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Dear Parents,

Please read the information below regarding the specialist teaching programs at Greythorn. We look forward to an inspiring and productive term with all our students.

### **Music/Performing Arts with Mrs Joy Odou**

Term 3 begins with our preparation for our school concert in full flight. Students are developing their confident performing skills as they master their singing and dancing in preparation for our whole school production of Dreamweaver. They are learning about the requirements of performing on stage in a theatre setting as well as the benefits of working as a team to create a successful concert.

In addition this term, Prep students will be building their aural skills as they develop an awareness and control of producing a tuneful singing voice. Year 1 students will be learning about instruments of the orchestra and Year 2 students will be creating their own melodies using a range of tuned percussion instruments. Year 3 and 4 students will build on their instrumental skills including recorder, xylophone and marimba. Year 5 students will apply their knowledge of a variety of musical elements as they create their own group compositions and Year 6 students will explore the history of Rock 'n' Roll music.

### **Art with Mrs Kristina Danko**

During Term 3, the Prep students will explore clay for the first time this year. They will learn skills such as moulding, rolling, flattening and sculpting clay. Students will then experiment with fabric in its many forms. The junior school will experiment with a variety of techniques using dry pastels, followed by printmaking using block paint and printing foam. In the middle school, students will develop their embroidery and sewing skills. The Year 3 students will design then create autumn leaves out of felt, and embroider a pattern using sparkly thread. The Year 4 students will create vibrant hessian pillows. Students will then move on to mod-wrap construction and paper construction. The senior school will enjoy constructing artworks from natural organic material inspired by artist Andy Goldsworthy and build their structures outside, while the Year 5 students will be making globes using papier maché.

### **French with Madame Aude Joyce and Madame Kirstin Tuminello**

French lessons at all levels will continue to have a strong focus on speaking and listening this term. All classes will incorporate interactive activities, gesture and different forms of media. The Prep classes will be looking at the story of a cute little "escargot" and will be learning a song, whilst Year 1 will discover a wide range of animals. Students in Year 2 will be looking at the weather and how to dress appropriately for each season. Year 3 students will be learning about prepositions and will use this knowledge to create a French picture book. The Year 4 students will be working together as a class and in small groups to present a play "La poule Maboule". The Year 5 students will be learning about travel related vocabulary and completing a research project developing their understanding of French geography. The Year 6 students will also be learning and presenting a play "Les trois petits cochons".



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### **Physical Education and Sport with Miss Claire Knell**

After a very successful and enjoyable first half of the year, we look forward to this continuing at the same high pace in Term 3. We waste no time getting into the big events, with the House Athletics Carnival for Year 3 – 6 students on the very first day of Term 3 (July 17<sup>th</sup>) at the Tom Kelly Athletics Track. Then, the very next day our Year 4 students begin a 9 day Swimming Program and we wish them a splashingly good time!

Speaking of Athletics, we are excited to announce that we will be holding a Prep – 2 House Athletics Carnival at the Tom Kelly Athletics Track (first time for this age group of students) on the last Wednesday of Term 3, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Students will be practising sprints, long jump, hurdles, throwing, shot put and many other athletic based events in the lead up to this exciting day. We will be seeking parents to assist, so please keep this date free if possible! Throughout the term we will have a number of students representing the school in Sport including Divisional T-ball finals, Regional AFL Girls finals, Junior Hoop Time (selected Year 3 and 4), Senior Hoop Time (selected Year 5 and 6) and the District Athletics Carnival (selected Year 3 – 6). We wish all of these students the best of luck.

Physical Education will continue to be a fun time in the week, where students learn a range of ball and movement skills, applying these into structured games and learn the importance of fair play, good sportsmanship and teamwork. It is crucial that students wear runners on both PE and Sport days, ensuring they can participate fully and get the most out of each session. Keep up the great work Greythorn Primary students and community!

### **Learning Assistance Program (LAP) with Mrs Denise Hartigan**

The LAP program supports students who have additional learning needs. Students are accurately identified through classroom assessment and learning goals are set for each student. It is an intensive program with students involved up to a maximum of three sessions per week for one term. This may happen individually or in a small group situation. Student progress is accurately tracked over one term against their individual learning plan and information is provided to parents on their child's learning and development.

### **English as an Additional Language (EAL) with Ms Amber Shepherd**

The EAL Program caters for students who speak a first language other than English. In these lessons we focus on reading, writing and speaking and listening skills. During Term 3 students from Prep to Year 6 are withdrawn from their classes 2 - 3 times a week to attend small group sessions in the EAL room with Ms Shepherd. The EAL Program works in consultation with teachers at each year level.

In Term 3 our topic will be Farm to Fork. We will be learning about where our food comes from, foods that keep us healthy, doing some gardening in our school vegetable patch and cooking foods in the kitchen. To finish off the term the students will walk to the local shops to purchase ingredients so they can prepare and cook a special morning tea for their classroom teachers. Each year level will also be reading and studying a food themed fiction text throughout the term. It's going to be a busy but delicious term in our EAL room!