

Term 4, 3rd December 2020

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

Term 4 - Week 9, 2020

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS 2020

Friday 4 th December	Meet the Teacher
Monday 7 th December	6.30pm School Council
Tuesday 8 th December	Whole School Transition
Thursday 10 th December	Whole School Transition Year 6 Graduation Celebration
Friday 11 th December	Assembly—Students only in Hall (Video link sent to parents) Semester 2 Reports- sent home (hard copy)
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 5/6 Park Day
Wednesday 16 th December	Final School Assembly (Planned Video Link)
Friday 18 th December	1pm Finish - Last day of school

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS 2021

Wednesday 27 th January	Staff Return (Off-site Professional Learning Activity) OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED – Statewide Curriculum Day
Thursday 28 th January	Curriculum Day (Pupil Free)
Friday 29 th January	Years 1-6 students start school
Monday 1 st February	Preps start school (staggered start ½ class)
Tuesday 2 nd February	Preps start school (staggered start ½ class)
Wednesday 3 rd February	2021 Prep Information Night
Wednesday 10 th February	Meet the Teacher (Parent-Teacher Interviews)
Wednesday 19 th February	Welcome 2021 Picnic Event
Monday 8 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 9 th March	Year 6 Camp (Tuesday 9 th -Friday 12 th March)
Tuesday 16 th March	Variation to School Hours Day – Student Led Conferences
Wednesday 24 th March	Year 5 2021 Camp (Wednesday 24 th - Friday 26 th March) **note this is the replacement camp for Year 4's 2020 not the camp for students in Year 4 2021 . This date is 27-29 October 2021.
Thursday 1 st April	Last day of Term 1 – 2.30pm Finish

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



KABOOM!!!

The name says it all! We had a Kaboom of a time with our House Sports on Wednesday. Yes – it was as fun as it looked and sounded! Thank you to Jordan Daley for organising and a big shout out to our Year 5/6 leaders who assisted. The feedback I received from Luke at Kaboom Sports was that our students were amazing with their leadership, support, enthusiasm and encouragement. GREAT work team!

DAVID MCKENZIE AWARD

Vicki Ward, Member for Eltham attended our school assembly last Friday, to present the David McKenzie Award to John-Leif Opperman. The award is named after David McKenzie, who was the Federal Member for Diamond Valley from 1972-1975, as well as an educator and advocate on social justice issues. It is presented to primary school students in our local area who show commitment to social justice, looking after fellow students and who display exemplary leadership qualities. Well done and congratulations John-Leif.

GETTING READY FOR 2021

We are now well and truly in the final push to the end of the school year. The GREAT news is that with everything that has happened this year, we are still on track with our planning and organisation and can look forward with confidence to a smooth start in 2020.

In CONTACT this week I have published the teams for next year. The next steps in our whole school transition program were as follows:

- Friday 4th December - students will spend time together with their full year levels for next year.
- Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th December – this is where we step into our time machine and turn our whole school into 2021. From 9.20am – 10.45am all students will be spending time in their 2021 classroom with their 2021 teacher. (Note our new prep will attend from 9.30am – 10.30am).

This can often be a very anxious and nervous time for our students and families. This is why we work so hard on our transition program. Much of this work goes on behind the scenes, but even this week our staff have met together to talk about their current students individual needs with the teacher for next year. As a staff we believe it is really important for us to work together with you at home to model a growth mindset, positive thinking and embracing the challenge of change.

INTRODUCING OUR TEAM FOR 2021

I am pleased and excited to announce our team for next year as follows:

LEADERSHIP TEAM	
James Penson	Principal
Janine Hough	Assistant Principal
Brad Ryan	Leading Teacher
Jess Johnstone	Learning Specialist
Becc Stephens	Learning Specialist
Nigel Dunne	Learning Specialist
PREP TEAM	GRADE CODE
Betty Hajichristou	PBH
Bonnie Jones	PBJ
Samantha Marmo	PSM
Nigel Dunne (4 days) / Andrea Williams (1day)	PND
YEAR 1 TEAM	
Krysten O'Leary	1KO
Tegan Smith	1TS
Lauren O'Connell	1LO
YEAR 2 TEAM	
Brad Ryan (4 days) / Jen Ellis (1 day)	2BR
Suzie Hussein	2SH
Tracey Watts (4 days) / Jen Ellis (1 day)	2TW
Samantha Mothersole	2SM
YEAR 3 & 4 TEAM	
Ashley Dunne	3/4D
Becc Stephens (4 days) / Steph Burns (1 day)	3/4B
Ros Mackie	3/4M
Alex Katsogiannis (4 days) / Jo Ciancio (1 day)	3/4K
David Symeonidis	3/4S
Megan Hattenfels (4 days) / Steph Burns (1 day)	3/4H
YEAR 5 & 6 TEAM	
Rachel Emmerling (4 days) Cara McLean (1 day)	5/6E
Jon McFarland	5/6M
Bianca Fedele	5/6F
Nan Ternai	5/6T
Lauren Richardson (4 days) /Cara McLean (1 day)	5/6R
SPECIALIST TEAM	
Jordan Daley	Physical Education
Andrea Williams (3 days)	Visual Arts
Sarah Leach (2 days)	Visual Arts
Kate Stewart	Performing Arts
Roberta Iebbiani (4 days)/ Jo Ciancio (1 day)	Italian
Sharon Draper	Literacy Support
SUPPORT & ADMIN TEAM	
Victoria Harris	Business Manager
Nicole Pearson	Administration – Office
Anne Doolan	Administration – Office
Karen Heitzmann	First Aid
Jenny Cranston	Education Support – Classroom
Raelene Turner	Education Support – Classroom
Alannah Baird	Education Support – Classroom
Libby Egan	Education Support – Classroom
Sheryl Munks-Callahan	Education Support – Classroom
Ashleigh MacKinven	Education Support – Classroom
Miriam Pekolj	Canteen
Max Smith	Maintenance & Grounds

We officially welcome Samantha Mothersole and Nan Ternai to our team.



We officially welcome back Steph Burns & Cara McLean who are returning to Greenhills next year after a period of family leave.

Speaking of family leave, congratulations to Jess Johnstone who is expecting the arrival of a new member of her family at the end of Term 1 next year. From the start of next year, Jess will be leading our Tutor Learning Program as part of the additional funding our school received to help students catch up. Read CONTACT next week for more information about this program.

There has been much thought and consideration given to building our team structure for next year as there are many factors that need consideration. Each year schools have staff that take leave or seek opportunities at other schools. We also move staff into different areas to develop their teaching knowledge and practice and try to ensure a balance across teams with teacher's individual strengths and take into account their preferences. Also considered are teacher time fractions and other requests. In many ways, it is a very similar process to how we place our students into grades.

Please also remember that changes to these staff placements could also occur if any last minute departures happen or if we have significant changes to enrolment numbers.

If you have any questions with regard to our teams for 2021 or our transition processes please see me.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT UPDATE

We have had lots of questions about our Christmas Concert and with the release of the latest Operations Guide I can confirm that we will not be able to host the event as normal. School have a strict gathering limit of 300 people outdoors. This includes teachers and parents. Given that we have over this number of families we cannot open the event to parents and carers. Instead, each class will film their item and special message and send out as a link to families. These links will all be sent in a combined email on Tuesday 15th December. This way families can all sit together and watch these items at a time that suits. Not perfect I know, but the best give the year we have had and conditions we still have to operate by. Let's all look forward to a GREAT Christmas Concert that is even bigger and better than anything before in 2021.

SENTRAL WILL STOP AT THE END OF THIS YEAR & COMPASS WILL START

We are ready to launch COMPASS our new school communications and management system. Information about COMPASS will be sent home with your child's report on Friday 11th December. I take this opportunity to remind you to log into Sentral and print out any Semester reports from previous years if you would like to keep these. We will be ceasing the use of SENTRAL from the end of this year. This includes the use of Sentral alerts and attendance recording.

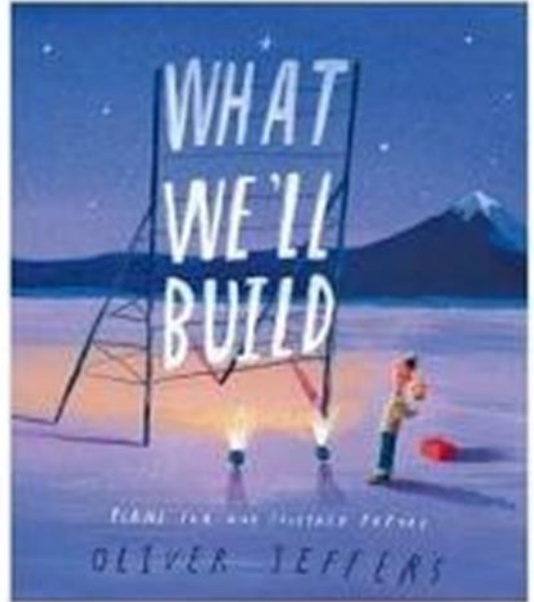
START UP 2020 DATES & TIMES

School will begin for all students other than our Preps on Friday 29th January at 8.55am.

Prep students will commence via a staggered start on either Monday 1st January or Friday 2nd January. They will then attend each school day as normal from 8.55am until 3.30pm, except for all Wednesdays in February. These Wednesdays are allocated for each prep student to complete a one to one school entry assessment with the classroom teacher. (The times will be specifically allocated).

From the beginning of March, all prep students will attend school for all days of the week.

The first few weeks of school in 2021 will be a time where all classes participate in our "GREAT START" Program. I like to use a picture story book with a theme for the school year. This is a GREAT way to build connection, collaboration and curiosity with all of our students, staff and community. Next year our book is "What We'll Build" by Oliver Jeffers. If you would like to borrow a copy of the book let me know.



James Penson
Principal



***HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS
CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS***

Lana N, Sophie Mc, Jackson L, Adrian F, Georgia L, Zoe A, Oliver M,
Stella H, Grace P, Bailey B, Noah P

FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Booklists

The “Winc” Booklist free delivery option has now passed.

It has been brought to our attention that the information regarding booklists did not feed through on every year levels book list. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused and will ensure this is fixed for next year.

The following **forms** have been sent out this week:

Grade 6 Graduation tickets
Music Program
Grade 5/6 Park Day permission
Grade 2 & 3 Moving into 3 & 4 iPad information pack
2021 Grade 1 & 2 Swimming permission forms
2021 Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Thank you to all those who have been very prompt in paying their fees, we really appreciate it. We do still have a number of **outstanding 2020 fees which are due**. Please speak to James or Victoria if you are having issues with paying your account.

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.



Anne, Karen, Nicole & Victoria
Administration Team

Your uniform is
available at the
**PSW STORE IN
SOUTH MORANG**
PSW.COM.AU
SAVE TIME, SHOP ONLINE!

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

8.30am – 4.30pm



JSC NEWSBREAK

Today we had Kaboom Sports come to our school.

Grades prep to grade 2 went first and got to participate in some really fun activities. They got to do mini golf, soccer, target practice and lots of singing and dancing.

Then we had 3 to 6s and did the same. My favorite activity was the spin wheel where you get to spin it and get something and then you have to do it. There was a lot of music and dancing and it was soooooo much fun!

As a part of the grade 6 leadership team, we were so lucky to be helping lead Kaboom Day we had a lot of fun helping lead! Thank you to the Kaboom Sports staff for giving Greenhills an amazing and such a fun day.

Rylee & Zoe

STUDENT OF THE WEEK Term 4 Wk.9 PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY 11th Dec 2020



HERE ARE OUR SUPERSTARS for this week..

NAME	CLASS	REASON
Fletcher V	1LO	For your continuous effort in improving your writing by enhancing boring sentences. Fletcher, you have worked extremely hard all year not only in your writing, but everything you do. You should be so proud of yourself!
Ryan D	1ND	For being a great team captain in our team building sessions. Ryan is calm with his group, listens to everyone's ideas and helps guide his teams to success. Well done Ryan!
Chloe L	1ND	For consistently trying her best during writing. Chloe is always quick to start her writing and fill it with interesting nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs. When she is finished, Chloe carefully edits her writing to make sure it's the best it can be. Well done Chloe, I'm so impressed with your progress this year!
Darcy	1RM	For being a kind and caring classmate. Darcy treats everyone with respect and approaches all activities with a 'can do' attitude. He is enthusiastic and positive towards others and a supportive team member. Thank you Darcy for being such a great kid. You are fun to be around and make 1RM a happy place to be.
Zoe B	2SH	For the huge effort and wonderful ideas that you put into your Persuasive Writing. Zoe, I was so impressed by the language, reasons and examples you gave during your writing, as well as the pride you showed in your efforts. This is definitely work to be very proud of. Well done superstar, I can't wait to read some of your amazing writing next year, make sure to come and show me!
2SH!	2SH	For the outstanding year of effort, persistence and resilience you have all shown! You have been such a fabulous class and I am going to miss your smiles, your humour and all the fun we have had this year! You are going to be amazing as Grade 3's, make sure to pop in and say "Hi!"
Blake G-P	34B	For being an incredible learner, role model and all-round super star! Blake, you always try your best which is reflected in the improvement in your reading, writing and maths. You should also feel incredibly proud of the growth in your confidence, particularly towards public speaking. We all love hearing you ideas Blake, thank you for being you Blake!
Tyler B	34D	For the amazing effort you have put into your narrative writing. You listen to all concepts taught about the different genres, and you take on feedback to make your writing even better. You are an absolute superstar, Tyler!
Ella C	56F	For showing persistence and resilience, even with tricky tasks and concepts. Ella I'm so proud of what you can achieve when you have a growth mindset and try your best! Keep up legend.
Lucy J	56F	For her sensational efforts as our class Phone Monitor during Earn and Learn. Lucy you were so polite on the phone and were able to confidently deliver messages and take on extra responsibilities. Well done super star.
Cameron M	56F	For his enthusiasm when working with ICT. Cam it's great to see you so passionate and following your interest. Keep it up!
Kate M	56J	For just being you! I can't explain how proud I am of the wonderful, caring and kind young adult you are becoming. Greenhills will miss you dearly!
Morgan F and Georgette L	56M	Morgan has been an absolute superstar in term 4. She has been working independently and had a fantastic attitude. Georgette has also had an amazing term 4. She has worked hard and really enjoyed being back with her friends. Great work both of you.
Callum D	56S	For the positivity and generosity you have shown throughout Term 4. You have approached your learning with a smile and have been a great friend and peer. Thank you!
Kieran H 3/4B	MUSIC	For the wonderful guitar playing you did with your class ensemble. You are always so reliable and remember to bring your guitar to rehearsals.



Parent Partnerships

Building deep emotional connections with kids By Michael Grose

Imagine your child comes to you upset that a sibling or friend has cheated in a game. There are a number of ways to respond, including telling them not to worry ("Let it go!"), advising them how to handle it ("Next time you keep the score.") or empathising emotionally ("You must feel disappointed.")

Each is a legitimate response for a parent and teacher to make, but only the latter builds a deep emotional connection. Importantly, the empathetic response builds a child's or young person's emotional intelligence as it taps into their ability to recognise current feelings.

How emotional connection works

Kids crave to be understood by others, especially by the people they love or respect. When you accurately feedback how a child or young person is feeling you demonstrate that you really care. Strong relationships are formed on the bedrock of care, kindness and compassion.

How to give emotional feedback that connects

Giving accurate emotional feedback to an upset child or teenager takes practice. It requires that you pay attention, move into the present moment, listen to a child and identify the feeling behind their words. High or loud emotions such as anger, annoyance and panic are often easier to identify than low or muted emotions such as worry, discouragement or loneliness.

An effective way to connect on emotional level is to listen to what a child has to say, and then think back to a time you were in a similar situation. Imagine if a child says they feel horrible because their friends laughed at them when they made mistake in class. Rather than respond immediately, think back to a time when you made a mistake in front of others and identify how you felt. Embarrassed, ashamed, or annoyed? "I bet that you felt embarrassed and annoyed when your friends laughed at you." Your child may tell you that you're off the mark, but they'll more than likely appreciate the empathy you show.

Feedback the positive emotions too

You don't have to wait until something challenging happens to connect with a child on an emotional level. Accurately mirror positive feelings such as relief (after a stressful situation has passed), enthusiasm (as they begin something they love doing) and chilled (as they put their feet up at the end of the day). We all experience many emotions throughout the day. The ability to accurately recognise and feed back the emotions of children and young people is a wonderful way to build connections of quality and depth.



Roslyn Mackie
(Home-School Partnerships Leader)

Greenhills Primary School Fundraiser

Would you like to own one of these pets? Actually they are ice bricks, to travel in your lunch box each day, keeping your food cool and safe! Just put them in the freezer each night, that's where they sleep!



Money raised will go towards the Grade 6 Student Leaders purchasing an item for our school.

They are just \$5 each! Great for presents too! Students will be processing the orders, bagging the pets and delivering them to the classrooms, as part of real life learning. There are limited stock of each design so orders will be processed as they come in.

Student's Name..... Grade.....

Pet	Number ordered
Ladybird	
Dog	
Elephant	
Frog	
Monkey	
Total	

Amount enclosed \$.....

Payment made by Cash

QKR Ref no.....

Summer 2021 Vacation Care @ Greenhills OSHClub

What's On?

We have a lot of fun activities coming up this Summer Vacation Care period! Check out some of the awesome activities we'll be getting up to!



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Who will be working with your children this summer?

Name: Megan Statham-Danckert (*Coordinator*)

Name: Hanain Rajab (*Coordinator*)

Name: Jordan Martin (*Coordinator/ISS*)

Name: Macey Evans (*Educator*)

Name: Anna Rovere (*Educator*)

Name: Crystal Grech (*Casual Educator*)

Name: Alexandra McGill (*Casual Educator*)

Name: Catherine Tsambikos (*Casual Educator*)

Name: Vivian Lai (*ISS*)

How to book!

Bookings are now open for the Summer 2021 Vacation Care period.

Bookings can be made through the iParent Portal or contacting Greenhills OSHClub directly at greenhills@oshclub.com.au or on 0437 928 183.

Book today!

Incursions Return to Vacation Care!

For the first time in a long time, we're having incursions at Greenhills OSHClub once again! Children will get to try their hands at "African Drumming", an "Airbrush Workshop", and explore the "Science Discovery Dome"! Book now to join the fun!



1st Greenhills Scout Group

Christmas Tree SALE

Direct from the **Scout Hall** in Community Drive.
Intersection of Community Drive, Mountain View and
St Helena Roads, GREENSBOROUGH

NOVEMBER

Fri 27th 6pm - 8pm

Sat 28th 8.30am - 5pm

Sun 29th 9am - 5pm

DECEMBER

Sat 5th 8.30am - 5pm

Sun 6th 9am - 5pm

Sat 12th 8.30am - 5pm

Sun 13th 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Sat 19th 8.30 am to 5.00 pm

Sun 20th 9.00 am till sold out.

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Arthur Christmas (G)

4.30pm (movie starts 5pm)

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Christmas with the Kranks (PG)

7.30pm (movie starts 8pm)

Henry St Car Park, Greensborough

Book at: trybooking.com/BMVTS

COVID-19 restrictions may affect the staging of these events

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

Come and play!
Greenhills Montmorency Baseball Club

T-Ball Program
 for 5-9 years of age
 Friday nights 6pm-7:15pm
 5 March - 7 May 2021

Under-11 / 13 / 15 teams
 Saturday mornings
 Starts April 2021

Greenhills Montmorency Baseball Club
 Malcolm Blair Reserve, Karingal Drive, Greensborough
 Contact: juniors@montybaseball.com.au
 www.montybaseball.com.au

Online Event

Banyule CITY COUNCIL

Saturday 12 December

CaROLS by CaNDLeLIGHT

Performances by:
 Denis Walter
 Nadia Komazec
 The Kazoos
 The Australian Children's Choir
 The Diamond Valley Brass Band
 Melbourne Contemporary Choir

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Greenhills Family Business

Yellow Pages

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Waxing by Emily

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HEAD COACH NAME: Daniel Davies

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