Redcycle" program which will see our school recycle plastic wrappers which will reduce the size of our rubbish going to landfill. Our school recycling will also be turned into seating and other useful items. This program will be officially launched at our assembly on 14th May.

Keep posted for more news around our Nude Food Day and another Ride to School Day which will both be coming up later this term.

STUDENT ABSENCE - HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS

Our school has recently been audited around our student attendance processes. For us this provides a timely reminder that any student who will be absent during a school term must gain prior approval from the school via the principal.

Each year we have a number of students absent for a significant period and this data is tracked by both the school and the Department of Education & Training. Whilst a family holiday is a fantastic experience, we ask that these are minimised during a school term as the impact of a student being absent can be quite significant. This is particularly the case when students are absent regularly over their time at the school.

We do not provide a learning plan for families who make the choice to travel during the school term. Our lessons require teacher input and delivery as our planning is a very dynamic process. As such we ask that you minimise family holidays during school times and try to arrange these in the breaks between terms.

The audit also highlighted to us how important it is for parents and carers to log into Compass and update daily attendance and outline why students are absent or late.

EDUCATION WEEK - CONNECTED SCHOOLS EVENT

Maths for Parents

Connected Schools Partnership Evening

Wednesday May 26th 2021

7.00pm - 8.30pm

Presenter: Michael Ymer

Michael is a specialist mathematics consultant from Melbourne, Australia. He is involved in many Professional Development programs in schools across Australia and Asia and he has been working with our staff team this year.

On this evening Michael will address the following issues:

What is my child learning in mathematics? How can I help my child become an efficient problem solver? How do children best learn mathematics? How can parents promote quality thinking and learning?

This home school partnership evening will help you understand the focus of mathematics in schools today and offer strategies and ideas to help you support your young mathematicians.

ENROLMENT FOR 2022

There continues to be strong interest in our school for students enrolling in 2022. Each week I run an organised school tour and the feedback I am getting from parents attending these tours about our school and the perception of it in the community is very positive. If you have a child starting school next year, please ensure that you fill out an enrolment form now.

I also take this opportunity to remind our families with students in Year 6 that Year 7, 2022 Transition forms must be returned to our school office by Friday 14th May.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY



James Penson Principal





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

Everleigh M, Zoe L, Niya M, Jayden S, Logan T, Lenny O, Eva M, Elliot M, Tilly A, Gabby L

ICAS Assessments 2021

This year, Greenhills Primary School will be offering students an opportunity to participate in the ICAS Assessments. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies. Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

This year, Greenhills Primary School will be participating in the following ICAS Assessments:

- <u>English</u> Students will read a variety of texts which narrate, describe, explain, argue, persuade and review. The texts will increase in complexity within each paper, moving from simple texts dealing with familiar subjects and topics to complex texts discussing abstract concepts and using sophisticated language structures.
- <u>Science</u> Students will focus on the knowledge areas of Earth and Beyond, Natural and Processed Materials, Life and Living, Energy and Change.
- <u>Mathematics</u> Students will answer a range of questions related to number and arithmetic, algebra and patterns, measure and units, space and geometry, chance and data.

Each assessment will run at a cost of \$17.05 and will be completed at school in August. If you would like your child to participate or require further information please contact Becc Stephens at rebecca.stephens@education.vic.gov.au by **25th June**.

Becc Stephens
Learning Specialist
Student Excellence Coordinator





Premier's Reading Challenge



Yes, it's on again! The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge encourages children and students from birth to year 10 to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online. Since the Challenge first began in 2005, more than 3 million students have read nearly 51 million books! At Greenhills PS we love this challenge, as it helps to create a love of reading, as well as opening up a large variety of genres to our students.

Throughout the Challenge, students are set a number of books they must read in order to complete the Challenge. **Challenge books** are those set and listed by the Premier's Reading Challenge and **Choice books** are any that are not on this list. The number of books to be read in order to complete the Challenge are-

Prep-Grade 2; 30 books (including 20 Challenge books and 10 Choice books)

Grade 3-6; 15 books (10 Challenge books and 5 Choice books)

Students will be receiving their log on details very soon, so please keep an eye out for these and keep them somewhere handy. These details can be used to log your child into their account to add books to their Challenge journal as they complete them.

Last year we had almost 250 students complete the challenge- we would love to see many more this year,

WE CAN DO IT!!!

To jump in and have a look, go to https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home

HAPPY READING!



Suzie Hussein Grade 2 Teacher

FROM THE OFFICE

School Office Hours

Monday to Friday

8.00am – 4.30pm

- For families that have opted to pay School fees via term instalments, the Term 2 payments are now due.
- Statements will be sent home shortly.
- Payment is overdue for Years 1 & 2 / 3 & 4 Swimming lessons, if you
 have not yet paid or set up a payment plan please pay at your earliest
 convenience.

All school fees were **due on 15**th **March 2021**, if you have not yet paid could you please organise payment at your earliest convenience.

Planning a Family Holiday during term time?

Family holidays should be pre-authorised by the Principal. Please remember to notify the School in advance via: greenhills.ps@education.vic.gov.au

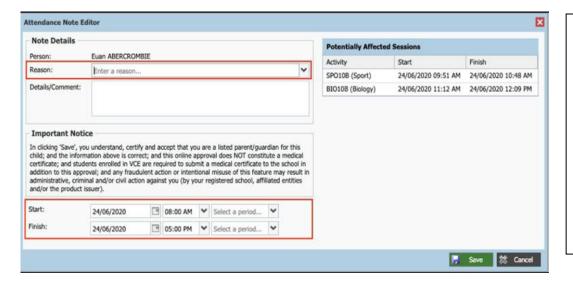
COMPASS "HOW TO"

How you can add attendance notes via compass



If your child is going to be away, you can add in an Attendance note to advise the School.

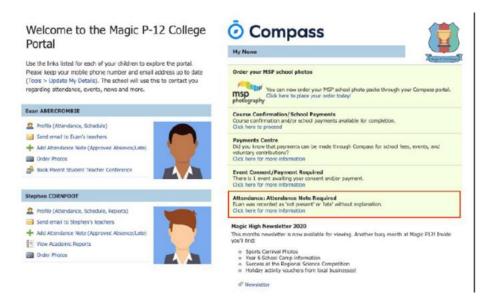
To do so, click "Add Attendance Note (Approved Absence/Late).



A Note screen will open. Select the applicable reason from the drop down list; add in any additional information applicable in the Details/
Comments box. Select the start and finish date/time of the absence and click "Save".

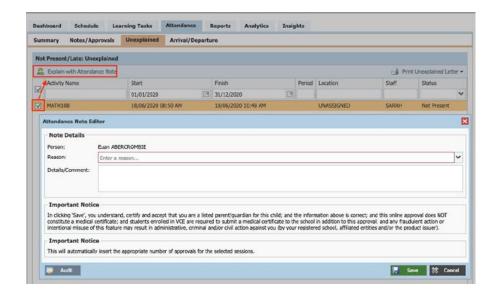
How to check on Compass to see if your child has any unexplained absences and add an attendance note.

Click the alert and it will take you to your child's unexplained attendance tab where you will see any sessions listed for which they are marked Not Present or Late



Select the session (or sessions) that you are adding a note for and then click "Explain with Attendance Note". This will cause the Attendance Note screen to pop open.

Student: Euan ABERCROMBIE - 10B, Year 10 Active Dashboard Schedule Learning Tasks Attendance Reports Analytics Insights Summary Notes/Approvals Unexplained Arrival/Departure Not Present/Late: Unexplained Explain with Attendance Note Print Unexplained Letter • Activity Name Start Finish Period Location Staff Status ☐ MATH10B UNASSIGNED 18/06/2020 08:50 AM 18/06/2020 10:48 AM Not Present



Select the applicable reason for the absence and add in the relevant details/comment. Click "save". This will assign the attendance note to the sessions you selected and they will update to no longer show unexplained absences.









Anne, Karen, Administration Team

Nicole & Victoria

STUDENT OF THE WEEK Term 2 Wk 2 PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY on 14th May 2021





NAME CLASS RI		REASON	
Zoe D	Prep BH	Zoe, I love that you always try your best and never give up. You put in your 100 percent and you have proved that anything can be achieved if you try. Keep up the great effort. I am so proud of you	
Ryan B	Prep BJ	For being a maths Superstar! I was blown away with your Apple Tree task this week. You confidently broke numbers into smaller parts all by yourself and recorded them on your tree! I am so proud of you Ryan! Keep being your kind, curious and wonderful self!	
Archie M	Prep ND	For his brilliant reading this term. Archie is a confident reader who points to the words, thinks carefully about the sounds he can see and has even been reading in front of the whole grade. I'm so impressed Archie, keep up the hard work!	
Lenny O	Prep SM	For walking into the classroom each day with such a big smile and positive attitude towards your learning! I am so proud of the effort you are putting into breaking each word into sound parts durin reading and writing. Lenny, you have made such wonderful progress and I am so proud of you. Keep up the amazing work superstar!	
Sebastian D	1LO	For the effort you are showing to achieve both your personal and literacy goals. You are very determined and it is showing as you climb up the wall to success! You should be very proud of yourself, Seb, keep up the awesome work!	
Fabian C	1TS	I have loved seeing your positive attitude and growth mindset to give everything a go! Fabian you should be so proud of yourself and all your hard work. Keep it up!	
Maddie M	2SM	For the effort and determination you have been showing in your maths. I love the way you are explaining all of your reasoning and the grit you have shown completing our challenging addition problems where you came back time and time again to have another go with a big smile on your face. I am so impressed with your positivity and readiness to learn!	
Lena S	2SH	For the outstanding job you do each and every day during Number Fluency. Lena I love seeing not only the strategies you use to solve your Maths problems, but also the way you talk about your reasoning of HOW you solved each problem. Your setting up of step by step working out is fantastic and shows you have a great understanding of what you are doing. Well done superstar, keep up the huge effort!	
Chin Chin	2TW	Chin Chin, I love the way you consistently show all our Greenhills values. You always put lots of Grit and Effort into all your learning tasks, and work hard to make sure they are completed to the best of your ability. I'm so lucky to have you in the grade.	
Isla T	34B	For the effort you are putting into using your initiative and taking ownership of your learning. I've been particularly impressed by the motivation you are showing towards your reading! Keep up the awesome work super star!	
Jackson	34D	For displaying maturity and leadership and applying himself to all areas of learning. It has been great to see Jackson step up and make great choices that support himself and others in the class. Keep up the great work, Jackson. You're an excellent role model.	
Ollie W	34M	For being keen to share his curiosities, wonderings and experiences with his classmates. Ollie is focused on tasks and delights in making connections. The confidence he shows when presenting to the class inspires others around him. Congratulations Ollie on being a role model to the students in 3/4M.	
Lucas C	34S	For expertly identifying figurative language in written texts. Lucas, great work at finding similes, metaphors and personification, whilst also interpreting their meanings. Well done!	
Dan H	56E	For the fantastic writing you are doing during Writer's Notebook. I am enjoying reading your Gaming Reviews and listening to your Podcasts. Keep up the fantastic writing Dan.	
Alanah VL	56M	Alanah has been an enthusiastic and positive student this year. She is happy to take feedback on board and act on it in the future. Alanah is also happy to push herself out of her comfort zone and challenge herself with learning new skills. Amazing work Alanah.	
Lucy J	56T	For showing incredible amounts of grit in your schoolwork. Lucy, I have been so impressed with how you have been challenging yourself in class and have been working hard to fully understand a topic, not giving up when things get tricky. I am so proud of your persistence and hope you keep this up throughout the year!	

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Friday 7th May 2021

Greenhills VS Glen Katherine A - HOME

Time:	Sport:	Venue:
9.30am-10.30am approx.	Aussie Rules Football	Greensborough Park
	Soccer	Partington's Flat
	Netball	Greenhills PS
	Softball	Greenhills PS

Green Parkways VS Hurstbridge - AWAY

Time:	Sport:	Venue:
9.30am-10.30am approx.	Aussie Rules Football	Ben Frilay Oval (Main Ground)
	Soccer	Ben Frilay Oval (Bottom Ground - Behind Community Hub)
	Netball	Hurstbridge PS
	Softball	Hurstbridge PS

COMMUNITY SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to **Jackson R (3/4D)** who received the Player of the Match Award, for his teamwork and consistent effort, while representing Diamond Valley United. Well done, Jackson! Keep on kicking goals.

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**.

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



NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM - LAUNDRY ROSTER

Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and is on the roster. These were sent home through your child's classroom last term.



Some weeks there may not be enough washing or even any washing to send home. Please don't worry if you have not received a tub of washing home. If there is washing to be done, I will always endeavour to have it delivered to your child's classroom by the end of the day.

I hope that will help to clear up any possible confusion around the roster.

Thank you Andrea Williams VISUAL ART SPECIALIST



Connected Schools - Friendships

Enjoying healthy relationships has a tremendous impact on your child's wellbeing and their overall success at school. Children who develop healthy friendships generally have a definite set of social skills that help make them easy to like, easy to relate to and easy to play with. If your child is struggling to make friends consider coaching them using this three-pronged approach:

Be open:

Some children close themselves off to forming new friendships, preferring to stick to one or two friends. Encourage your child to be open to forming friendships with a wide variety of children in and outside school and in doing so encircling themselves with many friendship groups.

Be inclusive:

Encourage your child to include a wide number of children in their games and activities rather than restricting the possibility of joining in to certain children. Healthy friendship groups are open and inclusive of others, while unhealthy relationships, such as cliques are restrictive, one-sided and full of gossip and criticism

Be aware:

Encourage social awareness in your child. For instance, a socially aware child would be discrete when giving out birthday party invitations at school, being protective and sensitive to the feeling of those not invited. This level of social awareness does not necessarily come naturally to all children, but parents and teachers can reinforce it.

Remember, friends of a feather flock together

If you think that your child does not have as many friends as a sibling or other children their own age, do not be too alarmed. On average, children usually have only two or three significant friendships at any one time. It is the quality rather than the quantity of friendships that counts. If you are concerned that your child lacks friends at school, encourage him to take up an extra-curricular activity. It is easier to strike up a friendship with someone when you have something in common.

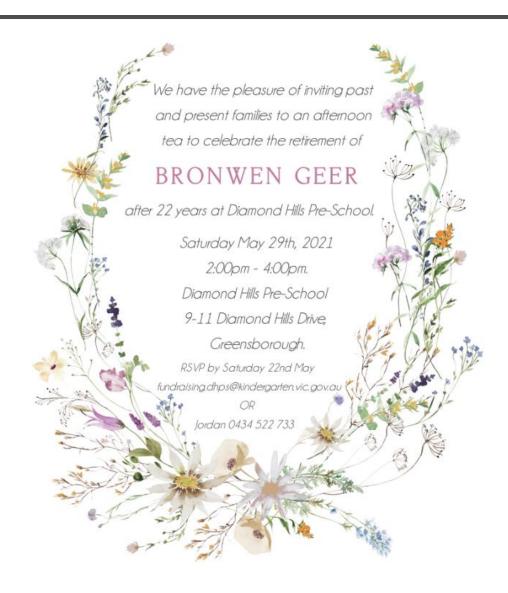
Above all else encourage your child to be friendly by talking to others, showing an interest in what other children do, offering help when needed and being willing to enter a new game or social situation. Consider teaching your child, if necessary, alternatives to fighting and arguing when there is disagreement and conflict within groups.













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ORTHODONTICS

Get your child's smile assessed

Hi Greenhills Families!

We are fortunate enough to have Libby from Libby's Koala and Wildlife Crusade come along and chat with our lucky Grade 2 students about Australian wildlife and how we can help to protect them and prevent them from becoming extinct. Our Grade 2's from 2020 will remember Libby speaking to them via webcam and we know the response was excitement, loads of learning, and many questions! We are thrilled to have Libby back again this year (in person this time) and we know the students will learn a lot from her presentation.

As a thank you for her time, as well as recognising the amazing work Libby does in our community, we are offering families the opportunity to help Libby's crusade, by donating items that wildlife shelters need. If you are keen to donate (and this is totally optional), please see the list of items in need below.

If you are donating any of these items, they can be sent along to Mrs Hussein's classroom, and we will happily pass these on to Libby.

Thanks so much.

Suzie Hussein





Eco friendly Tissues (featuring this symbol)

Unscented baby wipes

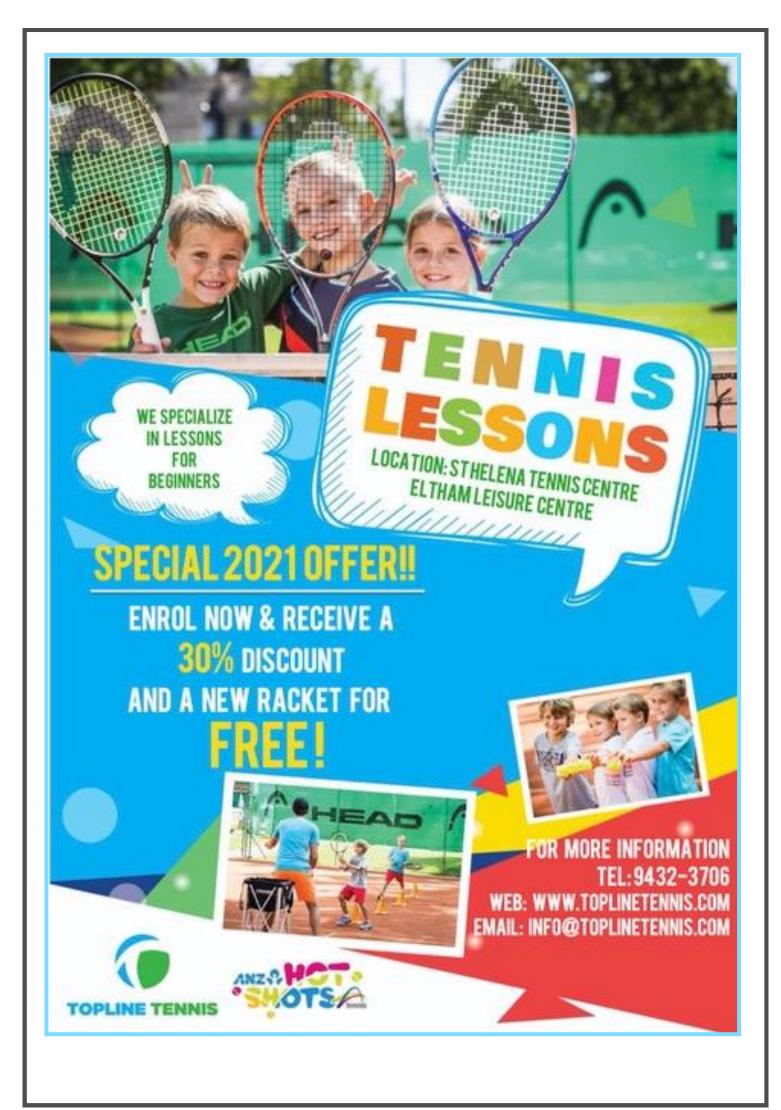
Sensitive Laundry liquid (e.g. OMO Sensitive)

Laundry Hygiene wash (e.g. Caneston)

Dishwashing liquid

Weetbix (any brand)





OSHCLUB NEWS



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Cooking Up A Storm!

We love cooking! Spending time in the kitchen making tasty treats has quickly become a popular activity for many of the children attending After-School Care. These last couple of weeks we have made palmiers (a cinnamon sugar puff pastry scroll), chocolate-chip muffins, and chocolate chocolate-chip muffins. While many of the children like helping to make the treats, everyone likes eating them! In the coming weeks, we will be making a lot of different things, with a mixture of sweet treats and healthy options for everyone to try their hands at! If your child(ren) would like to join in the cooking fun, we do it most Mondays and Fridays, so please book online through the iParent Portal or by calling or emailing the service.



I Like to Move It!

Singing and dancing has really become popular over the last week here at Greenhills OSHClub. "Just Dance"

and "OSHClub's Got Talent" have given a number of children the opportunity to step out of

their comfort zone and learn some new dance moves or a song or two. Everyone particularly enjoys dancing along to the "Mario Theme" and "Diamond" by Rihanna. Even the OSHClub educators have been

known to get up and dance if the right song comes on!

Clay Creations!



We recently purchased some air-dry clay, giving everyone the opportunity to get creative (and a little bit

messy) as they make something spectacular out of a square of clay. A lot of children doubted their abilities, but once they got started they let their creativity fly and we able to make some really fun and interesting things. There were cats, crocodiles, snails, cars and spaceships! It's been amazing to see just how imaginative everyone has been!

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/Pupil Free Days. If you need to make a late booking, please contact the service on 0437 928 183 or greenhills@oshclub.com.au.

Please note, children require a hat at when OSHClub After-School Care from September 1st to April 30th if they wish to go outside. We only have a few spare hats, so please remember to bring one!!

OSHClub Service Phone: 0437 928 183

OSHClub Service Email: greenhills@oshclub.com.au

Coordinator: Megan Statham-Danckert

Educator: Jordan Martin

OSHClub Head Office: 1300 395 735 or <u>oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au</u>

All families must be enrolled to attend the service, remember this is FREE!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au. All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via the iParent Portal. For on the day bookings, please contact the service coordinator.



Banyule Volunteer Celebration

We invite volunteers working across Banyule to attend one of our thank you events during National Volunteer Week this May.

Celebration events:

Monday 17 May 2021

Movie: June Again

Afternoon movie session, 12.30pm

Hoyts Cinemas Greensborough

Book at trybooking.com/748007

Wednesday 19 May 2021
Movie: Those who wish me dead
Evening movie session, 6.30pm
Hoyts Cinemas Greensborough
Book at trybooking.com/749424

Movie: Supernova Evening movie session, 6.30pm Hoyts Cinemas Greensborough Book at trybooking.com/748013

Thursday 20 May 2021
Movie: Finding You
Morning movie session, 10am
Hoyts Cinemas Greensborough
Book at trybooking.com/748016

Friday 21 May 2021 High Tea in The Great Hall, 1pm The Centre Ivanhoe Book at trybooking.com/746757

Bookings are essential by Friday 7 May 2021 or until booked out.

For more information visit banyule.vic.gov.au/ VolunteerWeek or contact Karen Molinaro 9457 9955 or Maha Abizahr 9457 9863.

