

Term 1, 7th March 2019

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

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Term 1 - Week 6 2019

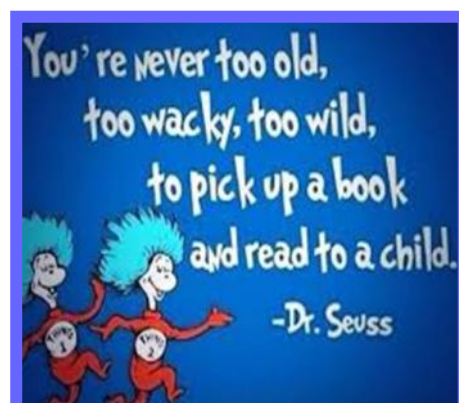
WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS 2019

Friday 8 th March	Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sport 2.50pm Assembly
Tuesday 12 th March – Friday 15 th March	Year 6 Camp
Friday 15 th March	Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons 3pm Whole School Reflection (No Assembly)
Wednesday 20 th March	Parent Information Night (Enrolments 2020)
Thursday 21 st March	Prep Grandparents / Special Person Morning Tea
Friday 22 nd March 	Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sport 2.50pm Assembly School Disco
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th March	Planning Week (Yrs. 3/4-Monday / Preps-Tuesday / Yrs.5/6- Wednesday / Yrs.1/2- Friday)
Tuesday 26 th March	House Athletics Carnival (Year 3-6) Link to House Athletics Carnival Information slip
Thursday 28 th March	Student Led Conferences (Students only attend school for the duration of their conference).
Friday 29 th March	Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sport 3pm Whole School Reflection (No Assembly) PA BBQ
Monday 1st April	6:45pm School Council
Friday 5th April	Last Day of Term 1 (2:30pm Finish)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

As we know, the benefits of reading to children are well researched and documented. Reading out aloud to children not only strengthens family bonds and provides positive interactions, but it also stimulates imagination and expands children's understanding of the world. It helps them to develop oral language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word.

When children are young, we know the value of bedtime stories and of hearing them read their school books aloud. What it is important to remember however, is how beneficial it is to maintain this practice even once your child is old enough to read independently. Recent studies into this indicate that the majority of students no longer read with their parents or are read to once they reach the age of 9 or 10.



Benefits of reading aloud (and with) older children include:

- Letting them experience the joy of a story – particularly important for those who find reading difficult.
- Modelling of fluent, expressive reading.
- Expansion of vocabulary – children generally have an auditory comprehension that is higher than their reading comprehension so if you choose a book your child could not read independently then you are exposing them to a rich new vocabulary of words.
- Exposure to a range of new authors, books and genres.

Perhaps one of the biggest benefits of shared reading though is the opportunity to build and develop comprehension skills.

Understanding is the key to being a successful reader and as children's reading proficiency increases, the complexity of the books that they choose also increases. By discussing books with children we can help them to connect the book to their own experiences and to other books that they have read. We can help them to develop a deeper understanding of what they have read and to really engage with the text.

So please continue to hear your child read. Model a love of books and reading as it is something they will keep with them forever.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE



On Monday night we had our first School Council meeting for 2019. I am pleased to announce that Kelly Rogel was elected as School Council President and Jamie McCowan as Vice President and Treasurer.

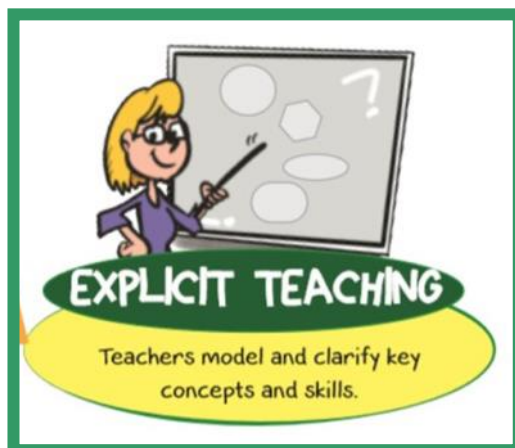
At the meeting we also confirmed our sub-committee structure for 2019. These are:

- Education, Policy & Communications - convened by Natalie Johnson & Beth Costello
- Finance – convened by Jamie McCowan
- Buildings & Ground – convened by James Penson
- PA – convened by Kris Headley
- Canteen – convened by Irina Fainberg
- Out of School Hours care – convened by Helen Schilling

Our sub-committees are where the actual work of School Council takes place. All school councillors serve on at least one sub-committee and we also welcome other parents, carers and staff to join these. I will publish the meeting dates for these committees next week.

EXPLICIT TEACHING

This week we unpack the “Explicit Teaching” element of our Greenhills Instructional Model. As the name suggests, this section of a lesson is where the teacher models the skills or concept in a step-by-step way. Our teachers focus on delivering clear instructions and scaffold the learning to provide students with opportunities to grasp, develop and apply the knowledge or skill. The use of practice examples, often using concrete material, is one effective strategy used. Explicit teaching helps to reduce errors or misunderstandings throughout the learning sequence.



GOALS & TARGETS FOR 2019

At Greenhills Primary School, our vision is to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment that empowers all students to embrace learning to achieve their personal best and build their emotional, social and physical well-being.

To deliver this vision, we set specific goals and targets over a four-year strategic planning period. Each year these goals and targets are then fine-tuned and articulated in a detailed Annual Implementation Plan (AIP).

In 2019, our AIP priority goals are:

- To maximise student learning through measuring student learning gain in Literacy & Numeracy across a 12-month period.
- To further increase student engagement in learning through the implementation of inquiry based learning and research and the use of preferred learning styles.
- To develop student voice and input through effective, valued student leadership opportunities.
- To develop and promote resilient students who display Greenhills Primary Schools' behaviours and attitudes.
- To allocate resources strategically with an emphasis on improving teacher practice and consequently, student outcomes.

I have included a 2-page summary of our 2019 AIP in this newsletter, which outlines in more detail some of the key strategies and actions for our school this year.

PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who have returned their Parent Helper Agreements. The response has been fantastic and we are so fortunate to have such strong community support for our school.

Our Parent Helper Agreement is a very important process that helps our school community understand that our school has a clear and public commitment to child safety in the form of our Child Safe Code of Conduct and Child Protection Reporting Policy. By including these policies as part of our parent helper requirement, our School Council has clearly defined and explained acceptable and unacceptable behaviours for staff, volunteers and children.

HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP COMMUNICATIONS

As part of our 2020 Communications Plan, each area of the school will shortly be sending home a “mid-term” email. Thank you to our staff for being so pro-active around our home school communication.

Email is a great form of communication, however we are aware of the large number of emails our staff both receives and send each week. During the school day, teachers do not always have time to check their email or the email system may not be accessible. Whilst we aim to respond to emails within 48 hours, it is important that you do not have the expectation that teachers will answer these emails after school hours.

As always, if the matter is urgent, please contact the school directly on 9435 4181.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2020

Believe it or not we are now starting to forward plan for 2020! I have sent a letter home to all families with younger siblings that may be starting school next year. It will be important for you to indicate to me that you have a child starting in 2020 and complete an enrolment form as early as possible.

We also have regular school tours each week on Tuesdays at 9.30am, or by appointment. If you know of any family that is interested in coming to our school please let them know about these tours.



James Penson
Principal

2018 SCHOOL COUNCIL THANK YOU

On behalf of the school council I would like to acknowledge and thank those members of school council that have finished their time with us. Their dedication and support for the school never goes unnoticed.

Margie will continue to volunteer in many ways with in the school and we thank her very much.

Both Lia Dickson and Louise Smith dedicated many years to school council and we wish them all the best.

I would also like to send a big thank you to those that took the time to vote for the election ballot - this was new for us this year as we had so much interest which is amazing that people are keen to invest time into the school community. I personally thank those who voted me back in for another term - I greatly appreciate the support and look forward to another year as President.

Regards

Kelly Rogel (2019 School Council President)



GREENLIGHT HAWAIIAN DISCO

FRIDAY 22nd MARCH 2019

PREP - GRADE 2: 5.45 - 7.00 PM

GRADE 3 - 6: 7.30 - 9.00 PM

**PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED—please email Emma on
wilkesemma@hotmail.com**

Get dressed up in your disco clothes/grass skirts and put on those dancing thongs!:

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Urgent Messages for Students

We understand emergency situations occur, but to ensure that all students receive important messages at the end of the day we ask that where possible please call the office no later than 3:15pm.

School Fees 2019 – DUE 1st March 2019

If you have not paid your child's school fees or made other payment arrangements e.g. term instalments, please ensure payment is made by **1st March 2019**. School Payment Form for 2019 was sent home term 4 2018. Information relating to school fees can be found on the school's website (www.greenhillsps.vic.edu.au) under notices and forms.

Please contact the school office if you require further assistance regarding school payments.

Camps, Sport, Excursions Fund 2019

CSEF is available to eligible families in 2019. **If you received CSEF in 2018, you do not need to reapply.** Only complete an application if you are applying for the first time at this school. For further information regarding CSEF or financial assistance, please refer to the following link; <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/families.aspx>

Please contact the office if you require a CSEF application form.

NB. If you are a recipient of CSEF, please remember to write this on the School Payment form.

Student Accident Insurance

Parents are to be reminded that the Department of Education does not provide accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

Netbook Lease Program 2019 (Years 5 & 6)

Netbook Lease payment schedules have been sent home to the families of children participating in the Netbook Lease Program.

For those who have elected to pay netbook instalments, these are now due for payment.

NB. Direct Debit Payment authorities received in 2018 (Lease commencing at the beginning of 2018), will be actioned on the due dates of issued schedules. This information can be found on the school website.

Confidential Student Information/Medical Updates

It is very important that you keep us informed of any changes relating to your child's personal details. Please notify us immediately of any modifications relating to family/student details; emergency contacts, medical, address and in particular phone numbers and email addresses.

Family Emails Contacts

As most correspondence is emailed out to families frequently during the year, including our newsletter, activity notices and messages from the school, it is important that email details are kept up to date. If you are not receiving information from the school, please contact the office.

Smart Phone Apps – Down load now!

Skoolbag app – Keeping you up to date is important to us.

Skoolbag informs you of events, alerts & other school information.

QKR app (MasterCard app) – The QKR app allows you to conveniently & securely make payments using your smart phone.

You can find down load instructions for these applications on our website.

<http://www.greenhillsps.vic.edu.au/index.php/parent-information>



Kate Reade, Nicole Pearson & Anne Doolan

School Administration Team



Happy Birthday to the following students celebrating birthdays

Amira S, Isaac A, Luke P, Claire P, Maddie M

****NO NOTICES SENT HOME LAST WEEK FROM THE OFFICE****

SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome back to another year of saving and rewards with the Commonwealth Bank .

Every time you make a deposit, even just 50 cents, you will receive a token. Every 10 tokens you can claim a prize. It's that easy!

New savers welcome

Accounts can be started online <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html>
or at a Commonwealth Bank branch.

Bring your bank books to school by Wednesday each week, with your 2019 class marked on the front.

The Commonwealth Bank donate money to Greenhills Primary School from student banking, so the more you save, the more you are helping your school.. win win

THANKS TO ALL THOSE STUDENTS WHO BANKED



ART ROOM NEWS

VISUAL ART SMOCKS REQUIRED IN ART SESSIONS

We are now well into the term and things have already been messy in the art room. There are still quite a few students, in nearly every class, who don't appear to have their own smocks and need to borrow one from the spare tub. Whilst this is acceptable in emergencies, we can't guarantee that they are all waterproof or a suitable fit for your child. To provide maximum protection for their school uniform students require their own waterproof smock.

It would be appreciated if parents could ask their children whether or not they have a smock, and if not, please organise one as soon as possible. They are available from the school uniform shop for \$14.

To assist with parents with locating smocks that have inadvertently gone missing, teachers have been asked to go through their tubs and remove any that don't belong to students in their grade. They should filter through to the art room over the next few weeks so feel free to come up and check to see if your child's has ended up in the lost bunch.

Thank you for your support



Andrea Williams & Sarah Leach

VISUAL ART SPECIALISTS

HELPERS NEEDED



Operating times for Term 1

Monday – closed. There will be no lunch orders or window sales available.

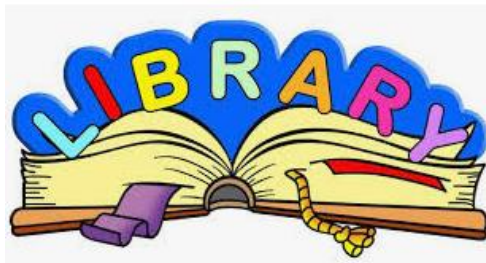
Tuesday – closed. There will be no lunch orders or window sales available.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – lunch orders and window sales as usual on these three days.

Volunteers are desperately needed to help in the canteen. You can volunteer for only one day per term if you wish. If you are interested in helping out (you are only required for approximately 1 hour on any day), please go to www.carebookings.com.au, type in the parent code "JGU9L" and enter the day(s) that you would be interested in helping.

Miriam

Canteen Manager



If anyone is available on a Monday or Thursday morning or afternoon to assist with tasks such as re shelving books, keeping the library tidy, stamping new books and assisting with preparing Guided Reading books, please contact me by leaving your mobile number at the office or popping in to the library on these days.

Please ensure your child has a library bag, with their name on it, to use when borrowing from the library.

Thank you for helping to keep our library books in good condition ..



Michelle Arthur
Library Technician

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Round 4 - Friday 8th March, 2019

Greenhills A VS Diamond Creek East – AWAY

Time:	Sport:	Venue:
9.30am-10.30am approx.	Basketball	Community Bank Stadium
	Volleyball	Diamond Creek East PS
	Hot Shots	Diamond Creek East PS
	Rounders	Diamond Creek East PS
	Cricket	Wattle Glen War Memorial Park

Greenhills B VS Laurimar C – 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

NILLUMBIK SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Results and photos to follow next week.

COMMUNITY SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



Ella C

Recently Ella was lucky enough to be involved in a soccer clinic with Matilda's player Kyah Simon – what an amazing experience. Keep on kicking goals!



Owen D

Congratulations for competing in the Mad Cow Mud Run over the weekend, raising money for Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation, which raises awareness for organ and tissue donation. You should be really proud of your efforts, Owen. Well done!

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.

SSV PRIMARY SCHOOL GOLF

This event is aimed to encourage students of any ability, both beginner and experienced, to get out on the course and have a go at golf. The event and course is modified to suit the primary aged student with all holes shortened and equipment available to borrow. To be eligible to play students must be enrolled in Grades 3, 4, 5 or 6 at a School Sport Victoria member school (which Greenhills PS is). The event consists of three stages: division events, region finals and the state final. In both the division and region events the students will play 9 holes on a short course. Those who qualify for the state final will play 18 holes on a shortened course.



Heidelberg Golf Club's competition on Thursday 23rd May is our closest event. Registration close on Friday 17th May, so get in quick to avoid disappointment.

To register, please go to the following link and follow the instructions provided - <https://www.golfbox.dk/livescoring/tour/?language=2057#/competition/1794853/info>

If you would like any further information or have any questions, please contact Jordan Daley (9435 4181 or daley.jordan.w@edumail.vic.gov.au).



REBEL SEASON PASS

Greenhills Primary School is involved in the Rebel Sport Season Pass 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 Season Pass and instantly start earning credits.



Thank-you

Jordan Daley

DEVELOPING HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

PARENTING TIPS

This part of the 'Contact' will feature positive parenting ideas and tips to help you successfully raise confident, happy and resilient kids.

Michael Grose is one of Australia's leading parenting and educational writers and speakers. This week features the first of his 'Top five parenting tips for this year.'

The start of the year is a great time for making changes and improvements to the way you raise kids. The trouble is, our good intentions towards change often become derailed around March, and we return to our default mode of parenting. Therefore, nothing much changes from year to year.

1. TIP OF THE WEEK - SWITCH ON YOUR KIDS' STRENGTHS

Most of us have been conditioned to focus on what kids can't do, but it is better to do the opposite. When we can unearth kids' strengths, we are, in effect, unlocking their true potential for success and happiness. Three elements come together to make a strength and parents need to be mindful of all three: performance (being good at something); energy (feeling good doing it) and high use (choosing to do it.) Rather than locking on to your child's weaknesses, set your antennae to your child's strengths.



Roslyn Mackie

(Home-School Partnerships Leader)

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS Teaching and Learning

Don't forget to check out the Blogs



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PREP?

<http://prepsatgreenhills.global2.vic.edu.au/>

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE 1

<http://greenhillsgrade1.global2.vic.edu.au>

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE 2

<http://greenhillsplevel2.global2.vic.edu.au/>

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE 3 & 4

<http://grade34ghps.global2.vic.edu.au>

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE 5 & 6

<http://grade56l.global2.vic.edu.au/>

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE UPDATE

The first second hand sale of 2019 will be scheduled in Term 2.

Keep on eye on the newsletter for the date!

Please note that we are no longer accepting **gold polo tops** as they are being phased out.

All other uniform donations are gladly accepted at the office.

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Saturday, 16 March 2019

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

To register visit
www.clc.vic.edu.au/openday

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Interactive activities
Curriculum displays
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

TOURNAMENT 1 Labour Day Weekend

Saturday March 9th
Warrandyte Tennis Club

Monday March 11th
St. Mary's Tennis Club

TOURNAMENT 2 Week 2 of School Holidays

Monday April 15th
Warrandyte Tennis Club

Wednesday April 17th
St. Mary's Tennis Club

TOURNAMENT 3 Queens Birthday Weekend

Saturday June 8th
Warrandyte Tennis Club

Monday June 10th
St. Mary's Tennis Club

TOURNAMENT 4 Week 2 of School Holidays

Monday September 30th
Warrandyte Tennis Club

Wednesday October 2nd
St. Mary's Tennis Club

TOURNAMENT TIMES & PRICES

RED BALL | 9am to 11am | Ages 7 - 8 | \$20
ORANGE BALL | 1pm to 5pm | Ages 8 - 10 | \$30
GREEN BALL | 9am to 5pm | Ages 10 - 18 | \$40 | lunch included
JUNIOR OPEN | 9am to 5pm | Ages 10 - 18 | \$40 | lunch included

Kids can enter one day, or everyday!

Enter online: www.thetennishuru.com.au/tournaments and hit 'ENTER NOW'
Enter by email: info@thetennishuru.com.au - Participants name, DOB, session date, mobile.

Warrandyte Tennis Club
Taroon Ave, Warrandyte

St. Mary's Tennis Club
Yando St, Greensborough



MONTY BASEBALL CLUB

PLAY
T-BALL OR
BASEBALL!

Come and join the fun!

T-Ball Program

Friday nights, March 15 - May 31
6pm - 7:15pm

Malcolm Blair Reserve,
Karingal Drive, Greensborough

Rookie Ball, U-13/15/17

Saturday mornings, starting April

Registration nights

Friday 15 & 22 March, 6pm-8pm



GREAT FUN,
BE ACTIVE,
LEARN NEW SKILLS!
ALL EXPERIENCE
LEVELS WELCOME!

AGE GROUPS:
T-BALL: 5-8
ROOKIE BALL: 9-11
UNDER-13: 12-13
UNDER-15: 14-15
UNDER-17: 16-17

For more information, or to register,
contact **Ryan Jenkins** at
juniors@montybaseball.com.au
or on 0408 402 037

www.montybaseball.com.au

www.facebook.com/montybaseball

GREENHILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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M 0403 149 391
E mitch@kellysports.com.au

NEW LUNCH TIME PROGRAM!



BASKETBALL CLUB

Come and join our first ever Basketball program at Greenhills PS. This Basketball Program includes all the skill and activities required to help enhance your child's skills, and get them on the way to being the next Basketball Superstar! Hop on board and shoot a goal this term. Only 14 spots available so sign up fast.

When: Tuesdays
Starts: 19th February
Finishes: 2nd April
Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Year Levels: Prep - 4
Cost: \$92.40 (Inc GST)

How To Enrol?

Please visit www.kellysports.com.au/events and search for your school. Our new booking system requires upfront payments to secure your position. For more information, please call the head office.

"The Kelly Sports Programs offer our students opportunities for physical activities, including dance & multi-sports. Conveniently located on our school grounds, they are popular with students and their families. Staff are skilled in working with young people to love active participation."

Amanda Hay, Principal - Newtown Primary School



Don't forget about our **SIZZLING SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAM** currently running every Tuesday straight after school. This Multi Sport program includes sports such as Soccer, Cricket, Basketball & Tennis. Sign up anytime and only pay for how many weeks are remaining in the term.

When: Tuesdays
Starts: Commenced
Finishes: 2nd April
Time: 3:40pm - 4:40pm
Year Levels: Prep - 4
Cost: \$13.20 (Inc GST) per week

ELTHAM LACROSSE 2019 SCHOOLS COMPETITION



FREE
EVENT!

COME & TRY THE FASTEST GAME ON TWO FEET!

Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March

Time: 5.15 - 6.30pm

Lower Eltham Park, Main Road Eltham (near train park)

TO REGISTER VISIT

elthamlacrosseclub.com.au/registration

FOR MORE INFORMATION

info@elthamlacrosseclub.com.au



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SHOWCASE 2019

19th March

Information Sessions at
5pm, 6pm & 7pm

Bookings via: <https://www.trybooking.com/BAQMB>

Showcase
and regular tours
booked
via our website

St Helena Secondary College Wallowa Road Eltham North 3095 Ph: 9438 8500 www.sthelenavicedu.au

Home Harvest

PICNIC



CONNECT, GROW, EAT, ENJOY

Join us for a delicious community picnic in the beautiful surrounds of Edendale Farm. A talented chef and local students will prepare an amazing picnic spread for you - using the home grown produce received from local growers.

Date: Sunday 31 March 2019

Time: 4.30pm - 8.00pm

Venue: Edendale Community Environment Farm

Bookings essential for all options

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

OPTION 1. REGISTER AS A GROWER - Free

Supply some of your home grown produce for the Home Harvest Picnic 2019. Registering as a grower is your ticket to the event and you will receive a prepared basket for you and up to three guests.

OPTION 2. PURCHASE A PICNIC BASKET - \$10 p/p

If you're not a grower but still want to be involved, a limited number of prepared picnic baskets are available for purchase online. Your picnic basket is your ticket to the event for you and up to three guests.

OPTION 3. BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC - Free

Register for free online and bring your own basket. Let us know how many tickets you would like then come soak up the atmosphere with your own picnic lunch.

To register for any of the above-mentioned options, please visit the event page on the Edendale Community Environment Farm website.

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