

Greenhills is **G.R.E.A.T.**
 Grit, Respect, Effort, Adventure, Teamwork
Term 2 - Week 4, 13th May 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS 2021

Friday 14 th May	5/6 Interschool Sport 3pm Assembly
Monday 17 th May	Parent Helper OHS Induction sessions— 9am & 3pm
Tuesday 18 th May	9.30am School Tour
Wednesday 19 th May	Year 2 Excursion to Zoo Years 3 & 4 Excursion to Zoo
Thursday 20 th May	District Cross Country Year 3/4 Swimming
Friday 21 st May	Ride/Walk to School Day 5/6 Interschool Sport
Monday 24 th May	EDUCATION WEEK 8.15am Breakfast Club
Tuesday 25 th May	Year 1 Edenvale Farm Excursion 9.30am School Tour
Wednesday 26 th May	Michael Ymer Maths for Parents Evening 7pm
Thursday 27 th May	Year 3/4 Swimming
Friday 28 th May	5/6 Interschool Sport 3pm Assembly

VISUAL ART HIGHLIGHTS

We are very proud to be able to offer such a rich and extensive learning program across our school. A very significant part of this is our Specialist program which includes, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Italian and Physical Education. In our newsletter this week, we are highlighting the work of our Year 3/4 artists. These students have taken our 2021 theme



“What we will build” to a new level by actually building a 3D house and then combining this into a whole 3D city.

The students gained inspiration for their artworks from popsicle stick artist Husam Muhajera and David Hrobowski, as well as the design of a mini city consisting of 387 cardboard houses by Peter Fritz.

PARENT HELPERS @ GREENHILLS

A big thank you to all of our parents, carers and grandparents who have completed our Parent Helper Induction process. We have 112 to date! It is GREAT to be able to launch back into our Parent Helper program and seeing this start in classrooms has been wonderful. Yes – we are limited to only one helper per class at a time, but it is so fantastic to be able to do this again after last year. The way our school is supported by our community is very special and something we never take for granted.

We look forward to growing our program over the course of this year and in future years where we will have a particular focus on tapping into parent expertise and knowledge where it will enrich and extend the inquiries our students are undertaking. A recent example of this was a visit by one of our parents who is also on our Environment & Sustainability Sub-Committee to talk with our Year 1 students about recycling, reusing and reducing which is all part of our whole school inquiry - “Our footprint on Earth”

A special thank you to Anne Doolan from our Office team for organising all of our parent inductions. This is a very important requirement that underpins our parent helper program and I think the time we take to ensure this happens highlights just what your support and help across our school means to us.

We will continue to run these induction sessions by appointment and list these times as they are confirmed.

THANK YOU MOTHERS DAY STALL TEAM

Thank you to our PA team for organising an amazing Mother’s Day Stall. I’ve seen a few over the years and I think this one was really special and organised so well. There is a big list of helpers to acknowledge: Emma Oliver, Melanie MacKertich, Melinda Smith, Donna Anderson, Sophie Korze, Emma Marchant, Laura Wade, Alyshia Ninness, Jackie Lacey, Jess Higgins, Mel Lucas, Connie Johnston, Jordan Coe, Hayley Ormandy, Bec Zappia, Jess Barro, Melissa Osborne, Sarah leach, Miriam Pekolj, Max Smith, Anne Doolan, Victoria Harris and Nicole Pearson.



EDUCATION WEEK – CONNECTED SCHOOLS EVENT

Maths for Parents, Connected Schools Partnership Evening

Wednesday May 26th 2021, 7.00pm - 8.30 pm in Library

Presenter: Michael Ymer

RSVP: via CompassTix (link out Monday 17th May)

(Refer to Flyer next page)

NAPLAN TESTING

This week our Year 3 and 5 students completed the NAPLAN tests. I know that many of our students get nervous during these tests but it is important to remember they are just one test on one particular day (or four tests over 3 days!).

NAPLAN results are also just one small part of the overall assessment and data collected across our school. Our teachers work very closely together in their teams to use a wide range of assessments to build up an accurate picture of student achievement and student learning needs, including other formal assessment tools (many of which are completed online) and daily classroom observations and conferences. Our philosophy is based on unpacking what a student can say, make, do or write and then using this data and feedback to target the next steps in learning.

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM UPDATE

Janine Hough and myself continue to meet every fortnight with our architect, project management team and DET representatives on our capital works project to build a new competition grade basketball court and gym. We have finalised our design and are now moving into the Detailed Design phase so that we can present the plans to tender and select a builder. The project remains on track to commence in December of this year. Our plan is to utilise the longer January school holiday period for the demolition of the existing hall (just the basketball court section...not the new STEAM Centre that was built as the first phase of the redevelopment). Our hope is that the full project will be completed before the end of 2022. This would enable us to hold our graduation and end of year functions in the new space.

I will include a more detailed update next week and include some pictures of the plans and some 3D impressions.

WEARING OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM WITH PRIDE!

I love the way that our school has so many uniform options for our students and when we are all decked out in accordance with our Uniform Policy, our school looks magnificent. This is friendly reminder that all students must be dressed in line with our policy each day. At times, we notice a variety of other items being worn, for example outside of school local football club hoodies or even items that are not our school colours. I know that the cooler weather and the rain can impact on washing and laundry at home and that it can be difficult to keep up with it all. With that in mind, if any student needs to wear an item that is not part of our school uniform, a letter from a parent or carer must be provided to the teacher outlining the reason for this. If you are having any difficulty in organising school uniform items for your child, please contact the office or myself. For me, wearing full school uniform is all about pride in our school and being part of our GREAT team.

James Penson
Principal





Parent Information Night

26th of May - 7pm In the Library

Presenter: Michael Ymer.

Michael is a specialist mathematics consultant from Melbourne, Australia. He is involved in many Professional Development programs in schools across Australia and Asia.

Michael is an enthusiastic and entertaining presenter who has a clear and practical approach to the challenges that confront schools and parents in mathematics. On this evening Michael will address the following issues



- **What is my child learning in mathematics?**
- **How can I help my child become an efficient problem solver?**
- **How do children best learn mathematics?**
- **How can parents promote quality thinking and learning?**
- **How can I help my child in mathematics?**

Book Swap!

Starting from the **25th of May**, we will be hosting a book swap.

We will alternate weeks from preps to 2s and 3s to 6s. The first week of book swap will be for preps to 2s.

Children have to have permission to bring a certain book to school. Pupils can bring a maximum of 4 books. The book swap will be located in the library. All of the students books will be stored in the library during the day.

If you want to take a book you need to bring your own to the book swap.

By Ella B, Ella N and Marlowe P from 3/4B



FROM THE OFFICE

Statements were sent out at the end of last week to Families that have an outstanding balance. If you are on a payment plan we will continue to deduct instalments in Term 3 & 4.

Contact Anne in the office if you have any queries

School Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8.00am – 4.30pm



Anne,



Karen,



Nicole &



Victoria

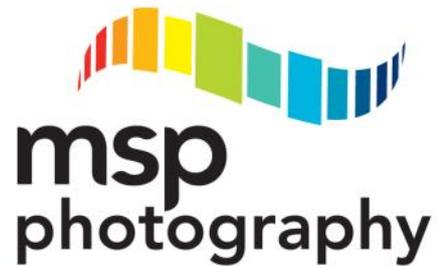
Administration Team

**Happy Birthday to the following students
celebrating their birthdays this week:**

**Emily T, Celeste J, Ally T, Faolan W, Alana J, Jett
W, Ivy B, Jasper B, Oliver B, Brody B, Remi M,
Brayden S**



**New for 2021
Compass Online
Ordering**



Greenhills Primary School Photo Day

Wednesday 2nd June 2021

Ordering can be made through
your Compass Portal,
via your email link

Alternatively log into your
Compass Portal and follow the link
under the 'Community' Section

Class Group Style



Place your order soon to ensure our best pricing!

Family/Sibling Photographs

Available for students with siblings at school
Family photo orders can only be made through
your compass portal and must be purchased
by 11.59pm the day Before Photo Day.



We offer a 3rd Child Concession with our Premium and Classic Pack orders.
If you have 3 or more children at the school and would like to take up this offer
Please contact the below email address prior to photo day.

**If you require assistance please contact us;
admin.nem@msp.com.au**

ICAS Assessments 2021

This year, Greenhills Primary School will be offering Year 2-6 students an opportunity to participate in the ICAS Assessments. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies. Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

This year, Greenhills Primary School will be participating in the following ICAS Assessments:

- **English** - Students will read a variety of texts which narrate, describe, explain, argue, persuade and review. The texts will increase in complexity within each paper, moving from simple texts dealing with familiar subjects and topics to complex texts discussing abstract concepts and using sophisticated language structures.
- **Science** - Students will focus on the knowledge areas of Earth and Beyond, Natural and Processed Materials, Life and Living, Energy and Change.
- **Mathematics** - Students will answer a range of questions related to number and arithmetic, algebra and patterns, measure and units, space and geometry, chance and data.

Each assessment will run at a cost of \$17.05 and will be completed at school in August. If you would like your child to participate or require further information please contact Becc Stephens at rebecca.stephens@education.vic.gov.au by **25th June**.

Becc Stephens
Learning Specialist
Student Excellence Coordinator



Save the date!

Greenhills Primary School

Trivia
Night

Saturday, 23rd October

Mark your calendar for a night of trivia, raffles,
auctions, giveaways and LOTS of fun!

Stay tuned for further details...

Premier's Reading Challenge



Yes, it's on again! The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge encourages children and students from birth to year 10 to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online. Since the Challenge first began in 2005, more than 3 million students have read nearly 51 million books! At Greenhills PS we love this challenge, as it helps to create a love of reading, as well as opening up a large variety of genres to our students.

Throughout the Challenge, students are set a number of books they must read in order to complete the Challenge. **Challenge books** are those set and listed by the Premier's Reading Challenge and **Choice books** are any that are not on this list. The number of books to be read in order to complete the Challenge are-

Prep-Grade 2: 30 books (including 20 Challenge books and 10 Choice books)

Grade 3-6: 15 books (10 Challenge books and 5 Choice books)

Students will be receiving their log on details very soon, so please keep an eye out for these and keep them somewhere handy. These details can be used to log your child into their account to add books to their Challenge journal as they complete them.

Last year we had almost 250 students complete the challenge- we would love to see many more this year,

WE CAN DO IT!!!

To jump in and have a look, go to <https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>

HAPPY READING!

Suzie Hussein
Grade 2 Teacher



INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Friday 14th May 2021

Greenhills VS Laurimar A – AWAY

Time:	Sport:	Venue:
9.30am-10.30am approx.	Aussie Rules Football	Laurimar PS
	Soccer	Painted Hills Reserve
	Netball	Laurimar PS
	Softball	Laurimar PS

Green Parkways VS Glen Katherine B – HOME

Time:	Sport:	Venue:
9.30am-10.30am approx.	Aussie Rules Football	Greensborough Park
	Soccer	Greenhills PS
	Netball	N/A
	Softball	Greenhills PS

The Diamond Valley Primary School Sports Association, in line with School Sport Victoria's COVID-19 Safe Plan, are informing all parents that they are unable to attend Interschool Sport until further notice.

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.

REBEL COMMUNITY KICKBACKS PROGRAM

Greenhills Primary School is involved in the Rebel Community Kickbacks 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 Active Loyalty Program account and instantly start earning credits.



Jordan Daley
Physical Education



**STUDENT OF THE WEEK Term 2 Wk 4 PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY on
28th May 2021**



HERE ARE OUR SUPERSTARS for this week..

NAME	CLASS	REASON
Liam P	Prep ND	For his growing confidence in the classroom. Liam is sharing his ideas during group discussions, reading in front of the grade and trying his best when faced with a challenge. It's great to see your personality shine Liam!
Emily M	Prep SM	For making Prep SM such a friendly and happy place to be! Emily compliments her peers every day and always makes sure she is filling all of our buckets. Well done for being such a respectful and considerate person, Emily. I am so proud of you. Keep up the incredible work superstar.!
Lily M	1KO	For always sharing her kind and caring nature throughout our class. Lily, you give everything your best and always love to share your thinking and ideas. We love all that you share with us Lily. You are a superstar!
Felix R	2BR	For the amazing effort he has put into his reading. I am over the moon to see how many nights you are reading and the fact you are sharing your reading with the grade. How good are books. Keep up this effort Felix!
Noah O	2SM	For starting and ending every day with a big smile on your face. Your kindness and enthusiasm for learning is infectious. You're thinking critically about your responses in your reflection, taking the time and effort to make changes to challenge yourself in the future. Well done Noah!
Oli B	2SH	For your enthusiasm in all that you do, in particular our Inquiry sessions. Oli, you have such a curious mind and I love the way you are so keen to discover new things and ask questions to help you learn more. I can't wait to see all the amazing discoveries you make throughout the year. Well done Oli!
Yasmin T	2TW	Yasmin thank you for being such a Super classroom helper and trying your best every day. I'm really enjoying having you in my grade, you always come to school with a smile on your face and a happy disposition. Keep smiling!!
Ella N	34B	For being an outstanding leader and member of the Greenhills community. You see every learning experience as an opportunity to grow and I love how you use your leadership skills to help make Greenhills a better place to be. Ella, you are truly capable of anything you set your mind towards!
Mia	34D	Mia displays effort and commitment towards her learning. When learning about figurative language, Mia was able to identify similies, metaphors and personification in reading and applied this knowledge to her writing. Keep up the great work, Mia!
Maddy T	34H	For all of the hard work you have been doing to be positive and enthusiastic about school. I LOVE that you have been entering the classroom every day with a big smile on your face ready to learn. You should be very proud of your effort and the improvements that you've made. Keep up the GREAT work superstar!
Harry W	34M	For the enthusiasm and dedication, he is showing in Literacy. Harry is working hard to find the meaning of words in the context of the texts he reads. He is to be congratulated on his efforts to be the best reader he can be. Well done Harry, I am proud of you.
Alfred R	34S	For displaying grit and a positive mindset during this years NAPLAN. It was great to see you finish knowing that you had applied yourself despite being very nervous about it. Well done!
Sian M	56E	For your positive attitude towards all your learning this term. You wrote an amazing narrative and your dedication to researching your topic for Inquiry is fantastic. Keep up the great work Sian.
Luca G	56F	For always having such a positive attitude. Luca you're a little ray of sunshine and your positive attitude is infectious. Keep it up legend!
Matthew S	56M	Matt has been a real go getter this week. He's giving everything a go and is doing very well. Keep up the good work Matt.
Owen J	56T	For always being so focused and attentive in class. Owen I love how you show genuine interest in all areas of your learning and give everything 110%. Your curiosity and inquisitive mind is so appreciated and it has been so great to hear you share your ideas in class lately.
Cordelia P (1LO)	ITALIAN	I love your enthusiasm and eagerness to learn the Italian language. Grazie! (Thank you!) for always doing your best. Signora Ciancio
Aiden K (3/4M)	ART	Aiden, I have been so impressed with your hard work and dedication to you 3D house sculpture. You demonstrated a wonderful work ethic and made very creative design choices. I also appreciate your positive attitude and the respectful way you work in our Art Studio. Keep it up!
Everleigh K (2SH)	MUSIC	For always being so focussed in Music. Everleigh consistently tries her best and is a polite and conscientious student. Keep up the great work!

CANTEEN

Welcome back to everyone

The canteen is open for lunch orders on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**. Orders can be placed via QKR or by sending a lunch order to the canteen. **PLEASE DO NOT send in a lunch order if you have already placed an order via QKR.**

If you are interested in volunteering whether on a regular basis or occasionally please do so through Carebookings:
<https://www.carebookings.com.au/code?z=o7Qpr1>

The parent code is JGU9L and you can then select what dates you would like to help.

Maximum number of volunteers is 2.

The canteen menu is available on the school website or a copy can be obtained from the front office.

A menu will be available for window sales on the website in the near future that will enable parents to help their child/ren to make choices.

If you have any issues that you would like to discuss please contact me at school or alternatively on my email address miriam.pekolj@education.vic.gov.au.



Miriam Pekolj
Canteen Manager

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM - LAUNDRY ROSTER

Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and is on the roster. These were sent home through your child's classroom last term.

Some weeks there may not be enough washing or even any washing to send home. Please don't worry if you have not received a tub of washing home. If there is washing to be done, I will always endeavour to have it delivered to your child's classroom by the end of the day.

I hope that will help to clear up any possible confusion around the roster.



Thank you
Andrea Williams
VISUAL ART SPECIALIST

Connected Schools - Why family rituals really matter by Maggie Dent

Family rituals strengthen the sense of warm connectedness in families. This makes sense, given that the number one biological need for every human is the hunger to belong, and to be accepted, valued and loved.

The disruption of life in 2020 saw many families unable to go about their normal activities, and for many, family rituals reclaimed their valuable position. For some, it was simply going for walks together, riding bikes together, baking, or watching movies together complete with home-made popcorn.

So how can families create and maintain small rituals that make such a difference?

Turn routines into rituals

Bedtime routines that include such things as reading to your children, singing special bedtime songs or even just lying beside your child do far more than help them to fall asleep. When these routines are repeated, they create neural pathways which enhance loving connection. As a nanny to several precious little ones, I absolutely love being a part of their bedtime rituals.

Reign in the chaos

Family rituals bring a degree of predictability and certainty into our sometimes-chaotic lives. They are important for teenagers as they provide a sense of control at a time of change and challenge. Families who are struggling with any uncertainty and stress should regularly connect with a much-loved board game or family movie and dive into it with enthusiasm. Leave work and worry behind and spend a couple of hours with those you love the most.

Create greeting rituals

Greeting and goodbye rituals within families are also important. How you welcome and reconnect to children after a day away shows them that you have missed them and still love them. With little ones, some parents leave a kiss on their child's palm. For others there are special handshakes. I can still remember my dad saying goodbye to us with the oldie but goodie "See you later alligator!" To which we naturally replied, "in a while, crocodile!" This is a ritual that happens now with my grandchildren.

As an authorised celebrant, I have conducted many funerals and one of the things that brings joy to broken hearts are the shared memories of family rituals. The repeated nature of ritual helps to anchor memories deeply in our minds. I remember a beautiful funeral for a man where everyone wore a beanie and a scarf, including his youngest grandchild. This simple act was a nod to the fact that whenever this grandfather watched football on TV, he always wore a beanie and a scarf and so did anyone else who was watching with him. A simple but powerful act.

Never underestimate the importance of family rituals in your home.



Hi Greenhills Families!

We are fortunate enough to have Libby from Libby's Koala and Wildlife Crusade come along and chat with our lucky Grade 2 students about Australian wildlife and how we can help to protect them and prevent them from becoming extinct. Our Grade 2's from 2020 will remember Libby speaking to them via webcam and we know the response was excitement, loads of learning, and many questions! We are thrilled to have Libby back again this year (in person this time) and we know the students will learn a lot from her presentation.

As a thank you for her time, as well as recognising the amazing work Libby does in our community, we are offering families the opportunity to help Libby's crusade, by donating items that wildlife shelters need. If you are keen to donate (and this is totally optional), please see the list of items in need below:

- Eco friendly Tissues (featuring this symbol)
- Unscented baby wipes
- **Sensitive** Laundry liquid (e.g. OMO Sensitive)
- Laundry Hygiene wash (e.g. Caneston)
- Dishwashing liquid
- Weetbix (any brand)

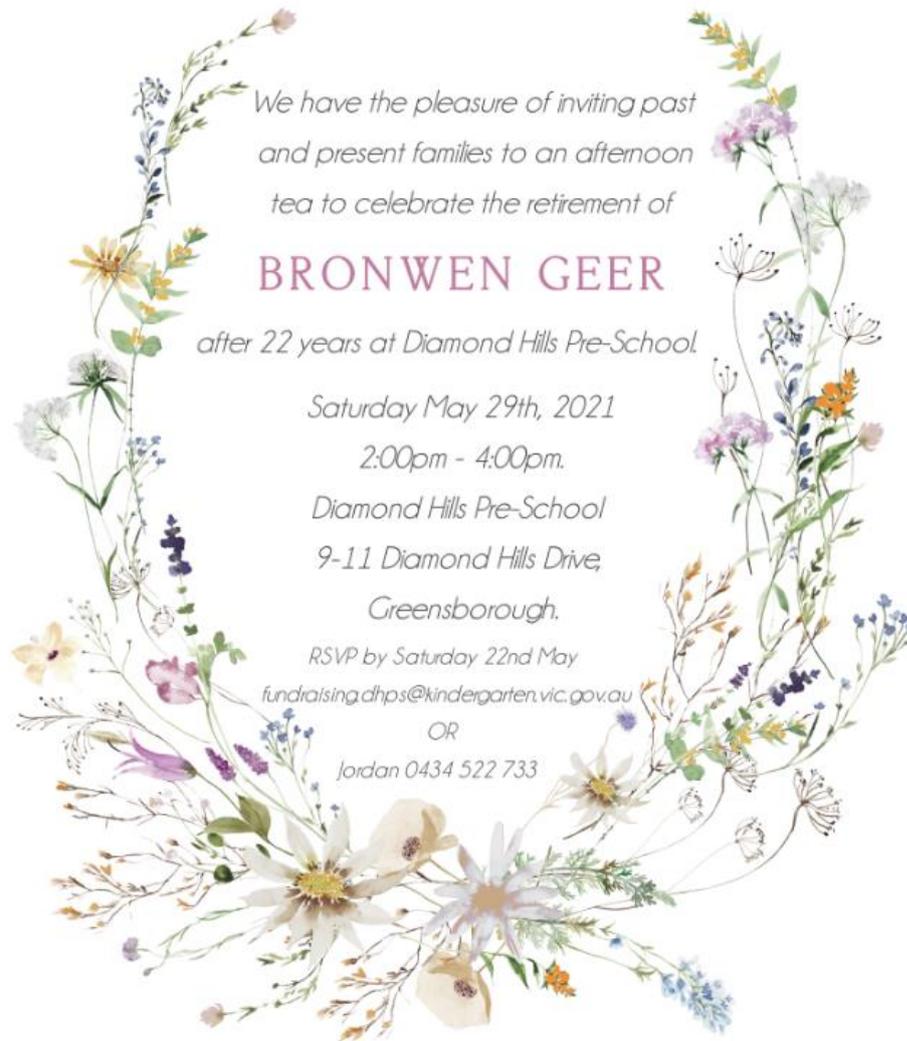


If you are donating any of these items, they can be sent along to Mrs Hussein's classroom, and we will happily pass these on to Libby. Thanks so much.

Suzie Hussein

You can also follow Libby on
Facebook & see the outstanding work she does.





*We have the pleasure of inviting past
and present families to an afternoon
tea to celebrate the retirement of*

BRONWEN GEER

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Saturday May 29th, 2021

2:00pm - 4:00pm.

Diamond Hills Pre-School

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Banyule Volunteer Celebration

We invite volunteers working across Banyule to attend one of our thank you events during National Volunteer Week this May.

Celebration events:

Monday 17 May 2021

Movie: June Again

Afternoon movie session, 12.30pm
Hoyts Cinemas Greensborough
Book at trybooking.com/748007

Wednesday 19 May 2021

Movie: Those who wish me dead

Evening movie session, 6.30pm
Hoyts Cinemas Greensborough
Book at trybooking.com/749424

Movie: Supernova

Evening movie session, 6.30pm
Hoyts Cinemas Greensborough
Book at trybooking.com/748013

Thursday 20 May 2021

Movie: Finding You

Morning movie session, 10am
Hoyts Cinemas Greensborough
Book at trybooking.com/748016

Friday 21 May 2021

High Tea in The Great Hall, 1pm
The Centre Ivanhoe
Book at trybooking.com/746767

Bookings are essential by
Friday 7 May 2021 or until
booked out.

For more information visit
banyule.vic.gov.au/
VolunteerWeek or contact
Karen Molinaro 9457 9955 or
Maha Abizahr 9457 9863.