PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

MAINTENANCE WORKS:
As you will have noticed, the painting of rooms 1-4 has finished this week which is very exciting. All the children have moved into their beautiful rooms and are now enjoying establishing their routines. The builders changed the schedule to now be starting on the Multi Purpose Room and rooms 5 & 6. There is a lot more work to be done in this area and it may take a bit longer than just one week. I have snuck into the MPR to look at the progress and it looks fantastic so far. Amazing what new paint does to a room. New floor coverings will also go down. This also means that we will not be able to use the MPR for assembly this week. We will hold assembly on the asphalt area outside the staff room. As they will be moving into the library and art room next, we need to pack some of the library books up in preparation for the work that will happen. The shelves are just too heavy to move away from the walls so they can be painted. If you are able to help us do this, it will very much appreciated. We will do this WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY from 9 am. If you can help box any of the library books this would help us heaps. Belinda Fletcher will be in the library to coordinate this huge job. We desperately need your help with this task.

SCHOOL COUNCIL FOR 2016:
I would like to inform our school community that the following parents have been nominated to be on our school council.
Andrew Ball (dad of Leyla & Milla), Sally Harper (mum of Nathan, Luke & Grace) Shannon Jennings (mum of Sarah & Felicity Sharp) Sandra Peck (mum of Brendan Winter) and Russell Read (dad of Emily & Lachlan). I would sincerely like to thank them all for volunteering to come onto school council and I look forward to working with them. Our first school council meeting will be on Monday the 29th of February. As we received the right number of nominations for the vacancies that we have, there will be no need to go to an election.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK:
From this year onwards ALL parents who help in our classrooms will require a Working With Children Check. This process is done online and when you receive your card a copy is required to be filed in the office. This check should not cost you anything as you are a volunteer however it gives the children and school an added extra safety measure. Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding with this matter.

Have a great week!
Kathy Wesolowski Principal

COMING EVENTS

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‘A Path to Success’
STUDENT AWARDS!

- Tamsyn Fitzgerald for starting her Grade 6 year in Grade 5/6S in such a positive, hardworking way. Well done!!
- Natasha Berry for writing a detailed recount about her holidays.
- Jesse Ombega for making such a positive start at Grovedale Primary School!
- Tamana Sangha for being respectful by using beautiful manners!
- Jasmine Mantach for having a fantastic first week at Grovedale Primary School.
- Cam McCrohan for being responsible at the pool and helping others.
- Mitch Thompson for showing great sportsmanship at the swimming carnival.
- Chelsea Martin for the kind way she treats other people.
- Zach Berris for making responsible choices and assisting others.
- Molly Black for being a respectful person who is always polite and uses her manners.
- Abbey Guy for helping in class by picking up after others.
- Mason Van Dort for listening and completing tasks to the best of his ability.

STUDENT WELFARE

Welcome to a new school year!

Thank you to Kathy, Tracy and the staff at Grovedale Primary School for welcoming me to this lovely community. The children and parents have all been very friendly and happy, making my transition very easy! I am very excited to be working with these young children and their families and welcome you all to pop in and introduce yourselves when you are next at the school.

Some useful things to remember:

- Returning or beginning school is tiring for all members of the family so an appropriate bedtime is encouraged to ensure that your children get plenty of restful sleep. 10 – 11 hours of sleep per night is recommended and a regular and relaxing bedtime routine (excluding television and electronic devices) will help to achieve this.
- Remain connected to your children by offering plenty of positive attention and praise.
- Respond to unwanted behaviour consistently and calmly. Try to role model to your children that taking a deep breath before responding gives us time to think about why someone has behaved a certain way and what may be the most appropriate response. There is often an underlying need to children’s behaviour and the best way to encourage the desired behaviour is by meeting this need. For example, your children may be refusing to read their school reader before bed but this may not be your child being naughty, but may be that your child is tired however can’t articulate this. Rather than getting frustrated at your child’s behaviour, communicate what you are observing and attempt to meet their need before attempting the reader again – “Johnny, I wonder whether you are finding it difficult to manage your reader right now because you are tired? Perhaps we will work on getting to bed and read your reader in the morning once you have had some rest”.
- Healthy and nutrient dense meals and snacks. Lots of fruit, vegetables and protein will help your child’s physical growth, brain development and energy levels throughout the day.

Take care of yourselves, take care of each other and let me know if there is anything that I can help with.

Jess Novak
Welfare Officer

56TH BAY CITY SWIMMING CLUBS GEELONG ALL SCHOOLS CARNIVAL

Kardinia Aquatic Centre, 25 Park Crescent, South Geelong (Kardinia Park)

Sunday 28th February 2016

From 11am

Swimmers can enter a team or enter individually. This meet offers swimmers the chance to compete under full race conditions against other schools and individuals. Great practice for Division and Region swimming!

For more information please contact Linda Robinson at roboptom@gmail.com or Ph: 0414 846 324.
NEW UNIFORMS: Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.
Phone: 5255 4897
Anne-Maree will be here next THURSDAY 18TH FEB 8.45AM
Order forms may be picked up from the school office.
SECOND HAND UNIFORMS: Visit Sally & Kelli in the Sick Bay on
Tuesday afternoons only from 3:00pm-3:20pm
SCHOOL KILTS: Geelong Uniforms 164 Malop Street Geelong.
Phone: 5224 2229

SECOND HAND UNIFORM
We are in need of larger sizes for our second hand uniform shop as well as our spare clothing cupboard.
In particular, if your older children have grown out of their uniform, please consider donating them to the school.

Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon
The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is the biggest kids triathlon in the world and it’s returning to Geelong on Sunday 20th March 2016. We here at Grovedale Primary School are proud to be a part of it.

Now in its 18th year, the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon events are designed to inspire children aged 7 -15 years to get moving in a friendly and supportive environment. Kids of all abilities cross the finish line a champion and everyone who participates takes home a medal.

The distances for the event are approximately:
7 – 10yrs: 75 m Swim / 3km Cycle / 500m Run
11 – 15yrs: 150 m Swim / 6km Cycle / 1km Run

Join our group and save
We here at Grovedale Primary School have created a ‘Group’ which, if you join enables you to save $5 off each individual entry fee. The Group Name is: Grovedale Primary School.
If we have at least 15 of our students join this Group, we will give our school a chance to WIN a $5,000 cash prize to go towards a healthy initiative.
For more information and to register: http://try.weetbix.com.au/

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for four years and will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.
Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Parents or legal guardians are required to submit a new CSEF application form each year.

Eligibility
To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:
   a) Be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
   b) Be a temporary foster parent.

Eligibility date
CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card successfully validating with Centrelink on either the first day of Term one or Term two.

Parents or legal guardians
Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools by 29th February 2016, as payments are made from March. However schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year. Application forms are available from the school office.
Extend OSHC at Grovedale Primary School

Hello everyone, Welcome back to the fun OSHC program! I hope everyone had an awesome holiday and a great start to the New Year.

This week we started with our OSHC Super Fun activities and leisure time. On Monday, we enjoyed playing a Star War’s Game using the swimming noodles and ensured safety at all times. Children created their own rules for the OSHC program and their choices for OSHC activities are noted for the term. Children made their own play dough using the ingredients and kneading it. We enjoyed running on the oval, spinning in circles and got dizzy. We also made rainbow play dough and children enjoyed stretching it. It was a very relaxing feeling for the children after a busy school day. If you still haven’t booked your child into the OSHC Program and want to book in then please feel free to contact the Extend Head Office 1300 366 437. Also, to all the families please feel free to come and meet me for any enquiries (Priya: OSHC Team Leader) after 2:30PM (Monday-Friday) in the School Multi Purpose Room. In the OSHC program, there is a parent communication book for you to give us any feedback or suggestions that you like.

Have a lovely weekend!!

Our Extend Superstar is…. Thomas Robinson for using his excellent manners and reminding his friends about good behaviour.

Next week’s activities

Monday 15 February: Graffiti Art – Learn, Explore and Create!!
Tuesday 16 February: Amoeba Tag Game – Hold and Chase
Wednesday 17 February: Make Magic Snow – Puffy and Cold
Thursday 18 February: Aeroplane Race – Be the Pilot of your Aeroplane
Friday 19 February: Leaf Creation – See what patterns you can create with natural leaves

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

ASTHMA CARE PLAN

If you have an asthma plan at the school for your child please note that this needs to be updated annually.

The Asthma Foundation Victoria’s Asthma Care Plan for Schools should be provided annually by the student’s medical/health practitioner in consultation with the parents/guardians.

The plan must include the prescribed medication taken:
- on a regular basis
- as premedication to exercise
- if the student is experiencing symptoms.

- emergency contact details.
- business contact details of the student’s doctor.

If your child has asthma and you have not provided the school with a plan, please do so as soon as possible.

REMEMBER: Your child cannot hold their medication in their bag. It must be kept at the office along with the asthma plan.

ASTHMA FOUNDATION Victoria

Looking for a great after school activity?

Somewhere kids can embrace the outdoors, play games, do crafts, make friends and learn about the world, in a safe environment fully supervised by trained leaders?

1St Belmont Joeys scouts currently has places available in both Tues and Wed mobs.
For girls and boys aged 5, 6 or 7 (and at school).
Sessions run 5.30pm-6.45pm Tues or Wed with opportunities for extra activities and sleepovers throughout the year.

For more information: ring David Smith- 0419 434 306 or email enquiries@belmontscouts.org.au or check out http://www.belmontscouts.org.au/