

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

Grit, Respect, Effort, Adventure, Teamwork

**Term 1 - Week 1, 4th February 2021**

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the new school year to all our families and a very warm welcome to the new families joining our Greenhills Community in 2021. I hope you all had a terrific summer break and enjoyed lots of quality family time.

One GREAT thing about the holidays for me is that I get to catch up with some reading. The books I could not put down were 'Mosul' by Ben McKelvey, 'The Draft' by Emma Quale and 'The Hard Way' by Konrad Marshall.

Mosul focuses on the stories of key figures during the battle for Mosul, including the secret involvement of Australians on both sides of the war. The Hard Way is a behind the scenes story of Richmond's 13<sup>th</sup> Premiership and The Draft is an inside look at the 2007 AFL National Draft through following the stories of five junior footballers during their last year before nominating for the draft. I can recommend them all!

I look forward to hearing about the books you have read.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS 2021

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons <b>3pm Assembly</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	GREAT Values Day (whole school) <b>7:00pm PA Meeting</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Meet the Teacher interviews (optional) 3:50pm-6:50pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00am Cheers n Tears Morning tea – new prep families Interschool Sport (Years 5 & 6) Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons <b>3pm Assembly</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	District Swimming Carnival
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 <b>3pm Assembly</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Prep 2022 Evening School Tour (6:00pm –7:00pm) Year 6 Camp (Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March)
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 <b>3pm Assembly</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	House Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Camp (Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Cybersaftey 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) <b>2.30pm finish</b>

## 2020 WHAT WE WILL BUILD!

2021 will be a very exciting year for our school. We will continue to work proactively to further develop our home-school partnership as we strive to ensure that our students are provided with an environment and experience that enables them to learn and grow into the best they can be. We have so much to be proud of as a school community, and 2021 is another opportunity for us to take the next steps on our improvement journey. I have included our one-page summary sheet that lists our four key goals along with a brief outline of the key strategies that we will use to deliver these. I will unpack these in more detail each week. This work has already started and next week we launch our new core values with a special GREAT Day on Tuesday.



### 15 MINUTES - 3 X TIMES A DAY

In 2021, we have dedicated 3 blocks of 15 minutes at key points throughout each school day to focus on our key learning priorities. This strategy will ensure that we have a high level of commitment and consistency across our whole school. Dedicating and prioritising this time will ensure that all classes across the whole school are involved and teams can implement with consistency and clarity.

#### READING IN EVERY CLASSROOM, EVERY DAY

At 9am each day, students will build a love and passion of reading by spending time reading independently, conferencing with a teacher, sharing reading with other students and engaging with a wide variety of books and resources.

#### NUMBER FLUENCY IN EVERY CLASSROOM, EVERY DAY

At 11.25am each day, students will build their enthusiasm and deep thinking in numeracy by engaging in a structured number focus activity. These will be focused on our priority curriculum areas and enable students the opportunity of daily practice, sharing reasoning and challenging themselves and others to build confidence and skills.

#### STUDENT AGENCY & REFLECTION IN EVERY CLASSROOM, EVERY DAY

At 2.20pm each day, students will have time to think deeply and reflect on their learning. This is a key part of building a student's agency, and developing understanding and responsibility for their learning. The whole school will use prompting questions such as :

"What makes you excited about learning?"

"What is a challenge you have faced?"

What can you do to make 2021 a successful year of learning?"

This time provides opportunities for students to discuss, share and record their responses.

### COMPASS IS HERE!

We have launched COMPASS officially and I am pleased to say that at the time of print we have over 92% of our school who have logged in and accessed the platform. We are all on a very sharp learning curve using Compass and thank you to everyone who has assisted and helped so far. I encourage you to become as familiar with using it as possible and we will update you with different parts of the program as we roll them out. In time this will include giving permissions and making payments for events, accessing Semester Reports and a variety of other important information that will ultimately strengthen our home school partnership even more. If you are having any issues accessing COMPASS please let our office team know.

#### MEET WITH THE TEACHER - PARENT MEETINGS

Our optional "Meet the Teacher" - Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February between 3.50pm and 6.50pm. Whilst these interviews are not compulsory to attend, the main purpose of these meetings is for parents to meet with the teacher and pass on any pertinent information that will assist our students to have a successful year.

Bookings are made through Compass so that you can select from the times available which suit you best. These are now open and will close on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm.

## ON TIME FOR SCHOOL EVERY DAY

Each day we start with music at 8.55am. This is the signal for students to enter their classrooms and get ready for learning before the 9am bell rings.

We know that getting off to a GREAT start each day is critical for learning, so we are encouraging everyone to be on time and go inside their classrooms by the 9am bell.

At the end of the day a bell will ring at 3.30pm, where students will be dismissed. At 3.45pm a second bell will ring. This is a reminder to any student who remains unsupervised in the yard that they must report to the office so that we can ensure they get home safely as yard supervision finishes at this time each day.

## ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Speed zones, pedestrian crossings and parking restrictions around school are there to improve the movement of traffic during peak times and maximise safety for children and road users.

It is vital that adults, we leads by example and set good road safety practices travelling to and from school. As such we are asking all parents and carers to observe and obey parking signs and in particular No Stopping and No parking signs.

Banyule City Council have asked us to remind our school community that it is an offence to:

- double park by stopping next to a legally parked vehicle, even for a short time or to drop off/pick up passengers

- Stop or park across a driveway, footpath or dividing strip

- Stop or park within 10 metres of an intersection or corner that doesn't have traffic lights

- Stop or park across or in a bus zone.

Council Local Laws Officers will be active around our school area to issue warnings and fines.

## PRIVACY INFORMATION

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Department of Education's Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement which is included in this newsletter

For more information about privacy, see:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx>

This information also available in nine community languages.

## HAVE INPUT INTO OUR SCHOOL...SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

We know that one of the best things about our school is our strong parent input and involvement. Our School Council is one the main forums in which parents and staff work together for the benefit of all our students. At the beginning of each school year we have a number of vacancies for School Council. There are 3 x Parent member positions to fill this year for a period of two years. If you are interested in nominating, please collect a form from the school office or contact me and I will arrange one to be sent home. These must be lodged at the office by 4pm Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

Please contact me if you would like more information about these roles.

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

Looking forward to a GREAT year ahead.

James Penson  
Principal



## FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the 2021 School Year.

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

**The following forms will be sent out next week:**

**Family Statements**

### **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.



Years 1 & 2 Swimming lessons start on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February. If you have not yet paid for these and have not set up a payment plan could you please pay ASAP.

School Fees are **due by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021**, please pay on time to ensure we have the funds to support our core programs.

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  
4 and Term 1.**

**Hats are also available  
at the School Office**

**School Office Hours**

**Monday to Friday**

**8.00am – 4.30pm**



Anne,



Karen,



Nicole &



Victoria

Administration Team

## 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

### Instrumental Lessons 2021:

Please be aware that most of the Instrumental Lessons started this week except for some piano and singing lessons. All piano and singing lessons should be up and running in 2 weeks time as we are in the process of appointing 2 new teachers. We were very sad to say 'Goodbye' to Ainsley and Lorraine, both outstanding teachers. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about the Instrumental Program.



### Recital and Training Choir Rehearsals:

Both Recital and Training Choir Rehearsals will start next 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



# OSHCLUB NEWS



Dear Parents and Guardians,

## Welcome Back!

Everyone here at Greenhills OSHClub would like to welcome everyone back from the holiday period. We hope that everyone was able to enjoy some time off and get out and about during the slightly cooler weather we've been experiencing. We're looking forward to seeing everyone back at OSHClub this year! We've already had the opportunity to meet some of the new prep/foundation children during the school holidays, but we can't wait to meet everyone. There has been a staffing change here at Greenhills OSHClub, we'd like to welcome Crystal Grech to the team while Macey Evans has decided to return to being a casual OSHClub

team member. We wish Macey the best and hope that she will come and visit us and help out when she can!



## Airbrush Fun!

We had a lot of fun over the summer school holidays with incursions finally returning to Greenhills OSHClub. Children attending got the opportunity to try their hands at African Drumming, LEGO Challenges, Airbrush Workshop and learnt about space in the Science Discovery Dome! Everyone particularly enjoyed the Airbrush Workshop where they got to learn and practice using



the airbrushes before getting to paint their very own hat to keep! We also had a lot of fun in-service with a "Challenge the Educators" day where children went head to head against the staff members in a variety of games. The most popular activity was the water relay race where everyone worked in teams to get water from one bucket to another only using a cup. No matter how hard they tried, the children competing weren't able to beat the staff.

## Cool Cooking!

These school holidays, the children got the opportunity to try some cooking activities including making fairy bread, lamingtons, and "Mandalorian" cookies. Other than making the tasty creations, everyone's favourite part was eating what they'd made – particularly the lamingtons! This year, we are looking forward to offering more cooking experiences for children to participate in. Children will have the opportunity to learn how to make a variety of things including healthy items and the occasional treat. More information about these cooking experiences will be coming soon.



Please note, children require a hat at when OSHClub After-School Care from September 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:greenhills@oshclub.com.au).

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Educators: Jordan Martin & Crystal Grech

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*All families must be enrolled to attend the service, remember this is FREE!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://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.*



## 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)**

DVUSC is a local community-based sporting club which has a long history and prides itself on developing local junior players, both boys and girls.



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