

Greythorn Primary School – Working Together



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18 March 2020 School Calendar

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

TERM 1

End of Term: Fri 27 March 2020

TERM 2

Start of Term: Tues 14 April 2020

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SCHOOL VALUES

RESPECT

Caring about
ourselves,
others and the
things in our
environment.

INTEGRITY

Being honest
and fair.

OPTIMISM

Focusing on positive,
rewarding and
enjoyable
daily experiences.

PRIDE

Recognising and
celebrating
our personal
achievements and the
personal
achievements of others.





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

COVID-19 Update

Many of you would have heard the address to the nation this morning by Prime Minister, The Hon. Scott Morrison on the COVID-19 pandemic and the latest Government's measures to contain the spread of the virus. During the address, the Prime Minister spoke at length about school closures. He continued to assert that schools would and should remain open around the nation at this point in time and in the foreseeable future. This message has been a consistent one for many weeks from both Federal and State leaders, Chief Medical Officers, The Department of Education and Training as well as the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Department of Education and Training has continued to take advice on dealing with the pandemic from all relevant authorities and continues to update principals and schools on a daily basis. As I mentioned to you all in a recent Compass communication, the Department last week indicated to schools for the first time that we should prepare for possible closure. Since this directive, the teachers at Greythorn have been working very hard to produce work for home learning in the advent of a closure. The work being prepared includes hard copy worksheets, online learning or a combination of both. I commend the teachers for their work and their professionalism during this climate of uncertainty. Ongoing planning in how we can best cater for home learning in the advent of an extended closure is also taking place.

Additionally, the school continues to remain vigilant with hand washing and personal hygiene habits with the students. They are being given multiple opportunities each day to wash their hands thoroughly, especially before eating and after specialist classes. All camps, excursions, incursions, assemblies and PFA events have been cancelled until further notice. We have also divided recess and lunch times so that less students are interacting in the yard during these breaks. We continue to endeavour to maintain all teaching and learning in a safe and comfortable environment for the students. The staff and I appreciate your ongoing support during this unprecedented event. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries regarding the school's or Department's position on the pandemic.

School Council AGM

Tonight is school council's Annual General Meeting for 2020. During this meeting this year's office bearers will be elected. These positions include President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. I will update you in the next newsletter as to whom this year's office bearers are.

Part of school council's role is to form and operate sub-committees. The sub-committees include; Finance, Buildings & Grounds, Education and Canteen. Each committee has a role to play in overseeing certain aspects of the school's operations. Committees meet on a monthly basis and report directly to council on the work they have been doing. Any parent in the Greythorn community can be a member of a sub-committee. In the next newsletter, this year's committee convenors will include a piece on their committee and the role that it plays. You may have an interest in joining one of these committees and I strongly encourage you to do so, as feedback and input from a wide variety of community members is invaluable for any committee.

State Swimming Finals

Congratulations to Olivia Y (412) who last week qualified for the State finals by winning her 50m backstroke race at the Regional finals. This is a fantastic achievement by her to reach this level of competition and a testament to her training regime that consists of five sessions per week. At this stage with most large scale events being postponed or cancelled, we do not know when the finals will be held.

Andrew Searle
Principal



What's News

PFA NEWS

It's been a hard start for us all this year. As all events for PFA have been postponed, we just would like to thank all for their hard work in organising welcome BBQ to only be postponed. We will reschedule at a later date and no doubt we will all want to come out to be with our community again.

If you could please return your Easter tickets by this Friday as there is a lot of work that needs to happen behind the scenes.

Please keep your donations for Easter eggs coming for this week also. Whilst your queuing up for that golden toilet paper roll, grab some Easter eggs for our raffle!

Mary Chrisant
The PFA team

STUDENT BANKING

EVERY WEDNESDAY EXCEPT THE LAST DAY OF TERM

The winner of the banking trophy for this week was **606**- again! Well done.

Also redeem your tokens for your term 1 gifts. This term you can get : Terry Denton activity book or a mini soccer ball. Get you orders in before they are no longer available.

Jacinta, Mary and Janene
School Banking Co-ordinators jmosbauer@yahoo.com



What's News

Olivia Yang makes the state swimming finals in the Under 10 backstroke event. Congratulations Olivia!



CSEF News

Dear Parents/Guardians

The Camps Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is available to eligible families to help pay towards the costs of excursions, camps and swimming. To determine eligibility please see link: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/CSEF-Application-Form-2020.docx>

If you are eligible please complete the 2020 application form and bring it to the school office along with a valid concession/healthcare card. Applications will not be accepted without a valid healthcare/concession card. Applications close 26 June 2020.

If you were in receipt of the CSEF in 2019 it is not necessary to complete another application form unless your circumstances have changed. However, please inform the school that you would like to apply for CSEF in 2020.

What's News

Learn music

here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, ukulele, here at Greythorn Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$18.80 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2.

Interested parents should call Brenda during office hours on 9818 2333 or email brenda@creativemusic.com.au

 Creative Music

www.creativemusic.com.au



What's News

HOODIE DAY

GPS Hoodie Up for Autism Day

Tuesday April 21

Simply wear your favourite **hoodie** to school, and at **11am**, everyone puts their **hoodies up!**

This is to show some understanding of how we can support people with autism and celebrate the diversity they bring to our world.

Gold Coin Donation : Amaze (Autism Victoria)

Why Hoodies?

Some autistic people become overwhelmed by sensory stimuli in their surroundings. They can calm down and feel safe by lifting up their hoodies and dampening down the bright lights or intrusive sounds.



GET IN THE SWIM @ **Kew SWIMMING CLUB**

COME AND HAVE A TRY OUT!

Thursday Evenings 6:30 pm
Strathcona Girls School Pool
34 Scott Street Canterbury
or contact us at any time to arrange an assessment

Contact:
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Want to take your swimming further? Join one of Victoria's oldest, most successful swimming clubs. Our expert coaches can help you transition from lessons to squad training and then as far (and fast!) as you want to go!

Website: <https://kew.swimming.org.au/>
Facebook: facebook.com/swimatKew/



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IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

BG Jets Auskick Centres

BG Jets Fridays from 4.30 pm at Balwyn Park

BG Jets Saturdays from 9.00 am at Greythorn Park.

Fridays launch April 17 Saturdays launch April 18th
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