Greenhills Primary School



Term 1, 4th April 2019

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Term 1 - Week 10, 2019

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS 2019

Friday 5 th April	Last day of Term 1 (2.30pm dismissed from Classrooms)
Tuesday 23 rd April	Term 2 commences
	10am Robina High School Concert Band performance (Hall)
Wednesday 24 th April	JSC Leaders visit to The Shrine & 3 rd Division Signals Memorial
Thursday 25 th April	ANZAC DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 26 th April	3pm Whole School Reflection
Tuesday 30 th April	House Cross Country (Years 3-6)
Wednesday 1 st May	GRIP Leadership Conference (Selected student leaders)
Thursday 2 nd May	Year 3/4 Swimming
Friday 3 rd May	3pm Assembly
	3.50pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting
Monday 6th May	School Photos
Tuesday 7th May	PA Meeting
Thursday 9 th May	Mothers Day Stall
Friday 10 th May	3pm Whole School Reflection
Tuesday 14 th May – Thursday	NAPLAN Testing – Years 3 & 5
16 th May	
Sunday 18 th May	Bunnings BBQ – PA Fundraising event

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HAPPY EASTER - ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS!

Thank you to everyone for a great term and it has certainly flown by. I have been very proud of the effort that our students have put in and the progress they are making as a result.

Thank you to all of our staff members for their work. I have appreciated the role that each staff member has played in ensuring that our school runs so smoothly each day.

A big thank you to all of our parents and carers for your support of our school. Every day this term has seen a high level of parent involvement and input from sports events, swimming helpers, classroom helpers, canteen helpers and much more! My highlight this term is walking anywhere near our Prep students. They are always so excited, wave hello and have so much to tell me. Their enthusiasm and energy is infectious. Overall, we have had a very successful term and have set the platform for a terrific and productive year.



SCIENCE EXPO SUCCESS

Well done to all of our students involved with our Science Inquiry Expo on Tuesday. We were blown away with the number of parents, grandparents and friends who visited the expo during the day. The highlight for me was seeing our students so proud of their investigations and experiments. Our school has really enjoyed being switched on about science and events like this are a GREAT way to celebrate all of the learning that has happened during our Inquiries.







THANK YOU - MEET WITH THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

Thanks you to those parents who were able to attend our Meet with the Principal team sessions this week. Whilst these meetings were focused on gathering and validating data for our school review, they are a GREAT way for our school to continue to build our home school partnership and strengthen our connections. Both Janine and I certainly appreciated the opportunity to talk with parents about all things Greenhills.

As such, we will host these events each term and ensure that we run them at a variety of times, including before and after school hours. Keep a look out next term for the invitation.

TERM 2 CALENDAR

In this newsletter I have attached a Term 2 calendar with a list of events and activities as planned so far. If your family is as busy as mine it would be great idea to add any relevant events to your planners or even put it up on the fridge. Having a close look at it highlights that it will be an action packed term!

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS - 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

At School Council this week, our 2018 Annual Report was endorsed. The report is a mandated document that must be completed before the end of April each year and submitted to DET. It includes a summary of school performance including Teacher Judgement of student achievement, NAPLAN, Learning Gain Yr. 3- Yr. 5, Average Number of Student Absence Days, Students Attitudes to School - Sense of Connectedness and Management of Bullying and a Financial Performance & Position commentary.

Over the next few newsletters I will publish some of the main sections of the report, starting with the ACHIEVEMENT summary section:

2018 student achievement data demonstrates ongoing and consistent high achievement in Reading and Numeracy.

This is highlighted by the growing percentage of students in Year 3 achieving in the Top 2 and 3 bands of NAPLAN. In the period 2016 to 2018, the percentage of students in the Top 2 bands increased from 66% to 76% and in the Top 3 bands from 85% to 91%.

Both the Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN four-year average Reading and Numeracy results indicate that our school performed well above the median level for Victorian government schools. These four-year average results also indicate that our school achieved results that place it in the top 20% of Victorian government schools.

The percentage of students assessed through teacher judgement as working at or above age expected standards in English and Mathematics was at a similar level to the schools compared with.

All students with a disability (PSD) showed progress at satisfactory or above in achieving their individual goals.

The school will strive to ensure that all students achieve a minimum of 12 months learning growth in every school year from Prep through to Year 6. This will be achieved through utilizing the strong professional learning team culture to ensure a high level and consistent practice built on the High Impact Teaching Strategies and a relentless focus on Literacy & Numeracy.

POLICY UPDATE

A range of school policies have recently been updated and approved by our School Council. This includes our "Policy Communications Policy". This involves our policies being displayed on the school website (located under the Parents / Policies section) for community feedback, which we will be working to update and complete over the next couple of weeks. If you ever have any comments or feedback about any of our policies, contact me: penson.james.j@edumail.vic.gov.au and I will table these at the next Education, Policy and Communications Sub-Committee meeting.

SUNSMART HATS

Don't put you hats away yet! As part of our Sunsmart Policy that is now in line with recommended practice, our students are required to wear their school hats until the end of April. All students will still need their hats for the first few weeks of Term 2.

WORKING BEE

We are holding our first working bee for the year on Sunday 2nd June. This will start at 9am and finish at 12pm. A flyer will be sent home with all next term. Don't forget, every student that attends with a parent receives a \$5 canteen voucher.

I hope you are all able to enjoy some quality time with your families and come back ready and rearing to go for Term 2!

James Penson

Principal



PARENTS ASSOCIATION



A huge thank-you to everyone who helped with the School Disco, the kids had a ball (all be it a hot one!) We would love to name everyone but fear that we would miss one of you wonderful people.

HAVE A GREAT EASTER BREAK

and

THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR HELP

FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

NOTICES SENT HOME

Grade 3/4 Cross Country

Grade 5/6 Sovereign Hill, Cross Country



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://greenhillspslevel2.global2.vic.edu.au/

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE 3 & 4 http://grade34qhps.global2.vic.edu.au

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE 5 & 6 http://grade56l.global2.vic.edu.au/



SCHOOL BANKING

HAND YOUR BANKING BOOKS TO THE OFFICE PRIOR TO THURS MORNING for PROCESSING

New savers welcome

Accounts can be started online https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/schoolbanking.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!



Happy Birthday to the following students celebrating birthdays:

Emily A, Alana V, Jonathon T, Eve M, Eliza S, Liam K, James N, Charlie M, Chase W, Ted W, Archer K, Chin Chin L, Aimee K, Taj S, Haden O, Zane H, Mia P, Xander S, Max R, Jessica P, Nyah I, Alyssa W, Madeleine T, Daniel H, Kai L, Adelaide C, Charlie K, Toby M, Claire H, Archie G, Ella D, Dante B & Mia B

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

PARENT PAYMENTS - 2nd Instalment

Term 2 Payments will be deducted during the first week of term 2 if you have provided your details to the office. If you chose to pay your instalment via QKR please organise your payment before the end of Week 1.

NETBOOK LEASE PROGRAMME

Netbook Instalments are due on 30th April (Grade 5 & 6 2019), automatic payments will be taken on this date, I you have elected to pay via QKR or at the office, please do so prior to this date.

REMINDER IF YOU HAVENT PAID FOR YOUR FIRST INSTALMENT PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO ARRANGE PLAN

HAVE A LOVELY EASTER AND SAFE HOLIDAY PERIOD









Kate Reade, Nicole Pearson & Anne Doolan School Administration Team

FIRST AID

ALL CHILDREN MUST WEAR HATS UNTIL THE END OF APRIL

(Children are encouraged to bring their own sunscreen to reapply.)

MEDICATION GUIDELINES

If children need to take medication at school, we are more than happy to administer it to your child.

Please bring the medication to the office in its original packaging and your child must collect the medication at the end of each day to take home.

Medication must not be left in school bags, lunchboxes. This is a safeguard for all our students. A **Medication Administration Instructions** form is available at the office.

MEDICAL PLAN If children have any type of Medical plan please ensure you bring it to the office.

Karen Heitzmann First Aid Officer



DEVELOPING HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

PARENTING TIPS

This week features the fifth of Michael Grose's 'Top five parenting tips for this year.'

5. Develop 'rights of passage'

There are many healthy ways to recognise a young person's growing maturity and mark their journey towards adulthood. Many families are now creating their own to mark events such as the end of primary school, the move into the teenage years, and different stages of adolescence. There is an innate need for rites of passage, ceremony, celebrations and acknowledging life moments to build a family culture.

Parents need to share stories as a way of passing on knowledge and wisdom. Give your children the opportunity to hear about how it was for you when you were their age and the relationships that you had with your mother and father. Tell stories about your greatest successes and your greatest failures, stories about your dreams and experiences of grief and loss. Create the opportunity to have real open conversations where your child will share what their dreams and visions are and what they really want to do with their lives. Recognise that every one of your children is different and has unique gifts and talents. Think about what are the things that you love admire and respect about them and then find the time to tell them.

Internationally recognised expert on rites of passage Arne Rubenstein will be conducting a webinar '<u>Creating 21st century rites of passage</u>' on 28th August 2019. I will share more details about how we can access this, when they become available.

Roslyn Mackie Home-School Partnerships Leader



CHOIR



CHOIR REHEARSAL

Choir rehearsal will take place on the first Tuesday back commencing at 8.00a.m. This will be Tuesday 23rd April. I realise this is not ideal but with Thursday as a holiday as well in that week, it is hard to find another suitable morning.

BOITE SCHOOLS CHORUS

Just a reminder for those students interested in participating in the Boîte Schools Chorus. Participation fees and permission are due this week. This can be done on QKR.

CHORAL@MONTSALVAT

The students have been rehearsing in preparation for this event. Please note that the Permission and Ticket Order Form has been put on QKR also. This is due on Friday 26th April. I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Easter.

Kate Stewart



LIBRARY NEWS

MINI BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the families and staff who have supported our Mini Book Fair. Our Book Fair sales totalled just over \$3,500. This means we are able to purchase just over \$1,000 worth of books from Scholastic for our Library. I would also like to thank the following for helping to make it so successful:

- Margie Baxter
- Kristal Pekolj
- Nicole Pearson
- Ella Dugdale
- Yanisa Borg



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

All children have been registered and usernames and passwords have been distributed. Please encourage your children to read books over the holidays and log these at

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx?Redirect=1

Next click on Register and log in. Click on Student log in. Enter username and password. Please contact your child's teacher or myself if you have any questions.

HOLIDAY READING

Many children have borrowed books from the Library to read over the holiday period and this is wonderful to see. However, children need to take care of the books and ensure they are put into their Library bags and returned to school on Tuesday, April 23. I appreciate your assistance with this and wish you all a relaxing, happy Easter!

Michelle Arthur
Library Technician



SCHOOL CANTEEN

Operating times for Term 1

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

<u>Tuesday</u> – 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.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

We will be participating in Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion. The promotion commences 1st May. There will be more details to come next term.









SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Our next and final 2nd Hand Uniform sale will be Friday 17th MAY 3pm—3.30pm

All items \$1

Due to Hall upgrade and limited space, unfortunately this will be the last sale until further notice. Unfortunately we can't accept any more 2nd hand uniform at the office, so please pass on your uniforms to other families.



ITALIAN

PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF GRADE 1 & 2

A very popular Italian tradition at Easter time is to eat a sweet type of cake called 'La Colomba'. In Italy, this cake is traditionally shared with family and friends. As it is a very important tradition in the Italian culture, the students in the Grade 1/2 level will be tasting a 'Colomba' style cake and sharing it with their class during an Italian session in the 1st or 2nd week of Term 2. If your child is unable to participate due to food allergies, you are welcome to send an alternative 'treat' so that they will still actively participate in the class. I also have a lollipop to offer them if preferred.

I have purchased the 'La Veneziana-I Classici' in the 'Pasticerria Fraccaro' brand. It is naturally leavened oven baked product.

The ingredients are -

Wheat flour- sugar- butter- egg yolk- eggs – icing (sugar, coconut oil, wheat starch, rice flour, almonds, flour, albumen, flavourings, preservative; calcium propionate) – emulsifier; mono and diglycerides of fatty acids - honey – natural yeast – salt – malted wheat flour – natural citrus flavouring, natural vanilla flavouring. Contains: butter (milk), eggs, almonds, wheat. May contain peanuts and soy.

If you have any concerns or your child is unable to participate please email me on iebbiano-rosa.roberta.r@edumail.vic.gov.au BEFORE Friday, 12th April.

Grazie e Buona Pasqua (Thanks and Happy Easter)

PREP PARENTS/CARERS



As a part of the Italian program I have bought a big Italian Easter egg per class. Each egg contains a 'sorpresa' (surprise). We need to crack open the egg to see the surprise. I intend to give a little piece of chocolate to each. If you have any concerns or your child is unable to participate please email me on iebbiano-rosa.roberta.r@edumail.vic.gov.au BEFORE the end of Term 1, Friday, 5th April.

Please note that the students that are unable to eat chocolate will be given the opportunity to eat the 'treat' that has been provided to the class teacher by their parent

'La sorpresa' is an Italian custom during Easter. Activities based on this custom will be completed during Italian lessons.

Kind regards

Signora lebbiano



INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Last Week's Results

Greenhills A VS Laurimar A		Greenhills B VS Diam	Greenhills B VS Diamond Creek	
Basketball Boys	LOST	Basketball Boys	LOST	
Basketball Girls	WON	Basketball Girls	LOST	
Volleyball Boys	LOST	Volleyball Boys	LOST	
Volleyball Girls	LOST	Volleyball Girls	WON	
Hot Shots Boys	LOST	Hot Shots Boys	N/A	
Hot Shots Girls	LOST	Hot Shots Girls	N/A	
Rounders	LOST	Rounders	LOST	
Cricket	LOST	Cricket	WON	

GRADE 3/4 SWIMMING PROGRAM

To ensure minimal time is used assessing children on the first day of the swimming program, please complete the following questionnaire online (by Thursday 18th April, 2019).

https://forms.gle/2c2v8EKpka2qhJCK7

This will assist WaterMarc to place your child in the correct level and group prior to the commencement of the program. If you have any questions regarding the program please don't hesitate to contact the WaterMarc Swim School team.

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.

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.



<u>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.</u>

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).

Thank-you Jordan Daley











The Big Group Hug are running their annual 'PJ's, Singlets, Socks & Jocks' campaign over the holidays - 1 April to 3 May 2019.

They are asking families, staff and the community to purchase **new** packets of underwear, socks and pyjamas for children sizes 2 to 16 (kids). All items donated go to families in our immediate community who are struggling with hardship, albeit financial, homelessness, single parent families etc. to ease their burden. Through a wide number of outreach services, Big Group Hug happily supply those in need with these bare necessities, but we need your help.

If you would like to help disadvantaged children and donate, please purchase these items and return them to the drop off point in the office over the first week back from school holidays.

Each day we make deposits in the memory banks of our children, today you can make a donation that will mean more than you can imagine to a child in need. Thank you **

If you have any questions please dont hesitate to ask, Kris - kjsheadley@gmail.com

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Mon 1st April - Fri 3rd May

STUDENT OF THE WEEK (10) - PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY on FRIDAY 3rd May 2019

Tilly A	Prep BH	Tilly, I love how you always try your hardest with everything you do. You have become a super writer and I am so proud of you. Keep it up Superstar!	
Lucas L	Prep CM	For his fantastic reading. I love how you are using the pictures and first letter sound when you are reading. Well done Superstar!!	
Isabelle	Prep KO	for her amazing writing! Isabella, you amaze us each day with how much your writing improves. You are a superstar!!!	
Willow T	Prep SM	For being a delight to teach! Willow you are always trying your hardest with every task, especially sounding out words you don't know in your writing. Keep up the amazing work Willow!	
Noah K	1AD	Noah is such a dedicated reader in our classroom. Each morning he gets straight into his day by starting his reading quickly, and even recommends books to the class!	
Jackson	1RG	For always trying his best in all work. Jackson is always willing to help others in class, thank you for being such a great role model in class.	
Luke	1RG	For all your hard work. Luke always gives 110% to all work that he does. Keep up the amazing work Luke.	
Mia A	1RM	For consistently giving her best and always being happy to help others. Mia makes 1RM a great place to be.	
Ari B	1RM	For the great effort, he has made with his reading. Ari is passionate about reading and the joy that it brings him, inspires him to read everyday. You are an inspiration to your peers Ari, Congratulations!	
Ellie M	2BJ	For your positive attitude and amazing efforts in our buddy maths sessions! It has been so great to see you try your best and never give up when completing all the activities for place value. Keep it up superstar, I am very proud of you!	
Christian C- G	2RS	For showing his understanding of forces and passion for design and construction during our Inquiry unit. I can't wait to see more of your creations next term Christian. Keep it up super star!	
Tayla P	2SH	For your outstanding effort in your learning. Tayla it is fabulous to see you always doing your best and even setting yourself a personal challenge to improve your handwriting. Well done superstar!	
Arjunaa K	2TW	For being a super mathematician. Your skill with numbers is amazing, I love seeing what you can do and	
Hanbi K	2TW	Hanbi, you are the happiest person in the grade, you come to school and light up the room. Keep smiling.	
Toby M	34E	For your hard work to improve your understandings in Place Value. You understand and order big numbers and represent numbers in different ways. Keep up the fantastic work Toby.	
Josh T	34H	For your amazing ideas, excellent teamwork and enthusiasm shown, when conducting experiments, during our Matter Inquiry Unit. Your slideshow for the Science Expo. was incredible! You make learning about science fun and exciting!	
Oliver B	34J	For his consistent growth mindset towards writing. You always listen to feedback and try your best to apply it in order to improve your work. Well done Oli!	
Ruby S	34K	Ruby consistently demonstrates maturity and dedication towards her learning. She accepts feedback and uses it to further extend her ideas, especially in writing. it is always a pleasure reading Ruby's sentences.	
Grayson T	34R	Aren't we lucky to have Grayson in our class. His friendly nature and positive attitude to learning is infectious and he is learning do much!	
Faolan	345	For the excitement and enthusiasm you showed during our Inquiry unit! It was amazing to see you share all of your knowledge with your friends. Keep it up Faolan!	
Sione K	56B	For balancing all of her extra curricular activities, including representing Greenhills for swimming, with such dedication and enthusiasm.	
Eliah P	56B	For taking on feedback during writing sessions and working hard to achieve his goals. Your persuasive writing has been excellent Eliah!!	
Hannah S	56D	For her brilliant science investigation. Hannah was able to successfully extract DNA from a strawberry by carefully planning and conducting an experiment. Well done Hannah, I'm so impressed!	
Ainara	56F	For always showing the Greenhills value of Enthusiasm. Ainra you are always eager to learn and continuously try your very best in all areas. Keep up the great work superstar!	
Kate M and Gabrielle T	56M	Kate has made the jump to 5/6 look easy this term. She's taking it in her stride and asking all the right questions. Her enthusiasm for learning is amazing and we are very much enjoying having her in the class. Gabrielle has worked hard this term and is really kicking goals up in 5/6. She is a confident learner and manages to work well with all the new concepts and strategies that we are learning.	
Milly F	560	Milly is always eager to learn and is always demonstrating a growth mindset by challenging herself in everything she does. We are so lucky to have you in our class, keep it up Milly!	
Chad K	568	For leading a thorough investigation into the melting and freezing points of different liquids. Your detailed observations made for an impressive presentation.	
Charlie M	56S	For the effort he put into preparing and conducting his science inquiry experiment on water rockets. It was amazing to see how much you learnt and how excited you were by the outcomes.	

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BASKETBALL CLUB – Lunch Time Tuesdays

Come and join us at lunch time for our 2nd term of Basketball Club. 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.

AWESOME AUTUMN SPORTS— After School Tuesdays

Kelly Sports is back in Term 2 for a AWESOME AUTUMN OF SPORTS!!

Our Kelly Sports classes are all inclusive, fun & interactive with a key focus on maximum participation. Each week children will be introduced to new sports & activities in a positive environment. It's a fantastic way to get your child active while having fun as well as building confidence and social skills!

Please visit www.kellysports.com.au/events and search for your school.

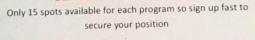
Our new booking system requires upfront payments to secure your position. For more information, please call the head office.



"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

CLASS INFORMATION



Multi Sports includes Soccer, Basketball, AFL & Hockey, plus we will incorporate our Kelly Sports Modified games children

Come and join us every Tuesday at lunch & straight after school

When: Tuesdays Starts: 30th April Finishes: 25th June

Sports: 3:40pm - 4:40pm

Bball: 1:00pm - 2:00pm Year Levels: Prep - 4 Cost: \$118.80 (Inc GST)

