



*~ Working Together ~*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please read below information regarding the specialist teaching programs at Greythorn. We look forward to an inspiring and productive Term 1 with all our students.

### **Visual Arts with Miss Bernadette Latorre (Miss. L)**

Visual Arts in Term One is all about the fundamentals of making art. The students will be learning about colour theory and the eight Elements and Principles of Art. They will be exposed to artists and art movements throughout history and introduced to their artworks. The art program will have the students building on skills using a variety of mediums. The middle and senior school will taking their learning one step further by being introduced to the Studio Habits of Mind (S.H.O.M), through these behaviours, students will become more independent in their Visual Arts lessons, producing artworks with a more valuable meaning. Students from Year Three to Six must have a Visual Art Diary for planning and experimenting with ideas. If they have an iPad, I would encourage students to bring this along as well, to help with their research during their planning stage. However, this is not a necessity. Please provide your child with their own art smock to ensure their school uniform is protected at all times.

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

Physical Education and Sport has certainly started quickly and enthusiastically. Right from the beginning of the year the program will be jam packed with all students participating in weekly Physical Education and Sport sessions. We wish students the best of luck in the upcoming District Swimming Competition on February 25<sup>th</sup> and weekly Summer Inter-school Sport (Year 5/6) commencing February 15<sup>th</sup> (the summer sports are Cricket, Softball, Volleyball, Rounders and Hot Shots Tennis). We are also lucky to have secured some free sport clinics for the students. These include – Year 1 and 2: AFL, Tennis and Futsal, Year 3 and 4: AFL and Futsal, Year 5 and 6: Lawn Bowls (as part of the Senior School elective sport program).

At Greythorn Primary School, all students participate in 50minute weekly Physical Education sessions, focusing on developing a range of fitness, movement and ball handling skills. Prep students are introduced to the fundamental skills including running, jumping, skipping, throwing, catching, kicking and bouncing. These skills are built upon in Year 1 and 2 and then applied into more structured games in Year 3. Once students hit Grade 5 and 6, it's time to apply these skills with tactics and game strategies, with many students representing the school in the Inter-school Sport program. We look forward to developing our skills before major events including and not limited to Cross Country, Athletics and Hoop Time. Physical Education is a fun opportunity for students to not only develop physical skills, but learn teamwork, sportsmanship, co-operation, communication and fair play. So pop your runners on, jump out of bed... PE is on today!

### **French with Madame Aude Joyce and Madame Antionette Kennedy**

French lessons are conducted every week throughout all year levels. Aude Joyce will be teaching Prep and Junior school students and Antoinette Kennedy will be teaching the Middle and Senior school students.

All French lessons will be interactive, utilising technology, music, media and dialogue to engage all students. The AIM teaching program is incorporated within the lessons when needed. This program focuses on speaking and listening and has the students engaged in their learning thanks to the use of gestures, acting, songs and dance.

In term One French lessons with the Prep and junior school will have a focus on real world conversations, including greetings and giving personal information about oneself as well as following classroom instructions in French and learning about numbers and colours. In the middle and senior school, students will enlarge their vocabulary and broaden their knowledge of sentence structure and sounds. They will increasingly use spoken French, communicating with their peers and sharing ideas. They will develop their ability to comprehend the language and its sounds. Students will also enjoy some written activities. They will be able to describe likes and dislikes, daily routines and hobbies - of both themselves and of others. They will additionally increase their understanding of French culture and how it reflects behaviour and ways of life and thinking. The children will learn and practise through a variety of activities - which they find enjoyable and fun!

### **Library with Mrs Nopi Kenos and Brooke Walling**

All students at Greythorn Primary School will be participating in weekly library lessons throughout the year.

The library program consists of literacy enrichment and research skills development. A range of text types are used – picture story books, nonfiction and fiction books, and students are introduced to various genres.

A range of activities that help promote and encourage reading such as “Book Week” and various competitions will occur throughout the year. “Book Week” will take place in August and the students are given the opportunity to dress as their favourite book character.

During Term 1, the Foundation students will be learning all about the library, how to look after books and the importance of reading.

The Year 1 students will be focusing on animals in books and animals as the main characters in the story.

Students in Year 2 will learn about well-known Australian children’s authors and enjoy reading a range of books by these authors.

Cyber bullying and cyber safety will be the focus for students in Years 3 – 6 .They will be taught how to stay safe online, how to identify legitimate and scam websites and strategies to deal with cyber bullying. At the conclusion of this unit students will participate in creating a technology agreement.

We look forward to a great year ahead with all the students!

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

All students have a weekly class in which they develop skills and confidence in expressing themselves musically and artistically. Skills in singing, dancing, playing instruments and reading music are developed at every year level. Year 3 students are learning the descant recorder and are quickly gaining mastery of this new instrument, and Year 6 students are beginning to learn the ukulele. Students in Year 3 and 4 are expected to do at least three short practices per week as part of their regular homework schedule. The whole school will participate in a Musica Viva visiting performance entitled ‘The Air I Breathe’ on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. This term students in all levels will be exploring the musical element of ‘rhythm’ using a range of drums including African djembe, Japanese Taiko, Vietnamese drums and a range of other percussion instruments. Musical performances, School Concerts and Arts Festivals are a regular feature of the Arts program and all students will have the chance to perform with their class at our school Assembly throughout the year. In 2019 the whole school will be involved in a Musical Production to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The school has a number of performing ensembles including Senior Choir (Years 5 and 6), the Recorder and Percussion Ensemble, the Taiko Group and our school orchestra, the GYPSIES. Please see Mrs Odou or the school office if you are interested in afterschool instrumental tuition.