

Term 4, 5th November 2020

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Grit, Respect, Effort, Adventure, Teamwork

Term 4 - Week 5, 2020

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS 2020

Monday 9 th November	Year 3/4 Camp Experience Days (Monday & Tuesday) 6.30pm School Council
Friday 13 th November	Assembly (Video Link)
Thursday 19 th November	School Photos
Tuesday 24 th November	6.30pm Education & Communications Sub-Committee Meeting 7pm PA Meeting
Friday 27 th November	Assembly (Video Link)
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
Friday 11 th December	Assembly (Video Link)
Friday 18 th December	1pm Finish - Last day of school

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY

Yesterday, our Year 6 School Leaders which included Junior School Council, House Captains & Specialist Captains attended a full day leadership conference. This was run on-site and organised by Mrs Emmerling based on the GRIP Leadership program that was unable to be run earlier in the year.

Mrs Hough and I opened the day with a short key note. Our message was that a leaders role is to:

- Make a positive difference
- Put the needs of others first
- Challenge yourself and others to always do your best

Thank you to Rachel Emmerling for running the day and for her ongoing work along with David Symeonidis and Tegan Smith with our Junior School Council each week.

Please see included in this newsletter an article from our JSC about their leadership day.

PARENT PAYMENTS

On an annual basis School Council reviews the budget and sets the level of essential and voluntary financial contributions required from parents' to meet the needs for the next school year. Following careful consideration, School Council has decided to freeze our 2021 Parent Payments at the same rate as they were in 2020.

Our Parent Payments are broken into 3 categories as follows:

- **ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS - TOTAL: \$190 per student + Booklist Cost + Excursion Fee**
- **OPTIONAL ITEMS:** These are items, activities or services that are **optional** and are offered on a user-pays basis and which parents/guardians may **choose** whether their child accesses or participates in, for example: iPad Lease Program, Instrumental Music Tuition, Choir Program etc.
- **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS:** These payments are incredibly important for our school. In 2020 we received voluntary payments from over 40% of our families. This assisted us to ensure our facilities and grounds were well maintained, purchase valuable learning resources in maths, literacy, Library and ICT resources.

A '2021 Parent Payment Notice' which outlines the charges pertaining to your child will be sent home next week. Payments are due by 1st March 2021, however payments can also be made this year before Friday 11th December or at the very start of Term 1 next year.

I know that this year has been very challenging and that many of our school families have been heavily impacted financially. It is important to know that we can support you so that all students at our school have what they need at all times.

As such I have arranged the following measures to assist families with Parent Payments.

1. Instalment Plan

Payments are four equal amounts each term, with no financial penalty. If paying by instalments, the due dates are outlined on the '2021 Parent Payment Notice'.

2. Hardship Application

If you are experiencing hardship or financial difficulties and are unable to make any type of school payment including those listed in this letter, please contact me (nominated parent payment contact person) at the school to discuss options including an alternative payment plan or access to our Family Support Fund. These conversations are always kept confidential.

3. Family Support Fund

School Council has established a Family Support Fund. This fund is set up to provide funds for families to make important school payments such as excursions, camps, access to technology, books, uniforms and any other cost directly associated with attending our school. Donations to this fund can be made by contacting our office. This includes directing any refunds from 2020 that you may be receiving to this fund. Thank you to those families and individuals who have already made donations to this fund. This includes a very generous donation of \$1,000 by one of our families.

I am also pleased to announce that we were successful in becoming part of the School Breakfast Club program. This will commence next year and include the provision of breakfast, lunch and holiday food packs for those families that require it. I will provide more detail about this program over the next few weeks including putting a shout out for parent volunteers to assist to run the program each week.

WE ARE MOVING TO COMPASS

Next year we are moving to a new school management system called Compass.

This will replace our current use of Sentral.

Compass will be familiar to some families as a number of our local secondary schools use it. Part of the decision to move to Compass was based on parent feedback around the number of different platforms the school currently uses and how these can be confusing. We hope that Compass will streamline communication and provide access to information such as student reports and other data in an easier way. It will also improve many of the school's administration processes including school payments, excursion permissions and future newsfeeds.

From the end of this school year, families will not have access to Sentral anymore. As such, I encourage you to take a few minutes to download, save and or print out all of the Semester reports for your child/ren so that you have permanent access to them. (Please note that with our roll over into Compass, the school will transfer student reports and other important data. However, this will not be accessible to parents).

James Penson
Principal



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

***K Panayiotis, Lucas T, Lily T, Aiden K, Andy Y, Anna Y
Vihaan P, Cameron M, Jack B, Jack H, William B***



JSC NEWSBREAK

Grade 6 Grip leadership conference

On Wednesday the 4th of November the Grade 6 JSC's, House Captains and Specialist Captains went down to the new S.T.E.M room to participate in the Online GRIP Leadership Conference, we got to develop a greater understanding of leadership and leadership qualities. We focused mostly on Generosity and Leading The Way.

There were fun activities that we completed in the GRIP Booklet. We also watched a magnificent story of persistence. It was about a 16 year old who wanted to fly around the world he had to raise \$500,000 to do it. He kept having setbacks so he kept trying for the next 2 years by fundraising and getting sponsors to make enough money and he did. During his flight he was having major problems like dealing with air traffic control, storms, and money problems. But he never gave up and he became the youngest solo pilot to fly around the world.

We also enjoyed some Dominos pizzas on the day, thanks to Mr Penson.

Remember, dream big because you can achieve anything!

Finally a thing that we all took out of this phenomenal experience was to put others before yourself.

Written by Masyn L 5/6J

STUDENT OF THE WEEK Term 4 Wk. 5 PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY 13th Nov 2020

HERE ARE OUR SUPERSTARS for this week..



NAME	CLASS	REASON
Fabian C	Prep BH	Fabian, I am so impressed with the way you have settled back into school after Remote Learning. You give every activity a go and you try your best. I am SUPER proud of you!!
Harper T	Prep SM	Harper you have an incredible enthusiasm for learning! I love that you always tackle learning tasks with a big smile on your face. You are always happy to help others around you and we are so lucky to have you apart of Prep SM! Keep up the incredible attitude superstar!
Kristina J	1KO	For 'wowing' the grade with her amazing reading. Kristina, you are using so many strategies when reading and I love how you can always tell me what happened in the story. I love listening to you read! What a superstar!!!
Noah O	1LO	Noah is a caring and enthusiastic member of our class who is always willing to give learning tasks a go. I love listening to you share your maths strategies with the rest of the class and we all love learning from you. Noah, you are such a pleasure to have in 1LO, we are very lucky to have you!
Oakley V	1ND	For his clever thinking and enthusiasm during numeracy. Oakley loves to share his ideas and is able to clearly explain his reasoning and the strategies he uses to solve tricky equations. Well done Oakley, I'm very impressed!
Clara W	1RM	For being twitched on to learning. Clara has an inquisitive mind and asks lots of questions to find out more information. She is also quick to answer questions and explain her thinking and reasoning. You are a great example to your classmates in 1RM Clara. Congratulations!
Jasper S	2BR	Jasper's curiosity is amazing and he loves to share his passion for learning with others inside our grade. He has been a great leader of our classroom and is always willing to help and support his peers. You are an absolute star Jasper!
Mia A	2SH	For your enthusiasm and interest you show in Inquiry. Mia it is great to see you thinking about your predictions and reasonings, as well as recording your observations. You are reliable and responsible during these sessions, as well as having loads of fun and enjoyment when mixing things together! Keep up the great effort Mia!
Marlowe P	34B	Marlowe is an insightful and caring leader in our classroom and is using these skills, combined with her high ability as a reader, to lead a 3/4 book club group. It has been great to see your confidence in you writing develop too - you can certainly achieve anything you set your mind towards Marlowe!
Dan H	34D	I am so impressed with Dan's biography about Lachlan. Dan used incredible opening sentences to hook the reader in and ensured his 'voice' was heard throughout his piece. You are a fabulous writer, Dan!
Hamish M	34D	Hamish has been trying extremely hard to improve his writing and it is paying off! His attention to his handwriting and punctuation is making his writing much clearer and ensures his incredible ideas are understood. Keep it up, superstar!
Eden C	34H	For the incredible effort and thought that you put into your biography writing. I love how hard you worked to edit your writing to make it interesting for the reader. You always strive to do your best which is a wonderful quality. Well done Eden!
Amelia K	34K	Amelia, you are to be congratulated for your positivity and adaptability. You returned to our classroom after your hospital stay, ready to embrace new challenges and continue your learning with ease.
Olivia D	34R	What a super star Olivia is for the effort and time she is putting in to learning the multiplication facts and using mental strategies to work with numbers. She has shown heaps of success and deserves lots of praise. Top work!
Ari A	56E	For you ability to take all you have learnt about poems and apply this knowledge to writing your own. Your Haiku and Limericks followed the structure, rhyme and syllable patterns and were detailed and descriptive. Great writing Ari.
Taylan T	56F	For his consistent enthusiasm for our math sessions. Taylan I am so proud of how excited you are during our math sessions and the dedication you show when learning new concepts. Keep it up superstar!
Thomas C	56J	For his constant hard work and dedication. I am always so impressed with your attitude towards learning and it has shown in the great improvements you have made this year!
Amelie T	56J	For being such a kind and caring friend to everyone. I am so proud of the effort you put in to making sure the people in our grade feel happy and included.
Joel C	56M	Joel has been a fantastic participant in our Earn and Learn unit. He has secured the position of Police commissioner and is taking his job very seriously. Excellent work Joel
Maeve O (1 RM)	ART	For the wonderful progress you are making with your cockatoo artwork. You are always such a super listener and a wonderful helper at clean up time. Keep up the amazing effort and I can't wait to see your finished artwork.

FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

School Office Hours

Monday to Friday

8.30am – 4.30pm

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.

School Payments

2021 School Charges have now been applied to family accounts, statements and fees notices will be coming home next week.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the school, in line with the Department of Education's directive, had to make the hard decision to cancel all school activities during this time such as excursions, interschool sport, camps and swimming for this year.

We are aware that some families have already paid money towards the 2020 Excursion Levy, Interschool Sports Levy and District Athletics. Where activities have not taken place this year the school has credited families for the portion that did not take place.

Where possible any money paid towards the 2020 Excursion Levy, Interschool Sports Levy (Grade 5 & 6 students only) or District Athletics will be re-directed towards the 2020 Essential Education Items. Any remaining credit will carry over into 2021.

Also this year, due to the current situation, the Department of Education is allowing schools to use the 2020 CSEF money to help families pay for Essential Education Items.

Credits

CSEF FAMILIES: Families who received the CSEF will be credited the amount that has been used towards activities and this money will be re-directed to any outstanding Essential Education Items costs and any remaining balance will carry over into 2021 just like the CSEF normally does

NON CSEF FAMILIES: Families who paid for the excursion, sport or athletics levies will have this money re-directed against any outstanding Essential Items costs and any remaining money will be held in credit for the family to use in 2021.

Refunds

If your family account is in credit after all outstanding charges have been paid then you will be able to request a refund or have the option to donate to either of the following Voluntary Contributions:

BUILDING FUND, SUBJECT CONTRIBUTION FUND or FAMILY SUPPORT FUND.

If your account is in credit the paperwork will be sent out with your statement next week.

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.

Graduation Bears

If you order a Graduation Bear and your account is in Credit we will not process the payment but allocate the cost against the credit on your account. Any cash received for graduation bears will be returned to your child.

Graduation will not be a separate charge this year but will form part of the excursion levy.



Anne, Karen, Nicole & Victoria
Administration Team



OPERATING TIMES FOR TERM 4

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

Grades 3 and 4 Wednesday only

Prep, Grades 5 and 6 Thursday only

Grades 1 and 2 Friday only

Now available for children with special dietary requirements **GLUTEN FREE** No artificial colours or flavours Peters lemonade icy poles at \$1 each. These will only be available in Terms 1 and 4.

Weekly homemade items will be for sale such as slices and biscuits ranging from 50 cents to \$1.

The canteen is now using bamboo spoons and forks to comply with the sustainability committee's goals.



CHOIR NOTES

Recital Choir rehearsals will continue to run via webex on Tuesday mornings between 8.00 - 8.30a.m.

MUSIC COUNT US IN SONG - 'You Won't Bring Us Down'

The youtube link for this year's song 'You Won't Bring Us Down' is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2C-bGFMX5A>

The students in Prep - Grade 4 will be participating in activities related to this song so I thought that it might be fun to practise singing it at home.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Instrumental Lessons will continue to be online for the time being. This could change during the term. A notice regarding enrolments for next year will be sent home in November.

It has been so much fun having the Music Room alive with students and music this week.

Kate Stewart
Music Teacher



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.....

Parent Partnerships - Give kids a thumbs up for the right things

Advice from Michael Grose

Children of all ages enjoy parental recognition. They like when their parents make a fuss over their behaviour or highlight something they have done well.

Sometimes parents will reward their children's behaviour with a treat, money, or a gift. This is okay in small doses, but parental recognition alone is a high enough driver of children's behaviour most of the time.

First borns, in particular, love approval. Youngest children just love that you have noticed them! Second borns can sometimes do things in spite of their parents, but deep down they love the recognition too, even if they don't let on that they do.

The behaviour you focus on expands

If you want your kids to be neater then focus on their neat behaviours. "You've tidied your toys up before dinner. Top job!" You don't have to throw a party, just let them know that you noticed and you approve of their tidiness. You may also let them know how it affects you. "You've tidied your toys up before dinner. It makes my job easier." The behaviours that you notice and comment on will expand.

Noticing kids' tidiness once won't suddenly turn messy kids into exceptionally neat ones but do it often enough and you'll start to get some turn around.

You can give kids a thumbs up for all sorts of behaviours. Here's some examples.

Being co-operative

Stubborn kids need a pat on the head when they respond on your terms not theirs.

Being brave

Nervous and anxious kids need to have their bravery pointed out to them. It's reassuring and empowering.

Being helpful

Want helpful kids? Then you need to notice helpful behaviours.

Being tolerant

Sometimes older siblings need to be very tolerant of younger siblings. Tolerance is a very giving behaviour and should be promoted.

Being patient

Something to encourage in boys, in particular. It's often not their strong point.

Being persistent

Let kids know when 'hanging in there' pays off. The link between persistence and success is massive but persistence needs to be promoted. It's also the one factor of temperament that can be affected by parenting.

Being friendly


If your child struggles in social situations then recognise pro-social behaviours such as sharing, initiating contact with another child or taking an interest in another person.

Don't wait until you get perfect behaviour to give recognition, particularly for very young children. Kids have L-plates when it comes to behaving (co-operatively, bravely, patiently) so their attempts and close approximations need to be verified by the significant adults in their lives – their parents.

Recognising kids' positive behaviours is easy to do, but it's also easy not to do. We often get tied up with other things and forget to show appreciation and nurture the behaviours our kids need to develop. It's important to be aware of this. It's the little things such as giving positive recognition that have the biggest impact on kids' development.



COMMUNITY ADVERTISING




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DVCA 2019/20 Premiers U18s Teal





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U14s to U18s: Luke Preston 0400023940
juniors@lowerplentycricketclub.com

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Lip \$5	Top 1/2 Leg \$35
Underarms \$10	Lower 1/2 Leg \$30
Bikini \$15	Eye Lash Tint \$15
Brazilian \$35	Brow Tint \$10
Full Leg \$40	

Call me to book your appointment
0421788158

Home Salon located in Greensborough

My name is Emily and I'm a beauty therapist with over 20 years experience. Waxing is my passion. I have a comfortable but basic home salon located in Greensborough. Reasonable prices and a great service. Children welcome. School hours and weekends available.

Does your family run a small business? Would you like your business to be promoted around our school community? We want to help! Send in your business card, flyer or just a paragraph of information about the service and/or products you provide to: sarah.leach@education.vic.gov.au