

Term 2, 11th June 2020

Greenhills is **G.R.E.A.T.**
Grit, Respect, Effort, Adventure, Teamwork

Term 2 - Week 9, 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The school was buzzing again this week and it was GREAT to see so many smiles on the faces walking into school on Tuesday. There were even bigger smiles on the faces on those saying goodbye at the gate!

Well done to all of our Years 3-6 students on the way they returned to school. Walking around the classrooms highlighted just how quickly classroom routines and structures can be re-established. I also loved seeing so many new pencil cases and drink bottles. It could be a Smiggle led economic recovery!

The timing of having all students back on site is terrific. It gives everyone the next two and a bit weeks to find their feet, find out about their point of need in their learning and plan for the start of Term 3. There was always going to be time needed to transition back to school and reset our teaching and learning program and having this time at the end of a term is a real blessing.

WHY DID THE EGG CROSS THE ROAD?...NO NOT TO GET TO THE SHELL STATION!..BUT TO ARRIVE AT GREENHILLS

I interrupt this newsletter with some breaking news....when all of our students arrived back this week, they noticed a very curious item on site. A very large egg appeared over the weekend. Even stranger is that the egg keeps moving around the school. We are now trying to work out just what this all means. The students have been developing different theories about the animal or creature that laid it and even making predictions about what is inside? It has been GREAT to read some of the eggcellent writing our students have been engaged and motivated to complete and there has even been some math calculations and problem solving taking place. It's certainly going to be hard to egg-nore all of this over the next couple of weeks.



James Penson
Principal



LETTER OF THANKS TO PARENTS FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & TRAINING

Dear parents and carers,

Term 2 in 2020 has been like no other school term in Victoria's history, and so I am writing to thank you for your support.

As you know, this week Grade 3 to Year 10 students joined Prep to Grade 2, VCE and specialist school students in face to face learning. It is great to see our school communities come together again.

In responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic over the past few months, the Department of Education and Training has asked a lot of our teachers and schools, and we have also required your support as parents and carers.

I want to acknowledge the extraordinary effort you have all made in working in partnership with your teachers and schools to support your children while they have been learning from home.

When I wrote to you a few months ago as we transitioned to remote and flexible learning, I acknowledged that it would be a challenging time for everyone, but that it was important to work closely together to provide the best possible support for students. Many of you have since told me that there have been difficult, rewarding and challenging experiences during this unique and uncertain time that we have been through together. I thank you for your support, commitment, patience and perseverance.

But despite difficulties, I've been impressed to hear inspiring stories of education innovation. The innovative and creative approaches adopted during remote and flexible learning have been outstanding, and many schools will bring new approaches with them to on-site schooling.

Many school communities have forged even stronger relationships and partnerships — with families and teachers gaining a greater mutual appreciation of their shared contributions to school education.

Our schools now have a range of precautionary measures to protect the health and safety of your children, your family, teachers and staff, and your local community.

I hope these measures, along with the knowledge that the Victorian Chief Health Officer and Victorian Government have approached the return to on-site schooling with the utmost precaution and careful planning, have helped ease any anxiety about the return to on-site schooling.

The changes at your school are consistent with health advice, including enhanced cleaning in schools and frequent handwashing. Your school has also asked you to practice physical distancing during drop-off and pick-up times.

Your children may be feeling anxious about returning to school. Reassure your child that it's safe for them to go back to school and reinforce what they've been practicing at home around hand hygiene and coughing and sneezing. Reassure them that extensive cleaning is being carried out in schools and public transport to keep them safe.

Please remember the health advice: if you or your child is unwell, please stay at home. This is vital to ensuring the effective management of the pandemic.

Information about how to speak to your child about coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found here:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/Pages/talkingtoyourchildaboutcoronavirus.aspx>

Visit the Department's website for the latest information about coronavirus (COVID-19) at:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you once again for working with your schools to support your children while they were learning at home and for your patience during the staged return to on-site schooling.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Atta

Secretary

Department of Education and Training

Parent Partnerships

It has been wonderful to have all our students back at school connecting with their peers and teachers. The smiles on their faces and the spring in their step as they enter the school gate is such a joy to see. There have been many positive outcomes over the past few months and as we reflect we will consider how we can integrate some of the positive teaching moments that occurred during remote learning into a classroom environment.

In my conversations with students it appears many have enjoyed the increased screen time over the past two months and reducing the amount of screen time is something that they may try to resist. Our school community has access to a free webinar facilitated by Parenting Ideas that discusses technology and the science behind why kids and teens find it challenging to switch off screens. If this is your son or daughter, you might find the "Understanding techno tantrums webinar" by Parenting Ideas useful.

Understanding techno tantrums Free Webinar: Wednesday 17th June 8-9pm

In this digital era, chances are we've all experienced our children throwing a techno-tantrum. Techno- tantrums are completely normal and often a result of the neurobiological changes that occur when kids use technology. But this doesn't mean that we have to simply accept that they're part of our modern parenting reality. In this webinar Dr Kristy Goodwin helps parents and carers understand why children and teens emotionally combust when they digitally-disconnect, and how to establish new, healthy technology habits. Key learning and discussion points include:

- The science behind why kids and teens have techno tantrums and find it challenging to switch off screens
- How to establish and enforce firm guidelines and boundaries
- How to be the pilot of the digital plane
- Researched based, realistic strategies to help develop healthy digital behaviours so that screen time doesn't end in 'scream time'

To enrol click link and follow instructions

www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/understanding-techno-tantrums

- Click 'Add to cart'
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I hope you find this session useful.

Janine Hough
Assistant Principal



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS 2020

Monday 15 th June	6.30pm SCHOOL COUNCIL
Friday 26 th June	Last day of school – Term 2 – finish at 2.30pm
Monday 13th July	First day of Term 3

Happy Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Clara W, Joel C, Ari B, Sophie S, Isla t, Mia A & Senna vP

RECITAL CHOIR

Just a reminder that Recital Choir rehearsals will be running via Webex from 8.00a.m. until 8.25a.m. on Tuesday mornings for the remainder of this term. Please note that the piano accompaniments have been uploaded to google drive so that students can practise at home. The link was emailed to Grade 5/6 students and the parents of the students in Grade 4. Please let me know if you are having trouble accessing these accompaniments.



Best Wishes
Kate Stewart



PREP 2021

If you have a Prep starting in 2021 and haven't sent in your Enrolment, it is important to do so ASAP. At this stage we will be holding our "Experience Greenhills" sessions on the days below, a Try Booking link will be sent out to each family to book in.



"EXPERIENCE GREENHILLS" SESSIONS

During these sessions parents can enjoy a cup of coffee whilst being presented information on school readiness.

Our aim is for your child to have a smooth transition into Primary School.

Literacy: Wednesday 29th July 2020

Numeracy: Wednesday 5th August 2020

Music: Wednesday 12th August 2020

Physical Education: Wednesday 19th August 2020

Art: Wednesday 26th August 2020

Italian: Wednesday 2nd September 2020

FROM THE OFFICE

Office Hours are 8:30am – 4:30pm

Family Payments:

Please remember that if you haven't paid your Term 2 Instalment, please do so via QKR/BPAY or at the office, alternatively you can ring the office with a credit card.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact James Penson (penson.james.j@edumail.vic.gov.au) or Kate Reade (reade.kate.a@edumail.vic.gov.au).

Any parent/family payments received for activities cancelled due to COVID19 will be refunded. Notification of this will be confirmed in Term Three.

QKR App:

If you are having a problem with QKR Functionally saying Not Able to **Connect to Server**, please follow these instructions:

Reinstall the app to apply the current changes.

You may need to reset your password.

Late Arrivals and Early Leaving Children:

If your child is late to school, we ask that you bring them to the office to sign in, here we will take care of them getting to class, you can leave from the office. If however you need to pick your child up early, please come to the office, one of us will sign your child/ren out and will arrange for them to come and meet you at the office. Giving your teacher an email will be appreciated too.

Drink Bottles

Each child needs to bring their own NAMED drink bottle to school during these times as our drink taps are being used ATM, due to health reasons. Thank you.

Lost Property

We have a huge amount of uniform in the Lost Property tub, please ensure all your child's uniform is clearly marked with their full name to ensure this makes it back to you.

The following events have been postponed:

School Photos (28th April 2020) – moved to 6th August 2020



Kate Reade, Nicole Pearson, Anne Doolan & Karen Heitzmann

School Administration Team

STUDENT OF THE WEEK Term 2 Wk 9 - PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY on 26th June 2020



HERE ARE OUR SUPERSTARS for this week..

NAME	CLASS	REASON
Sofia S	Prep BH	Sofia, I am extremely proud of the way you have settled into our classroom and are making great friendships with the students of our grade. I love your enthusiasm for learning and your positive attitude.
Pierce S	Prep BJ	For your amazing efforts in writing. I am so proud of the sentences you wrote independently about the mysterious Greenhills egg! You even included full stops and capital letters! Superstar work Pierce!
Tyra K	Prep SM	For being such a kind, thoughtful and respectful member of Prep SM. Tyra, I love that you constantly fill everyone's buckets by giving them compliments, offering your help and including them in your play. Keep up the amazing work you star!
Ross L	1KO	For blowing us away with your writing! Ross we love how hard you are working on making your writing really descriptive by adding adjectives, strong verbs and powerful adverbs. You are a superstar!
Willow T	1LO	For your incredible enhancing sentence work this week! You used some great vivid verbs and adverbs to paint a clear picture for your reader. Willow, you always try your best in everything you do. Keep it up superstar!
Eden T	1ND	For being an all-star student. Eden is kind, enthusiastic and hard working, all qualities that make her a leader and role model in our classroom. What a wonderful addition to Greenhills you have been Eden!
Harry P	1RM	For being a great role model and conscientious worker. Harry starts everyday switched on and ready to learn. He starts his morning routines without needing to be reminded and a champion at Boggle, often discovering the longest word hidden in the letters. Thanks for motivating all those around you Harry and making 1RM a great place to be!
Emily H	2BR	For the passion she shows towards learning and the enthusiasm she brings to our classroom. You are always involved in our classroom discussions and love to share the new things you have learnt. Your positivity is so contagious Em!
Jack O	2SH	For your consistent and contagious enthusiasm for learning! Jack I love the way you have a passion for learning, in all things that you do! You are a keen contributor to our class discussions and your joy in learning shines through in the insightful comments that you make. Thanks for loving learning!
Archie G	2TW	For being a super member of 2TW. You have really settled back into school, you're making great choices in the classroom and working so hard to get all your work done. Keep up the great effort Archie.
Lucas E-T	34B	For settling back into school life with enthusiasm and maturity. I've been particularly impressed by the choices you are making for your learning and the leadership qualities you are displaying during our short film planning sessions. Keep up the awesome work Lucas!
Angus S	34D	Angus has returned to school full of enthusiasm and readiness to learn. He is showing great focus and positivity towards his learning. I am so impressed, Angus!
Max G	34H	For the great effort that you displayed during Remote Learning and the wonderful way that you have returned to school with enthusiasm, a positive attitude and a big smile on your face. Well done Max!
Sophie Mc	34K	For your enthusiasm on our return to school. Your welcoming smile, assistance towards your classmates, contributions to our discussions and your positivity towards all our tasks have been first rate. It's such a pleasure having you back in our classroom!
Isaac H	34S	Isaac we are so lucky to have you as apart of 3/4S! You are such a funny, kind and positive person. Your enthusiasm towards remote learning and then how well you settled back into school has been amazing to see. Keep it up super star!
Liam J	56E	For working consistently during remote learning and having a positive attitude when returning to school. I'm proud of your strong work ethic Liam. Keep up the fantastic work.
Josie B	56F	For always having a positive towards school, her learning and life in general. Josie I'm so proud of how were able to remain positive while remote learning and how excited you have been during our first week back at school. Keep it up superstar!
Riley W	56J	For having such a smooth and settled start back to on-site learning. It has been so great to have your energy back in the classroom, way to go!
Caelan R	56M	Caelan is one of our star students and was a fantastic remote learner. He kept his energy high and was always great fun to have in a Webex. Well done Caelan
Lola S	56S	For her amazing transition back to classroom learning. Lola, your positive outlook and upbeat attitude has been an inspiration to others. Kudos to you!
Alyssa W (5/6F) Mia B (5/6M)	ART	A very big thank you to Mia and Alyssa for taking time out of their own home learning to assist with preparing mini video tutorials for the Visual Art remote program. Your involvement was very much appreciated by myself, and I'm sure by the students, and demonstrated your dedication to your specialist captain role.

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 4 IS *Running!*

Click on this link to take a look
[scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents](https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents)



The image shows a colorful brochure for 'Book Club Issue 4'. A cartoon girl with orange hair is reading a green book. The brochure features several book covers and text boxes. A pink circular badge on the right says '45 titles @ \$5 or UNDER'. The main title 'Book Club' is in large red letters. Below it, there are three featured books: 'Amulet', 'eSports: The Ultimate Guide', and 'Bluesy: The Creek'. Each book has a small description and a price tag. The background is light blue with white dots.

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ORDERS DUE BACK BY:

Book Club

45 titles @ \$5 or UNDER

001 Amulet
Emily and Navin move into the old, mysterious home of their great-grandfather, and strange things start happening. 4 books, each \$12.99 + shipping. AGES 9+
CLUB PRICE \$79.00

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An in-depth insider's look at the gamers who are winning big at top games. 160 pp. AGES 8+
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003 NEW! Bluesy: The Creek
What will Bluesy find when she explores the creek? 24 pp. AGES 3+

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