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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 2 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 of music hand signs 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 and 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 song writing. Students at all levels are preparing for a Musica Viva in Schools Visiting Performance by world music group, Mara, who will present a performance called 'Stories and Song Across the World'.

Visual Arts with Miss Bernadette Latorre (Miss. L)

Term 2 will find the students exploring different mediums and artists throughout time whilst developing their knowledge of the principles and elements of art. The Foundation cohort will be introduced to the artistic styles of artists like Joan Miro and Henri Matisse. They will develop their fine motor skills through drawing, cutting and pasting. The Junior School has a focus of creating different landscapes and will improve their drawing skills through directional drawing and learning about Paul Klee. The Middle School will be learning about Abstract Art and perceptions through artists such as Arcimboldo and Georgia O'Keefe. While the Senior cohort will be focusing on Australian Art with the likes of Sidney Nolan and Arthur Boyd.

Just a friendly reminder that to ensure students' uniforms are protected at all times, they are encourage to have their own art smock. Also, all Grade 3 to 6 students require their own visual diary for idea development, reflection and planning purposes.

Physical Education and Sport with Miss Claire Knell and Mr Peter Scarfo

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 30 minutes of physical activity every day in April. Congratulations to the whole community on the amazing effort at the Fun Run. Together we raised over \$36,000 and the fans were installed over the holidays. This will make a huge difference to the students learning opportunities during the warmer weather. Keeping in the running mode, the whole school House Cross Country was run on the first Wednesday of Term – April 18th with Allen House coming out on top.

This term students will be learning a variety of sports including AFL and Soccer to coincide with the 2018 World Cup (Go Aussies!). In addition to this, Prep students will continue to develop both movement and ball skills, Years 1 and 2 head to the pool for their intensive 9 day swimming program, Years 3 and 4, will learn about Basketball in preparation for Hoop Time and Years 5 and 6 students will continue to participate in the jam packed Inter/Intra School Sport program.

Further to this, we welcome 7 x RMIT PE student teachers for the first 6 Wednesday's of Term. They will be assisting with PE sessions, as well as providing the Prep students an additional PE lesson each week. Inter-school Sport will be in full force with the Winter Sports competition, as well as the AFL 9's Gala Day (Year 3/4), Hockey 7's and Year 4 Hoop Time.

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



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French with Madame Aude Joyce and Madame Kirstin Tuminello

In the junior school this term, students will consolidate their greetings and counting skills as well as experiment 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 range of fruits and vegetables and learn a song about an “éléphant”. Students in Year 2 will be looking at the French alphabet comparing the sounds of the letters to the English pronunciation and they will also make their own weekly timetable.

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 menus and common vocabulary used when in a restaurant or café.

Library with Mrs Nopi Kenos

All students at Greythorn Primary School will be participating in Library lessons for 2 terms. 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.

“Oh the places they’ll go!” The Year One students will be focusing on Dr Seuss and they will learn that there is more to Dr Seuss books than just rhyming words.

“Wolf! Wolf!” The year 2 students will explore the many themes including truth, trust and responsibility through Aesop’s Fables.

“Come one, come all to the greatest show on Earth!” The circus is in town for the Year 4’s. The students will understand that the library is just as entertaining as the circus. Books are full of excitement and suspense, just like the circus.

“You have the right to remain silent. If you do say anything, it can be used against you in a court of law.” The year 6 students will put on their detective hat and try and find the culprit who stole the lollies from the library. They will be focusing on the mystery genre.

Last but not least, we will be kicking goals in the library to celebrate the World Cup. Looking forward to a great term with the students.

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

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

The EAL Program should help all students:

- Feel comfortable in their social and learning situations
- Feel confident in using the English language at all times
- Feel valued in what they have to offer in the classroom.

Parents can help by:

- Sharing a variety of social experiences with their children
- Reading and discussing books together, speaking English together at home.