

Greenhills Primary School



Term 1, 30th January 2020

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

Term 1 - Week 1, 2020

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 2020.

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 "Stronger & Bolder" by Konrad Marshall and "Batavia" by Peter Fitzsimons.

Stronger & Bolder is a behind the scenes outline of the Richmond Football Club's 2019 finals campaign that ended with premiership glory! Batavia is the true story about a shipwreck off the coast of Australia in 1629 and is filled with the battle of good versus evil, mutiny and survival. I recommend both very highly.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS 2020

Thursday 30 th January	Preps commence school (staggered start)
Friday 31 st January	Preps commence school (staggered start) 3pm Whole School Reflection (No Assembly)
Monday 3 rd February	House Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6)
Wednesday 5 th February	Meet the Teacher – Parent / Teacher Interviews
Friday 7 th February	Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons 3pm Assembly
Monday 10 th February	Food Truck Lunch Day
Tuesday 11 th February	7pm PA Meeting
Friday 14 th February	Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons 3pm Whole School Reflection (No Assembly)
Monday 17 th February	District Swimming
Friday 21 st February	Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons 3pm Assembly
Monday 24 th February	5pm OSHC Sub-Committee Meeting (Library)
Friday 28 th February	Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons 3pm Whole School Reflection (No Assembly)
Friday 6 th March	Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons 3pm Assembly
Tuesday 10 th March – Friday 13 th March	Year 6 Camp
Friday 13 th March	Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons 3pm Whole School Reflection (No Assembly)
Thursday 19 th March	Student Led Conferences (Students only attend school for the duration of their conference).
Friday 20 th March	Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons 3pm Assembly PA BBQ
Monday 23 rd March	House Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 25 th March	Cybersafety workshops & presentations for students and Parent Night
Friday 27 th March	Last day of Term 1 2pm Assembly 2.30pm finish

2020 HERE WE ARE!

2020 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 2020 is another opportunity for us to take the next steps on our improvement journey.

ACTION, COLLABORATION, EVIDENCE, FEEDBACK & FUN

The platform for our learning journey this year is based on these five key words. Key actions as part of our Annual Implementation Plan are:

- Continuing to build our Instructional Practice
- Developing our teaching teams through the use of a “Data Wise” model (Harvard Education Model)
- Increasing our ability to challenge students
- Developing a Greenhills Student Learning Model and building student agency
- Enhancing feedback (teacher to student and student to teacher)
- Continuing to build a positive school culture through whole school wellbeing approaches and partnerships

To help us launch this and then embed these as a theme, we are using a picture storybook “Here We Are” by Oliver Jeffers across the whole school. There will be more detail about this in future newsletters.

NEW BLINDS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2019 Colour Run. The funds raised out of this initiative have been used to install new blinds in all of our portables. This means that our classrooms will be much cooler on those hot days and they look fantastic as well!

YEARS 1 – 6 MEET WITH THE TEACHER - PARENT MEETINGS



Our “Meet the Teacher” - Parent/Teacher interviews for Year 1 -6 will be held on Wednesday 5th 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 relevant information that will assist our students to have a successful year. The meeting is also a valuable part of our Home School Partnership Program.

If you are unable to attend the Meet the Teacher / Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday 5th February please contact your individual teacher directly to make another 10 minute time slot that is convenient.

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

BE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL EVERY DAY

Each day we start with music at 8.55am with a short bell at 8.57. This is the signal for all students to enter their classrooms and get ready for learning before the slightly longer 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 ready to go inside classrooms by the 9am bell.

At the other end of the day we also ring a bell at 3.45pm. This is a reminder to any student who remains unsupervised that they need to report to the office so that we can ensure they get home safely.

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...

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 13th February.

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

penson.james.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Looking forward to a GREAT year ahead.



James Penson
Principal

