



~ Working Together ~

Dear Parents,

Here are some of the highlights of our Specialist Programs at Greythorn in Term 4. We are looking forward to a busy and productive term.

Music/Performing Arts with Mrs Joy Odou

During Term 4 all students from Prep to Year 6 will participate in a Musica Viva performance by the group 'Sousaphonics' who will share vibrant music from around the world on a variety of brass, wind and percussion instruments. In addition students will continue to develop their vocal and instrumental skills through a range of creative tasks. Students in Prep will create their own sound stories and consolidate a range of songs to nurture singing in tune. Year 1 students will develop their understanding of instruments of the orchestra through listening and responding to the musical story 'Peter and the Wolf'. Students in Year 2 will build their skills in improvising and composing and experience an introduction to musical styles. Students in Years 3 and 4 will compose music inspired by the Australian landscape linking with their class *Amazing Australia* Inquiry. Year 5 students will explore manipulating a variety of musical elements as they compose music on a given theme and Year 6 will create some experimental group compositions, improvise some theatre games and prepare for Graduation.

Art with Mrs Kristina Danko

During Term 4, the Preps will begin the term learning how to use dry pastels and create a globe in connection with their inquiry unit 'Our Place on Earth'. The junior school will learn a variety of clay skills such as rolling, coiling, flattening, scratching etc. Year 1 students will trace over a picture and print this onto clay then carve the image out using a skewer. Year 2 students will create a fish for their final artwork, followed by self-portraits. In the middle school, students will continue finishing off their paper construction flowers and lizards from last term. The students will then move onto drawing a portrait of a horse for Melbourne Cup week, exploring a variety of shades using different grey lead pencils. In the senior school, the Year 5 students will begin a unit on Surrealism following on from their excursion in Term 3 at ArtVo. Year 6 students will begin drawing self-portraits, and then transfer these onto watercolor paper. All students in the senior school will finish the year creating dolls using old gloves, buttons and scrap materials.

Physical Education and Sport with Miss Claire Knell

Greythorn students have had a wonderful time in Physical Education and Sport, and we look forward to this continuing right through to the end of the year. Term 4 will be exciting with the Prep – 2 students focusing initially on Gymnastics, while our middle school students learn Striking and Fielding sports including T-ball, Softball, Rounders and Cricket. The senior school will begin the term with a Games Creation unit, where students will work together to design new games before teaching these to their classmates. With the success we have had in Terms 1 – 3, we have several students progressing to higher levels. These include Hoop Time Basketball, Athletics, Cricket and Softball. Good luck to these students.

Throughout the term, we will have several special sport activities/events, including the Greythorn Tennis Club clinics (Prep, Year 1 and 2), Swimming (Prep, Year 5 and 6), a Prep event run by RMIT student teachers and Walk to School 2017.

So as the weather warms up, pop on your hat, don't forget your drink bottle and of course your runners too. Join in the fun throughout Physical Education and Sport at Greythorn Primary School!



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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. In the junior school, students in Prep will be looking at family members with a little French bear called "Petit Ours Brun", whilst Year 1 will learn about sports as well as transport with the help of a well-known French character named T'choupi. Students in Year 2 will be looking at family members and different types of food. Year 3 students will continue to develop their understanding of common adjectives and gender agreement. They will also learn about French Christmas traditions. The Year 4 students will be performing their plays "La poule Maboule" and answering written comprehension activities to demonstrate their understanding of the text. The Year 5 students will be learning about French school life and voicing their thoughts and opinions about different school subjects and activities. The Year 6 students will also be performing their plays "Les trois petits cochons" and answering written comprehension activities to demonstrate their understanding of the text.

Library with Mrs Nopi Kenos

The Preps will need to run as fast as they can, and huff and puff during library this term as we will be studying fairy tales. We will be concentrating on prediction and retelling and role playing. That naughty *Cat in the Hat* will be making an appearance along with Thing 1 and 2 and all the marvelous characters of the Dr Seuss books for Years 1 and 2. We will be looking at Dr Seuss books with the focus on poems and rhymes. Aussie, Aussie, Aussie! Australian authors will be the focus for Years 3 and 4. We will be studying different genres from well-known authors and also new Australian authors. Snapchat, Musicaly, Instagram, Facebook are just a few of the apps that children of today use, but how many of our kids are actually well equipped to use these apps safely? CYBER SAFETY and Bullying will be the theme that Years 5 and 6 will be studying this term. And of course we will not allow the Grinch to steal Christmas from the GPS library! Looking forward to another great term with the students!

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's 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 4 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 4 our topic will be Our Tomorrow based on the book *The Tomorrow Book* by Jackie French. We will be learning about our environment and its importance to our existence. The different ways we can live a more sustainable life and protect our world for a clean and eco-friendly tomorrow. Each year level will also be reading and studying a sustainable themed fiction text throughout the term as well. Let's learn to Recycle, Reuse and Reduce in EAL!