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Dear Parents,

Please read below information 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

During Term 2, Prep - Year 2 students are developing their singing skills through a range of singing games and the use music handsigns to indicate higher and lower pitch. They are learning to read rhythm patterns with increasing complexity. In addition Prep students are listening and responding to 'Carnival of the Animals', Year 1 students are exploring creating music using symbolic or picture music notation and Year 2 students are experimenting improvising their own music. Students in Years 3 and 4 are developing their skills playing in marimba ensemble and are refining their recorder playing skills. Year 3 students are writing simple music for recorder and Year 4 students are learning to select 'just right' music reading samples, and exploring music from earlier times. Students in Year 5 are creating their own group music compositions using complex rhythms. Year 6 students are experimenting writing their own songs through an exploration and inquiry into songwriting. Students at all levels are preparing through song and dance for this year's Whole School Concert to be held in Term 3 on the 1st and 2nd August.

Art with Mrs Kristina Danko

During Term 2, Prep students will begin experimenting for the first time with printmaking and collage, linking closely to their inquiry unit on 'What do Living Things Need to Survive?' The junior school will explore artworks by Henri Matisse through the art of paper construction. The middle school will be inspired by Edgar Degas' dancing ballerinas and Vincent Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' painting and replicate these through mixed media and collage. The senior school will also be getting their hands dirty in clay for the last time, and delve into a new style of Street Art.

Just a friendly reminder to please encourage your child to bring their own art smock to each lesson to ensure their school uniform is protected at all times. Art smocks can be purchased through the school recycle shop which is located next to the EAL room.

French with Madame Aude Joyce and Madame Kirstin Tuminello

French in the junior school this term will have students consolidating their greetings and counting skills as well as experimenting with singing French songs. In the Prep classes, we will be looking at a cute "escargot" and animals in general, whilst Year 1s will discover a wider range of fruits and vegetables. Students in Year 2 will be looking at the French alphabet and further explore their ability to introduce and describe themselves.

French in the middle and senior schools will have a strong emphasis on speaking and listening this term. All students will be looking at common and unusual sounds in the French language through learning a French poem. Year 3 students will be learning about different animals and describing the environments they live in. Year 4 classes will be investigating Paris through virtual tours and learning about simple verbs. Year 5 students will be learning about time and weather, using this knowledge to present a weather forecast. Year 6 classes will be looking into French foods and how to read simple recipes.



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Physical Education and Sport with Miss Claire Knell

The Term 2 Physical Education and Sport program will be full of fun and positive learning challenges, where students continue to strive to reach their personal best. The importance of being physically active is promoted through the Premier's Active April Challenge, that is for students and families to complete 30minutes of physical activity every day in April. The whole school sets off to Greythorn Park the first Thursday back to participate in the House Cross Country, even the Prep students will be taking on their first big event for the year, with the 500m dash. Don't forget to wear your house colours!

Throughout the term we will be focusing on the Football Codes including having 'AFL Week', run in conjunction with AFL Victoria and the Greythorn Falcons Football Club, Year 3's and 4's will participate in a four week AFL 9's program, whilst the Year 5's and 6's will be introduced to Rugby, through Melbourne Storm Clinics.

Further to this, we welcome five RMIT 4th year PE student teachers for the first 6 Wednesdays of Term. They will be assisting with PE sessions, as well as providing the Prep students an additional PE session each week. Inter-school Sport will be in full force with the Winter Sports competition, as well as the AFL 9's Gala Day and Hockey 7's. Also, ensuring no one is left out. Year 1's and 2's have their respective Swimming Programs.

Lastly, Year 3-6 students will learn about Athletics... just in time for the House Athletics Carnival which is the very first day of Term 3!

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 2 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 2 our topic will be Our Community. We will be looking at family life, what it means to be part of a community, features of our local community and jobs that help our community operate. We will be going on an excursion to our local shops for a treasure hunt and finish the term off with a special lunch.