PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Mother’s Day afternoon tea
It was wonderful to see over 40 Mums and carers (and even one very brave gentleman!) come to afternoon tea last Friday in the Open Learning Centre. They enjoyed some lovely food and company and some extra special door prizes, including a massive chocolate Toblerone that was going to be eaten by some hungry children! Special thanks must go to our Parents and Friends group, headed by Gab Lewis, who always do amazing work for our school and were responsible for planning and organizing this lovely idea. Hope all the Mums and special women had a lovely day on Sunday.

Inquiry ‘What is our place in space?’
This term our Inquiry is a Science-based investigation around ‘what is our place in space?’ The Prep-2 students are looking at our weather and what happens in the sky, the 3/4 students are learning about how the sun and moon affect the earth and the 5/6 students are investigating the solar system and testing predictions by gathering data. The Prep-4 students will be able to take part in a ‘Starlab’ incursion inside a huge inflatable planetarium dome where they will be able to see how the sky changes during the day and night. Don’t forget to ask your child about what they are learning in Inquiry this term!

Working Bee on Sunday 15th May
On Sunday we are holding a Working Bee at the school from 9am-11am for all students and their families in the Prep-2 grades. All students and parents who attend will be given large numbers of house points for their children’s houses to make it worthwhile! We encourage everyone to attend, even if you can only spare an hour of your time, as ‘many hands make light work’. We have a roster of tasks to be done, including; Relocating the vegetable garden beds to make room for our bike shelter, weeding around the school, cleaning of the pits and pruning of the roses.

Please bring your own gardening gloves and any utensils you may need as the school only has a limited supply of gardening equipment.

P-2 Gymnastics.
The Prep-2 students have begun their very popular gymnastics program which runs on a Wednesday for 4 weeks. The students love to experience the wide range of equipment and the fun activities this program provides, and enjoy learning and practicing the new moves. Thanks to Mr. Gardiner for organising this activity to complement our regular Physical Education program.

School Tours
I have conducted a number of school tours this week and I am always very proud to show our school to new families who may be considering Grovedale PS for their children. We have a wonderful team of staff, the best children, a rich learning environment, beautiful expansive grounds and a supportive and caring school community. It is easy to speak highly of our school when I consider all these wonderful attributes. We have had a number of new enrolments over the past few weeks, so if you see some new faces, make sure you stop and say hello!

Come to School Visits
The next session for kinder children coming to Prep in 2017 will be on Tuesday 17th May at 2.30pm and we invite all kinder children and their parents to attend – see you there!

Have a great week of learning, everyone!
Tracy Doherty Acting Principal

COMING EVENTS

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISING

Mother's Day
We held a Mother's Day afternoon tea on Friday for our Mum's and significant others. Thank you to the 50 lovely ladies who attended. We hope you enjoyed catching up with a few of the other Mum's and got to enjoy a cuppa and something to eat. Hopefully all the students spoiled their Mum's on Sunday and you all had a wonderful day and enjoyed your carefully selected gifts. Thank you to all of the Mum's who gave up quite a bit of their time last week to organise and wrap gifts and set up the afternoon tea. Your help is always appreciated!
Thank you also to Nathan Bisset from Buxton Real Estate in Highton for donating 4 hampers for some of our lucky Mum's to enjoy, and to Vision Portraits for a great $200 voucher won by Nikkiera Morell.

Vision Portraits Fundraiser
Last week all families should have received a note regarding our next fundraiser with Vision Portraits. For only $15 you get a family sitting with the photographer who will take a number of photos that you get to view on the day. The $15 also includes a 10x13" framed photo. You can purchase more photos or the entire package on the day or just get your 1 photo - it's up to you. 100% of the $15 booking fee goes straight to the school. You can complete the form and return to the office with $15 cash and your session will be booked for you or you can book and pay yourself online. To do this go to www.trybooking.com/LHVT
Photos will be taken on Sunday 5th June at the school. Sessions are limited and are filling fast. There is one morning session left at 9.55am and there are afternoon (indoor sessions) from 2-4.30pm. You can view Vision Portraits Facebook page to get an idea of the great shots they capture.

Have a great week.
Gab Lewis

NEW UNIFORMS:
Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.
Phone: 5255 4897
Anne-Maree will be here next THURSDAY 19th May, 8.45am-9.15am
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

LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP GR 5/6
PLEASE NOTE:
If your child DID NOT compete at the last Lightning Premierships due to the bad weather, there will be a credit on your account for you to use for this Lightning Premiership. If you have already paid, please note that there will still be a credit on your account for you to use towards another excursion if you wish. Please mark on your form that you would like to use the credit. Thank you.

WORKING BEE
SUNDAY 15TH MAY, 9-11AM

We will/will not be attending the working bee on Sunday 15th May.

Name________________________________________________________
Child’s name__________________________________________________  Class__________________________
STUDENT AWARDS

Sarah 12L
For publishing her explanation piece on the computer. Even adding a picture.

Cam 12L
For his super effort to make sure his handwriting is neat during all writing lessons.

Gab 34W
For the enthusiasm he has shown when completing Naplan tests.

Nick 34W
For putting in his best effort with all set tasks.

Tilly 34M
For excellent predicting and problem solving during Inquiry.

Sam 34M
For excellent work in Inquiry this week.

Ruby PB
For consistently demonstrating a great effort in all her learning tasks.

Zeke PB
For the fantastic effort he put into writing about his mum.

Max 01R
For his improved effort in completing tasks on time.

Alicia 01R
For her fantastic effort when doing the ‘sound song’ before writing.

Felicity 12C
For an outstanding effort achieving her writing goal.

Finn 12C
For an outstanding effort achieving his numeracy goal.

Aaron 56S
For always working hard to produce his best learning outcomes.

Samuel 56S
For working hard to stay focused on his learning tasks.

Lillie-Rose 34P
For applying her knowledge of length to measure perimeter.

Liam 34P
For showing persistence in writing and editing his personal narrative.

Madison 12H
For great communication skills!

Kaytlin 12H
For great focusing when completing her classwork.

Encourage your child
To spend time OUTSIDE

Time playing outdoors has clear, long-lasting, positive impacts on your child’s health – particularly their mental health.

Opportunities for children to play outdoors involving some normal, healthy risk-taking are diminishing rapidly, with poor consequences on their later health.

Children’s lifestyles are becoming increasingly sedentary, exposing children to greater risk of obesity and illness.

As our weather cools – make a conscious decision to go outside.

• Dark does not hurt,
• Dirt does not hurt,
• Nature really is good for your health.

To download some FREE resources available from Baron Health type “Barwon Health Nature” into your search bar, you will find some information, and books, to help you.

Susan Parker, Health Promotion Officer
Email: healthpromotion@barwonhealth.org.au
Phone: 42153468

INTRODUCING THE LATE PASS

PLEASE NOTE:

A big thank you to everyone who has signed in at the office if they were late and collected a late pass to take to their teacher.

This lets the teacher know that your child has been signed in at the office and they can mark your child accordingly.

If the student does not have a late pass, the teacher will mark them as being late with no explanation.

It is imperative that you sign your child in or out of school at the front office every time.

Thank you!
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.

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:

- On the first day of Term 2;
  - Be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC); OR
  - Be a temporary foster parent.

Foster parent type applications are only for temporary carers through DHHS. A letter from DHHS is required as confirmation. Permanent carers are not considered to be foster parents.

Applications for 2016 may be made up until Friday 3rd June.

Extend OSHC at Grovedale Primary School

Weekly recap

Hi everybody. It has been very busy for my first week at Grovedale Primary school. I have been getting to know all the lovely children. They have all been very welcoming and have let me know about all their likes and interests which is great. Last week’s cooking activity was a huge success making scones with jam. All the students enjoyed them, not leaving any left. We will have to make them again soon! We also played many outside and inside games keeping us very busy and active.

Natalie, Team Leader

Our Extend Superstar is: Jaiden L. for his awesome cooking skills.

Forthcoming Activities:

- Monday 16 May: Making slime
- Tuesday 17 May: Pizza cook-off
- Wednesday 18 May: Board games
- Thursday 19 May: Making magnets
- Friday 20 May: Bubble fun

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au