Dear Parents,

Please read below important information regarding the specialist teaching programs at Greythorn. We look forward to a productive year with all our students.

**French with Madame Sally Holt and Madame Aude Joyce**

How lucky are we at Greythorn to now learn French from Prep! With the new Australian curriculum in place, French is now taught at every level in the school. Our students have the opportunity to acquire an additional language and associated intercultural skills, which will make them responsible and engaged members of our multicultural community here at Greythorn as well as outside school. It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mme. Aude Joyce to Greythorn, who is very much looking forward to being part of this journey with the Prep, Year 1, Year 2, 3R and 3S classes. Aude is at GPS on Wednesdays, teaching in the French Room and on Thursdays, teaching in the classrooms. Mme Holt is teaching the 3MD, 3W, Year 4, 5 and 6 classes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Physical Education with Mr Daniel Zito**

Students are given various opportunities each week to participate in structured physical activity. The Phys Ed lesson involves a range of skills based activities, individual coaching and game-based lessons. As these usually take place outside, it is important that all students come to Phys Ed with a hat, drink bottle and wearing sunscreen. In addition to the Phys Ed lesson there are other opportunities for student participation. Year 5 and 6 have the chance to try out for an interschool sport team, in Term 1 that includes cricket, softball, bat tennis, rounders and volleyball. This is also the term when we hold our Year 3 to 6 swimming carnival with top swimmers going on to compete at district, division and regional levels.

**Art with Miss Elizabeth Turley and Mrs Bec Banez**

This year Bec Banez is teaching 6D and 4R and Elizabeth Turley teaches art to all the other classes. The art program is skill based and focuses on the artistic elements, including colour, shape, line, pattern, texture, space and form. Each student has drawn a self-portrait in greylead pencil; these portraits are kept until year 6 so students can annually reflect on past portraits to see the progress in their drawing ability. Year 6 students will soon take home their collection of portraits from their years at Greythorn. Art smocks are needed for each lesson and we prefer the art smocks available through our school recycle shop. Please do not purchase plastic or PVC smocks as they are too hot for students to wear on hot days and they pose a safety risk when worn at the art room sinks. On our school website you will find a guide for removing stains from products used in the art room.
English as an Additional Language (EAL) with Mrs Sue Boyce
The EAL program (established in 2000) caters for students who come from different cultures and speak a language or languages other than English at home. Some of these students were born overseas and received their early education in their home country. Others were born here and may have limited exposure speaking the English language. During the first semester students from years 1 to 6 are withdrawn from their classes twice a week to attend small group sessions in the EAL room next to the French room. (Prep students join the program in Term 3) Currently, 29 students attend the program. However, this number may vary during the year, based on individual needs and new enrolments to the school.

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. Students in Year 3 and 4 are expected to do at least three short practices per week as part of their regular homework schedule. Year 5 and 6 students are expected to practice as required. 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 assemblies. Junior Choir for all Year 4 students is held in terms 1 and 3 and for all Year 3 students in Terms 2 and 4. The Senior Choir is an auditioned choir for Year 5 and 6 students. Our school orchestra, the GYPSIES, rehearse on Mondays from 4:00-5:00pm. Please see Mrs Odou or the school office if you are interested in afterschool instrumental tuition...

Library with Mrs Cheryl Williams and Mrs Denise Hartigan
The Library is open at lunchtimes from 1 to 1:25 pm: Monday to Thursday and from 3:30 to 3:45 Monday to Friday. Parents are welcome to browse with their children after school until 3:45. Our aim is to motivate students to read for pleasure and relaxation as well as for research purposes. Prep, Year 1 and 2 students must bring a library bag or satchel to their weekly lessons for borrowing. There is a one book only borrowing rule without the bag. The school library bag/satchel is waterproof and keeps our resources safe. Library loans are for 3 weeks, we recommend that junior readers return their resources weekly, with older readers using the full 3 week period. Books will be extended if students are still reading them. Overdue notices are sent home twice a term. Please let us know if there is a query over a returned or lost book. Resources are returned via each class’s library tub which comes to the Library each day with class monitors. Books may also be returned through the Library chute before or after school. Our students are encouraged to become independent and responsible users of our library and its resources.