



Grey Street
Primary School Traralgon



Grey Street Newsletter

A newsletter for families, by the students
'Over the Bridge'

Created by the DigiTech team

Wrap Up!

This August, there have been a lot of things going on around our amazing school! We have celebrated book week, Olympics ending, the preps celebrated 100 days of school and there has been some nice weather!

Not to mention our amazing new
GaGa Pit!

There's a lot of things to talk about
in this newsletter and read on!

Upcoming Events!

District Summer Sports - 26th August

Division Summer Sports - 28th August

Student Led Conferences 5th/6th September

Student Free Day - 6th September

Division Athletics - 17th September

Fighting Extinction Raffle tickets due 19th
September

Fighting Extinction Dress up day - 19th
September





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AUGUST NEWSLETTER



Principal's Corner

Wow, isn't Term 3 flying by!

A huge thanks and well done to everyone for making last week's Book Week celebrations so much fun. I think it is definitely a highlight for everyone each year and the joy and excitement is certainly infectious.

Continuing our good feelings, we recently received our schools NAPLAN results. Each year our Year 3 and Year 5 students sit a Numeracy, Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punction assessments. Our students again performed strongly with our school achieving above state averages in all areas. This is a great results for our students and staff!

With only a couple of weeks to go, we've still got a lot to get through with Student Led Conferences, State Schools Spectacular, Fighting Extinction Day and Footy Colours Day before we have a rest and gear up for a big final term of 2024.

I hope all of our Grey Street dads have a great father's day!

Upcoming



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- Division Summer Sports - 28th August
- Student Led Conferences
- Student Free Day - 6th September
- Prep/1 Swimming - 2nd to 13th September



Respect for
Self



Respect for
Others



Respect for
Learning



Respect for
Planet

100 days of school!

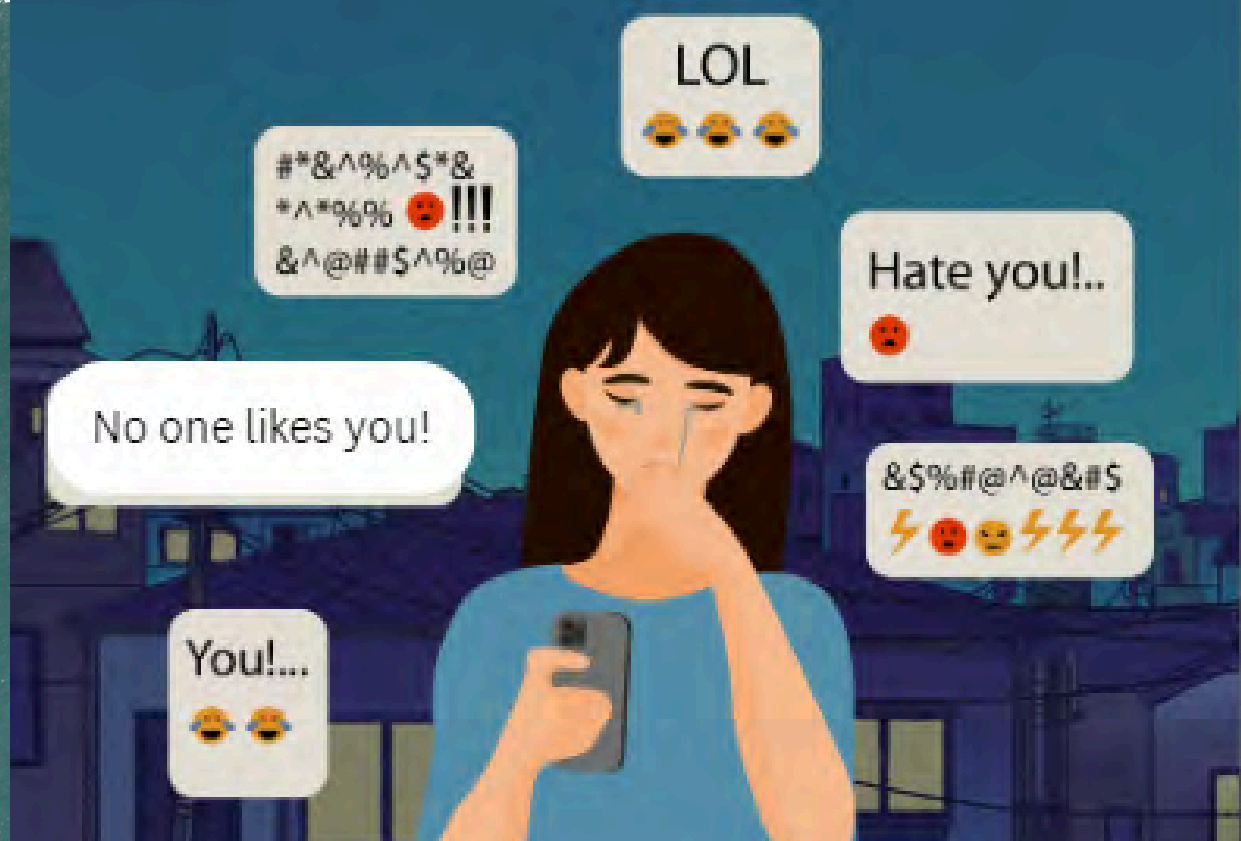
This term our preps have celebrated their 100 days of school. They celebrated by wearing clothes with 100 things on it or dressing as if they are 100 years old. On the day they participated in some cool activities like making fairy bread with hundreds and thousands. Well done Preps on your first 100 days of school - you are all amazing! P.S how good do the prep teaching staff look all dressed up!!



We at Grey Street PS can

STOP CYBERBULLYING

WORDS ARE POWERFUL
CHOOSE THEM CAREFULLY



The DigiTech team want to begin teaching students about cyber bullying and helping people if they are being bullied online through social media, like snapchat or TikTok. This work starts at home though! Being kind online is so important! You never know the impact of your unkind words! We ask all families to have a discussion with their students about cyberbullying and being a kind person when using social media sites.

MEET MR. FITCH!!

What is your name?

Tim Fitch

What is your job at school?

Learning Specialist/ Year 3 teacher

How many years have you been working in a school?

9 years

Who are your favourite musicians?

Blink 182

What are your favourite movies?

Harry Potter

What is one thing you cannot survive without as someone who works in a school?

My Laptop!

What are your hobbies?

Cricket, camping, and working on his farm.

What are you excited about this year with the GSPS students?

To go on a learning journey

What is one piece of advice for the GSPS students?

Life's a garden, dig it.

What is a random fact about you that people might now know?

Nearly cut my toe off with a chainsaw.





Our future, their future

Help the defenceless Leadbeater's possum!!!!
DRESS AS YOUR FUTURE/DREAM JOB

On the 19th September 2024

Don't forget, to bring a gold coin

Donation!! Raffle winner revealed for lolly jars on 19 of September 2024

They need your support, the Leadbeater' possum!

Only 436 colonies left in the wild!!!



Please save my kind!!!



The year 4 students need the schools help to fight the extinction of the critically endangered Leadbeater's Possum! We are hosting a 'dress up as your dream job' day, with some other fun activities on the day!

Its a gold coin donation to dress up on the 19th September.

PLUS, there will be a raffle, with tickets only 50c each! Tickets will come home in the first week of September! There are some incredible prizes to win!!

There will also be a 'guess the Lollie's in the Lolly jar' competition for 50c a guess!

Fighting Extinction RAFFLE

a gift for you

Hey if you are wondering about the raffle prizes, well there will be many awards like gift cards of different kinds of hampers! There is also a guess how many lollies are in the lolly jar. So, stay tuned!!The raffle will be held on the nineteenth of September 2024.Raffle tickets will be out on the 2nd of September. Raffle tickets are 50c each, and each guess in the lolly competition is also 50c.



Buddies!

In buddies over the past few weeks, the Year Prep and Grade 1 students have been working with their Grade 5 and 6 buddies to play some fun games, both in the classroom and outside the classroom.



Basketball in Hall

On Monday's at lunch, there has been a basketball tournament going on! It has been so exciting to see everyone getting engaged in the fun and cheering on their house!!



EAL

Hey everyone, Emilia and Tzy speaking. There has been so much happening at EAL! Whats EAL you may ask? Well, we are lucky enough to be a school that has students from all over the world! The EAL is a group of children who are from different countries . What we learn at EAL is about all, different countries, culture, and so much more. We work with Mrs. Harriman and Ms. M and we celebrate all that we can bring to our wonderful school.



STUDENT LED CONFERENCES



THURSDAY 5TH AND FRIDAY
6TH SEPTEMBER, 2024



THURSDAY: 3:45PM - 7:30PM
FRIDAY: 8:30AM - 12:00PM
PLEASE NOTE - BOOKINGS ARE
STRICTLY 10 MINUTES.

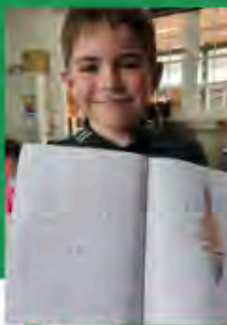
Student Led Conferences are a chance for your student to share their learning achievements in Term 3!
Classroom teachers will be in the room to facilitate, however this special conference is led by the student!

Bookings are essential!

BOOK ON COMPASS



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LOST PROPERTY

Over the last few weeks, there has been a **TREMENDOUS** amount of lost property accumulating at the library. A large majority of these are clothing items, lunchboxes and drink bottles which all have NO NAME! Please ensure that everything your child brings to school, has their name *CLEARLY* labelled on it. Please also talk to your students about looking after their items at school!

Thank you!



GaGa Pit!!

Out in the Senior end of the playground, you might have noticed a new pit! This is the amazing GaGa Pit! Students from GSPS fundraised over the past couple of years and now we finally have a fun new place to play! The rules are pretty easy to follow and the game is awesome fun! I love it because it is fun, I get to play with my friends and other kids I don't normally get to play with! At the moment, it is for the grade 3-6 only, and there is a schedule on the side of it!

Written by Elliot.

Book Week Dress up!

On Friday 23rd of August, we had the annual Book Week Dress up day! On this day, students dressed up as their favourite book character! Even the teachers and MOBY got dressed up!



Book Week Dress up!



Congratulations to Mr. Graham, Pete and Moby who won the Best Dressed Teacher Award voted on by the students



Awards

Respect for Self and Others.

To get a respect for self and others award you have to be kind and respectful to yourself and others.

Respect for Learning

To get a respect for learning award you need to be passionate in your learning and contributing to classroom discussions

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS FORTNIGHTS WINNERS



Father's Day

Raffle books coming home - Monday 12th August.
Raffle books due back - Thursday 29th August
Prizes Drawn - Friday 30th August

Up for grabs...

- 1 - Sky Fitness 6 month membership
- 2 - Big Swing Golf (at Drummond Golf Traralgon) - Family (up to 6 players) 2 hour session on the simulator
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- 4 - Memory Co \$400 Portrait Experience (includes \$200 Session Fee = 1 hour photography plus \$200 credit)
- 5 - Sky Fitness 3 month membership
- 6 - Sky Fitness 1 month membership
- 7 - Bunnings \$100 voucher

Father's Day Stall
Friday 30th August
Using voucher system

Father's Day Fun

- Thursday 29th August
Raffle Tickets Due
- Friday 30th August
Father's Day Stall



Ticketing FAQs

When is the 2024 Victorian State Schools Spectacular?

The 2024 Victorian State Schools Spectacular will be held on Saturday 14 September. The performance times are 1:00pm and 6:30pm.

Where is it held?

John Cain Arena, Melbourne Park

How long is the performance?

The show is approximately 2hrs 45min (including a 30-minute interval).

Do I need a ticket?

You need a ticket to attend. The performance is fully reserved, allocated seating. We recommend purchasing tickets as soon as possible to choose your seats.

When do tickets go on sale?

Tickets are on sale from 10am on Monday 22 July.

How much are tickets?

Adult: \$40 Concession: \$30 Child (U15): \$20
(an additional service fee per transaction applies on all purchases)

There is no 'pre-sale', and there is no codeword or special link required. Ticket prices have not increased in the past 10 years.

Where can I buy tickets?

Tickets are available through Ticketek: www.ticketek.com.au/spectacular or 132 849. Ticketek is the **ONLY** genuine sales outlet.

Can I do a group booking?

Groups receive one free ticket for every 10 tickets purchased. For example, if 20 tickets are purchased, you can select 2 free tickets – a total of 22 tickets all together. Please use the Group Bookings link on the Ticketek website (there is no need to call or email).

Who is the show suitable for?

It is an all-ages event. However, the music can be loud for infants and toddlers.

Tania Baldwin

MUSIC



LESSON



Tania Baldwin has a few vacancies this term if you would like your child to learn an instrument. She offers piano/keyboard, guitar, ukulele, recorder, flute and clarinet lessons. Please text or ring her on 0448 924340 with any inquiries.

AT SCHOOL



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SCHOOL SAVING BONUS

Dear parents and carers,

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- Complete enrolment: If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025.
- Check your contact information: Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
 - in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.
- Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

School Saving Bonus

Information for government school parents and carers

About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by **Friday 18 October 2024**:

- **Complete enrolment**

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

- **Check your contact information**

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

More information

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus. Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.