

Greenhills is **G.R.E.A.T.**

Grit, Respect, Effort, Adventure, Teamwork

Term 1 - Week 5, 25th February 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Well we are now well and truly into the full swing of a year of learning at Greenhills Primary School. After an important period of settling in, making connections with classmates and of course the teacher too and setting up classroom norms and routines, our teaching and learning program is fully up and running. Sitting alongside our core focus on literacy and numeracy over the next five weeks is a weekly spotlight and lesson on each of our G.R.E.A.T. values. This week we explored exactly what Grit means and how important this is, especially when it comes to learning.

Here is a link to a TED talk by Angela Lee Duckworth entitled "Grit; the power of passion and perseverance" that our school staff viewed this week.

https://www.ted.com/talks/angela_lee_duckworth_grit_the_power_of_passion_and_perseverance?language=en

I encourage you to talk at home with you child/ren about our values and explore what they might mean or look like in your house and with your family. In this way our home school connection and partnership will have a growing common language and we can work together as a team to grow and foster these things that as a community we value so much.

2021 will be a big year for building connections. As part of our parent and carer partnership we have launched our own version of You Tube and TED talks with "Greenhills TV – Talks with the Team"! The first episode was sent home via Compass on Tuesday of this week. We hope that this series of short videos helps explain some of the key work happening across Greenhills and gives you a deeper insight into our school.

Here is the link again in case you missed it: <https://clickv.ie/w/Qx0p>

Both Janine and I really want feedback with this, so if you have watched it, please let us know what you think and what other ideas you would like to hear more about this year.

Our next episode will be available in a couple of weeks. You can look forward to finding out more about the things we are doing to make reading fun and engaging. The GREAT news is that you can do these things too! The episode will be presented by Janine and Sharon Draper our Literacy Support Program Specialist.

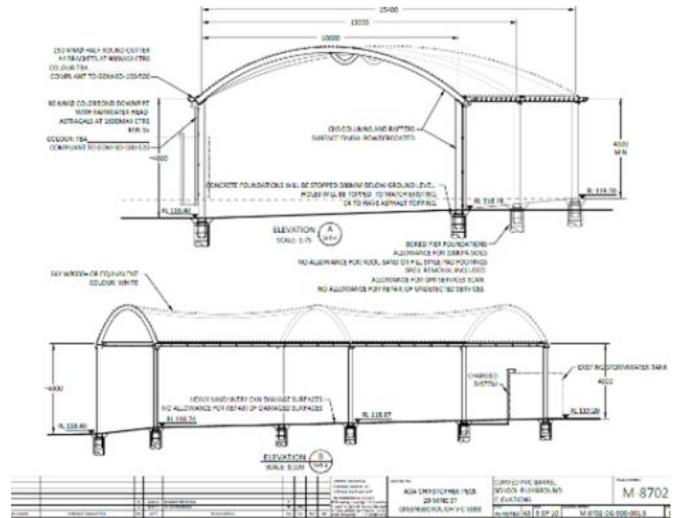
NEW SHADE STRUCTURE ON THE WAY

This week, works were completed to remove the old rotunda and install the concrete footings required for our new shade structure. This wonderful addition to our school environment has been made possible using unspent funds attached to our Hall Redevelopment in 2019/2020 as the project was completed under the budget provided.

On that note I am also pleased to confirm that some of this unspent money will also be used to refurbish the student toilets.



Our new shade structure will cover a large section of the asphalt area near the rear entrance gate at the Pumpkin Patch. It is being built off-site and in a few weeks' time, the builders will be back to install it. Once finished, we will have a fantastic area for outdoor learning and play. I have included a few pictures of the works so far, the design and an aerial view of the area it will cover so you can see just how big it will be!



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GREENHILLS 2021

Friday 26th February	CURRICULUM DAY Pupil Free
Thursday 4 th March	9am Parent Helper Induction Session (staffroom) 3pm Parent Helper Induction Sessions (staffroom)
Friday 5 th March	Interschool Sport (Years 5 & 6) Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons 3pm Assembly
Monday 8 th March	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 9 th March	Parent Association Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)
Tuesday 9 th March - Friday 12 th March	Year 6 Camp
Friday 12 th March	Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons
Tuesday 16 th March	Student Led Conferences (Students only attend school for the duration of their conference).
Friday 19 th March	Interschool Sport (Years 5 & 6) Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons 3pm Assembly PA Welcome back BBQ from 3:30pm
Monday 22 nd March	House Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 24 th March - Friday 26 th	Year 5 Camp
Friday 26 th March	Interschool Sport (Years 5 & 6) Year 1 & 2 Swimming lessons

CONGRATULATIONS & WELL DONE TO OUR DISTRICT SWIMMING TEAM

GREAT news, on Monday our swimming team was the overall winner of the Diamond Valley Primary School Sports Association Swimming Carnival! By the way – this is a “3-Peat” for Greenhills on the back of winning the District Swimming in 2019 and 2020. Well done to the whole team and thank you to Jordan Daley for organising both the selection of our team through our House Swimming Carnival and our team attending at the District Day. You can read more about this in the newsletter next week.

IPADS

We have now commenced the process of setting up all of the Year 3/4 student iPads on our system. This does take a few weeks as our technician is allocated to our school for 1 day each week. I know our students are very keen to get started and our staff are too! You can keep updated with our program through regular updates and information in our newsletters including a section in this one...so read on and find out more! I also take this opportunity to thank David Symeonidis for his leadership and management of this program across our school.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

I'm very pleased to advise that the School Breakfast Club Program is coming to our school soon! Starting next Monday on March 1st, it will run every Monday morning from 8.15am to 8.45am and will be located in the portable directly opposite the Library. Delivered by the Victorian Government in partnership with Foodbank Victoria, the program provides healthy meals to help students focus better and participate fully in their education. Our Parent Association will be taking a lead role to support the running of our Breakfast Club by creating a team of volunteers to help set up, serve food, pack up and engage with the students. If you are available to assist please let me know so that you can join our roster!

PARENT HELPERS

One of the things that is GREAT about our school is the level of parent support that we consistently get each year. In 2021 we are very keen to ensure not only that this tradition continues but it gets even stronger! In a couple of weeks' time we will be officially commencing our parent helpers in classrooms. In the lead up to this, we are running Parent Helper Inductions. These will be held Thursday 25th February and Thursday 4th March at 9am and 3pm on both days. We are requesting parents who will be helping at our school in any capacity to attend one of these short 15 minute sessions. This will ensure that we can fulfil all our legal, OH & S and DET requirements. We know that these times might not suit everyone, so we are also in the process of organising a session outside of school hours as well.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our School Council election closes today at 4pm. After the votes counts are counted tomorrow, I will announce the results via Compass.

Next Monday 1st March at 6.45pm, we will hold our first School Council meeting for 2021. This is where office bearers such as School Council President will be elected. School Council meetings are held in the staffroom.

At this meeting we will also establish our sub-committee structure and schedule for this year.

These committees are open to all members of our school community to join and where the work of School Council is actually done. It is great to have a mix of parents and carers from across the school on each of these. All of our school council members also serve on at least one of these sub-committees. I will outline the role of each sub-committee in the newsletter next week along with the time and dates for the meetings which are twice per term.

Greenhills is GREAT and don't forget tomorrow is a curriculum day with our staff are spending the day with Michael Ymer who is a maths education guru!

James Penson
Principal



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

Willow C, Arjay S, Opal B, Elouise P, Zoe L, Skye



FROM THE OFFICE

The following form was sent out this week:

- Grade 3 Recorder

Remember all Children must wear hats for Term 1 and Term 4.

Hats are also available at the School Office

School Office Hours

Monday to Friday

8.00am – 4.30pm

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET LOGGED INTO COMPASS AND YOU WOULD LIKE ASSISTANCE TO DO SO, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP.

Parent Payments

School fees are **due by 15th March 2021.**

We would appreciate your prompt payment, to ensure we have the funds to support our core programs.

If you have opted for a payment plan the second instalment is due by **23rd April 2021.**

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.

Reminders

Grade 6 School Camp to Anglesea 9th March to 12th March – Balance was due 15th February, 2021.

Grade 5 (2020 Grade 4) to Adanac 24th March to 26th March Balance due 1st March, 2021.

Years 1 & 2 Swimming lessons, Last lesson is on Friday 26th February.

If you have not yet paid for these and have not set up a payment plan could you please pay **ASAP.**

Friday 26th February is a pupil free day.

Lost Property

Please remember to label your child's uniform. We still have a lot of unclaimed lost property.



Anne, Karen, Nicole & Victoria
Administration Team



STUDENT OF THE WEEK Term 1 Wk 4 PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY on 5th March 2021



HERE ARE OUR SUPERSTARS for this week..

NAME	CLASS	REASON
Willow P	Prep BH	For your fabulous start to school! Willow, I am blown away by how well you have settled in and are getting use to the day to day routines in our classroom. Thank you for being such a kind and considerate member of Prep BH.
Flynn S	Prep BJ	For being a maths superstar! Flynn, you confidently found 6 different ways to make 10 by breaking Unifix into different parts. You showed GRIT when finding the facts of 10 and you never gave up! I am so proud of you, keep up the wonderful work!
Ryan E	Prep ND	For being such a positive member of Prep ND. Ryan is extremely keen to give his ideas and loves to have a go when trying something new. Well done on a fantastic start!
Lincoln L	Prep SM	For being such a great friend to everyone in Prep SM! Lincoln, I have loved watching you work so cooperatively with the kids in Prep SM, it has blown me away! Thank you for always showing the school values and for filling up everyone's buckets. Keep up the great work superstar!
Sophie W	1KO	For always showing kindness to everyone! Sophie you enter the class room each day with a compliment which makes everyone smile. We are lucky to have such a caring member of 1KO.
Jonathan A	1TS	For the way you brighten our classroom with your enthusiasm and incredible humour. We are so lucky to have you in 1TS. Keep it up super star!
Marlowe P	34B	Marlowe, you have made an outstanding start to Grade 4, showing your impressive leadership skills as well as your humour, care and empathy towards those around you. Never forget that you can achieve anything you set your mind towards!
Elke O	34K	Your curiosity for learning is contagious! I love the questions you ask for clarification, the sharing of your thoughts and ideas on various topics and your wonderings during reading. Keep up the enthusiasm!
Patrick N	34S	For consistently being enthusiastic about your learning! It is great to see you sharing your thoughts with your peers and striving for the best in everything that you do.
Jack N	56E	I love how happily you come into class each day Jack. You are organised, friendly, thoughtful and keen to help out in any way you can. You take your Italian Captain leadership role seriously and are a great role model in class.
Angus S	56F	For the commitment, he shows as a learner. Angus, I am so proud of the effort you put into completing tasks, the way you give everything a go, and how you share your ideas. Keep it up super star!
Sienna B	56M	Sienna has had a GREAT start to the year. She has show maturity around her learning and decision making which has made her a real asset to the class. Keep up the good work Sienna.

Grade 3/4 iPad Program Reminder - Term 1

Grade 3/4 Families,

The commencement of the Grade 3/4 iPad Program in Term 2 is fast approaching.

In preparation for this, we begin adding devices to the school's network in the week beginning the 1st of March.

From the 1st of March, please deliver your device to your child's classroom and it will be set up to use at Greenhills. Please ensure your child's device is in a protective case and is clearly labelled with their name and grade.

Due to the high number of iPads being set up, this may take a number of weeks. Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.

Please remember that If your iPad is currently set up and in use, please back up your data, sign out of all Apple accounts and reset the device to factory settings. Please visit the Apple website.

David Symeonidis
Grade 3/4 Teacher



INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Friday 26th February 2021

CURRICULUM DAY - NO INTERSCHOOL SPORT

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Stay tuned for the overall result and some photos in next week's edition of Contact.

COMMUNITY SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to **Ethan A (3/4M)** who competed in the Preston Junior Track Carnival at Preston Velodrome. He finished 1st in his Scratch Race, 1st in the Moto Pace and 2nd in the Points Race. Ethan also won the Overall Standings for his under 11's category.

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

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.**

Volunteers are now welcome back since Covid restrictions have changed from last year. If you are interested in volunteering whether on a regular basis or occasionally please do so through Carebookings.

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

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Recital and Training Choir Rehearsals:

Both Recital and Training Choir Rehearsals have started at 8.00a.m. Recital Choir is on Tuesdays and the Training Choir is on Thursday mornings.

Training Choir - the Training Choir is open to any student in Grades 3 & 4. If your child would like to try it out please feel free to take a 4 week trial. We have a few places still available.



Kate Stewart
Music Teacher

Connected School - Helping your child become the best student they can be.

By Michael Grose

The new school year is full of excitement and possibility for students and parents. Regardless of how a child or young person has previously performed, this year offers a chance to set a new course.

While it's tempting as a parent to make the attainment of good academic results the main priority, this is a narrow view that may be incompatible with long-term success. It's wiser to broaden your view and focus on helping your child or young person become the best student they can be. Here's how.

Encourage learning

The rapidly changing world and workforce that your child will enter requires that they have a willingness to continually learn and adapt. The concept of a lifelong learner, previously lauded by educators with an eye to the future, has now become a reality. Learning and continual improvement should be embedded in each child's psyche so that school life is just a starting point to a lifetime of learning, growth and development. Help your child see themselves as successful learners who achieve results through hard work and application, and that nothing is beyond them if they apply themselves.

Promote leadership

Leadership is required in all walks of life including at school, at work, in families and in the wider community. Help your child see themselves as a leader by focusing on personal leadership capacities such as planning ahead, communicating clearly, being accountable for their behaviour, developing emotional awareness and fostering good relationships with siblings and peers. Personal leadership development provides a strong foundation for the development of leadership skills in more public forums in later life.

Applaud independence

The school years are critical for the development of independence, which can easily be closed down by the roadblocks of impatience, overindulgence, fear and lack of time. Alternatively, independence is promoted when we show patience, provide opportunity, display confidence and teach students how.

Embed wellbeing

If there is one difference that modern schooling is making to the next generation it's in the leadership they have shown in recent years to the maintenance of mental health and wellbeing practises. Parents can support their child's long-term wellbeing by embedding wellbeing habits including healthy eating, exercise, sleep, relaxation techniques, regular time in nature, gratitude and mindfulness.

Teach socialisation

If you want your child to be liked by others, it's essential to spend time and effort developing the skills and attitudes needed to succeed. Develop in them an awareness of how their behaviour impacts on others, instil manners and community-mindedness and develop a broad range of friendship skills that will assist them to relate well to others.

Foster resilience

2020 showed us life is unpredictable, full of ups and downs, straight balls and curve balls. It's the unpredictability, the downs and the curve balls that develop kids' resilience. How parents and teachers react to the hardships, frustrations and difficulties kids face either hamper or foster resilience. Spoil, overprotect or pamper and growth opportunities are wasted. Support, encourage and teach kids to cope and you'll be helping them develop a real sense of psychological hardiness and resilience that's essential for long term happiness and success.

Make this year a memorable one by helping your child grow and develop into the best student they can be. Keep the focus broad and do all you can to ensure that your child sees themselves as a confident and continuous learner.



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To claim his rightful place on the throne and save his beloved Pridelands Simba must find his inner strength and confront his wicked Uncle Scar. . The Lion King JR. features classic songs from the 1994 film such as "Hakuna Matata" and the Academy Award®-winning "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" as well as additional songs penned for the Broadway production.

"The Lion King Jr reaches to our deepest emotions, touching on themes of love, loss, guilt and responsibility. The overarching message of the Circle of Life and our place in it is both humbling and empowering. Lebo M's soaring African music, Elton John's crowd pleasers and the exotic beauty of the African landscape all combine to make this show, to me, the most joyful and moving of the Disney productions."

Merinda Gray Director Lion King Jr

Playing from the 20th March until the 28th March 2021 at Warrandyte High School Theatre this wonderful cast of 50 children aged 8-15 bring this magical story to life.

Tickets are available via try booking (<https://www.trybooking.com/BGQMB>)

About Diamond Valley Singers (DVS): DVS was established in 1985 to provide a medium for community members in the Diamond Valley and surrounding areas to exercise their talents, and at the same time to raise money for charity. Since our inception, we have donated over \$150,000 to charities, including World Vision, International Needs Australia, Open House, and the Elizabeth Nursery School in Malawi



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