PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS:
We have recently seen a HUGE increase in the number of phone calls that we get from parents expecting us to pass messages on to their children during the day. It has had a great impact on the office staff that have had to leave the work they are doing to then deliver your message. Children are situated all over the school and so more than 15 mins can we wasted looking for your child. Teachers do not access their emails whilst teaching and being interrupted in class is not allowing the teachers to give their full attention to your child and their learning. Can I please ask you all to minimise these calls and organise a meeting place (like the front of the school) if you are running late. Tracy Doherty and I are on duty until 3:35 each and every day and are able to keep a safe eye on your children. If you are not here by 3:35pm we will then bring them inside to wait for you.

SCHOOL HOURS:
The school operates between 9am and 3:20 each and every day except for end of term when children finish a little earlier. It would be greatly appreciated if you can ensure that your children are here on time and make any appointments outside school hours if possible. To ensure that your child has the best opportunities to learn and for us to teach them it is vital to important that children are here each and every day. It is very disruptive to their learning and confidence if they miss out on vital instruction. We are trying our best to get your children ready for future life and give them the very best of opportunities so that they can achieve success.

BEING SUNSMART:
We are a SunSmart school and it is now time for all children to be wearing their hats at school. As of the 1st of September we are required to wear hats. Please ensure that your child has their CLEARLY NAMED hat in their bag. If children do not have their hats they will not be able to participate in sport sessions or play times as they will have to sit under shade. This is not what we want the students to do, we would rather them playing nicely and participating in PE lessons and sporting activities. Thank you parents for helping this to happen.

UNIFORM:
I have noticed lately that many children are wearing tops with hoods. These can be quite dangerous when children are playing and that’s why school council made the conscious decision to NOT have hoodies as part of the school uniform. If you are not able to provide your child with a school jumper please come and see me. We do have a number of second hand uniform for purchase on a Tuesday afternoon.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY:
We will be holding our annual Footy Colours Day on the last day of term. We ask all children to wear the colours of their favourite footy team and join in on the fun activities that will be happening on that morning. We start with a parade and then go into activities that each of the teachers will run. There will be more information about this next week. If you are unsure, just ask the teachers and they can fill you in and answer your questions.

END OF TERM 3:
We have only a few days left of this term and it is approaching very quickly. A reminder that we will finish at 2:30 this Friday and return for Term 4 on Monday the 3rd of October.

Kathy Wesolowski
Principal

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2016

Fri 16th Sept  Footy Colours Day
Fri 16th Sept  Last day of term. 2.30pm finish

OCTOBER 2016

Mon 3rd Oct  First day of Term 4
Tues 11th Oct  Grade 6 Graduation photo—10am
Mon 17th—Fri 28th Oct  Grade P-2 Swimming
Wed 19th Oct  Geelong Cup Day—no school
Thurs 20th Oct  Prep Orientation Session 1, 9.30-10.30am
Sat 15th Oct  Bunnings BBQ
Sat 22nd Oct  Trivia Night

NOVEMBER 2016

Tues 8th—Wed 9th Nov  Grade 3/4 Camp
Wed 9th Nov  Prep Orientation Session 2, 9.15-10.45am
Mon 21st Nov  Prep Orientation Session 3, 9.15-10.45am

FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK

Fri 16th Sept  Bunnings BBQ volunteer form
Tues 4th Oct  Gr 3/4 Camp Dep or in full  $70/$145
Fri 7th Oct  Gr P-2 Swimming final payment due
Tues 25th Oct  Gr 3/4 Camp final payment due  $75

‘A Path to Success’
NEW UNIFORMS:
Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.
Phone: 5255 4897
Ann-Maree will be at the school this Thursday 15th September at 8.45am – 9am.
SECOND HAND UNIFORMS: Visit Sally & Kelli in the Sick Bay on Tuesday afternoons only from 3:00pm-3:20pm
SCHOOL KILTS: Please note:
Our kilt supplier is PSW located at 164 Mal-op St, Geelong just down from Officeworks. Please contact PSW on 9768 0383 to check availability. Alternatively, you can order online at www.psw.com.au.

HATS
We are a SunSmart school. Hats need to be worn from 1st September to the end of April. Please make sure your child is wearing a wide brimmed hat from this date, otherwise they will only be able to play in areas of shade. We have hats available at the office at a cost of $12.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY—FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER
• Join in our annual footy day and wear your favourite footy teams colours for the day!!
• We start with a footy teams parade, followed by a variety of football activities on the oval which the students will rotate through in mixed age groups. Before lunch the Grade 6’s will play against the teachers in an epic battle!
• Parents are welcome to stay and join in with all the morning activities, which run from 9.15am till 11am as well as play against the Grade 6s if you feel game!!

Walk to School this October
Grovedale Primary School is excited to be taking part in VicHealth’s Walk to School from 3rd -31st October. (Start of Term 4)
Walk to School encourages primary school students to walk to and from school every day in October to highlight the ways walking improves children’s health and wellbeing. Walking to school is a great way to help kids achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day.
We are encouraging families and students to walk to and from school as often as possible during October to help students learn healthy habits for life. Teachers will use classroom calendars to record each time students walk to and from school. VicHealth offers some great prizes to schools with high participation, and runs fun walking themed competitions for students throughout October.
We’ll be providing parents with an ‘Information sheet for parents and guardians’ with all the information you’ll need about Walk to School. You can also visit the Walk to School website for more information: www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au

Not sure how to get started?
There are lots of ways families can get involved. You might like to:
• walk with your child to and from school and enjoy the chance to talk, help your child learn road safety skills, and get to know the local neighbourhood together
• arrange for your child to walk with other families or friends, giving them time to socialise and share their journey
• drive part of the way to school and walk the rest, particularly if you live a long way from school, or have limited time
• mix it up – if your child enjoys riding their bike or scooter, that’s great too!

IGA GROVEDALE EAST
A reminder to all families to keep collecting your IGA dockets from the Grovedale East supermarket. There is a box in the office to place your receipts. Our school receives 1% of all sales which goes towards our ICT needs.

PLEASE NOTE:
Please do not tear off the receipt as we cannot use these.
**STUDENT AWARDS**

- Jakaylah Rose PB For putting in a big effort to achieve her reading goals.
- Archer 01R For his detailed writing about decorating a ‘cup cake’.
- Manon 01R For quickly settling into her new school. Welcome to Grovedale Primary School.
- Luke 12L For his creative poem about school.
- Sophie 12L For working cooperatively in numeracy to problem solve as a team.
- Tayah 34M For teaching other children how to use IMovie on the IPads.
- Chaise 34M For helping other children with their IMovie presentations.
- Poppy 34W For helping others with IMovie.
- Piper 34W For working very hard on her Power Point presentation and for helping others.
- Deklan 56S For sharing his mathematical understandings to help others with their learning.
- Will 56S For working hard to improve his writing to a more sophisticated level.
- Innika 56L For creating an outstanding ‘marble-run’ design.
- Tane 56L For showing outstanding resilience to problem solve angles.
- Tyler 56P For being able to recognise and change the tense of a text.
- Georgia 56P For creating a detailed marble run using angles and measurements.

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**PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISING NEWS**

Apologies for not listing Nicole Read as one of the super helpers last week with all things Fathers Day. Thanks Nicole!!

**Bunnings BBQ Waurn Ponds**

After attending a meeting at Bunnings last week we have been allocated a date for a fundraising BBQ. Our date for GPS is Saturday 15th October and we need helpers from 8am-5:30pm. It is ideal to have 4-6 people on each time slot throughout the day so we need as many helpers as possible. Last year’s BBQ at Bunnings made us a profit of $3000!! All families should have received a note regarding helpers, could these be returned to the office by the end of this week please. It would be great if we could have 1 member from each family volunteer to help for 1-2 hours on the day (no under 15’s). Many hands make light work! Thanks.

**Trivia Night**

Our Trivia night will be held on Saturday 22nd October at 7pm in the OLC at Grovedale Primary School. Tables of 10 with tickets $15 per person. You can either organise a whole table or just purchase individual tickets and we will place you on a table. BYO supper and drinks. Tickets on sale from the front office. Tables will be limited so get in quick! There will be lots of fun and activities throughout the night, and a silent auction with some amazing items! It is sure to be a great night!

If you or anyone you know may be able to donate vouchers or items for the silent auction, it would be greatly appreciated. It may be a voucher, services, donation of items, tickets, etc. Please see myself or the front office if you can help.

**Cadbury’s**

There is still some outstanding chocolate money! **PLEASE** return all chocolate money to the office this week.

Have a great break over the holidays!

Gab Lewis

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**SEPTMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.**

The Farmer’s Place will be holding a number of activities for kids over the holidays. These will include Animal Feeding, Farmer for a Day, Freshwater Creek Bush Walk, Farmers Market and lots more. For times and dates and bookings, please go to www.thefarmersplace.com.au

Most activities will be based outside. Please dress appropriately and wear closed toed shoes. Warm clothes, raincoats, and gumboots are advised as the weather can change quickly! Minimum numbers apply for all activities and may be subject to cancellation.

675 Anglesea Rd, Freshwater Creek.
Extend OSHC at
Grovedale Primary School
Weekly recap

During last week we have had lots of fun making our clay creations and our watercolour and salt paintings. We also used our origami skills to construct our paper ninja stars and 3D shapes. Children had the opportunity to plant some seeds in jars and grow our own sprouts to include in our sandwiches during afternoon tea! I hope you all have a wonderful relaxing break over the school holidays. See you next term!
Aishe, Team Leader

What’s on next week?
School Holidays

TERM 4 LAUNCH: COME ALONG TO RED25 WEEK AT EXTEND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
A week filled with exciting science, craft, cooking, and sport activities based around giving blood, and general health and well-being.
Extend is coming together as a community with a goal to raise 100 blood donations by the end of October this year. To encourage everyone to get on board, Extend Director Stevenson will complete one of three possible dares if we reach 100 blood donations! Visit darrensdare.com to watch our launch video and see further information.

Your child can get involved by coming to Red25 Week in Term 4!
Discover what blood is made of by creating a sensory model, learn about the different blood types and which are compatible during a fun science experiment, put your chef’s hat on and join us in making the World’s Greatest Biscuit...and much more! Speak to your Team Leader to find out when Red25 Week begins.

Attention families and teachers: Be part of our goal to reach 100 Blood Donations!
Visit darrensdare.com for further info.
PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

Top Tips to Achieve Appropriate Electronic Device Use:

- Be aware of the recommended screen time for your child’s age (2-5 years = 1 hour, 5-18 years = 2 hours) when you are establishing time limits for computers, iPads, TV and video games.
- Establish a family routine that includes screen free time, such as dinner at the table without the television on, time on the weekends where no one accesses electronic devices etc.
- Ensure that there are NO electronic devices in bedrooms, including televisions and video games. Perhaps consider making a time and a place when all family members plug their phones, iPads etc. in and leave them there for the night.
- Consider the location of where your children access their electronic devices. The best way to keep your children safe from the risks associated with inappropriate use is by monitoring and supervising their use.
- Active monitoring and supervision also includes regularly viewing your internet browser history, knowing the passwords to your child’s devices, social media accounts etc., viewing their social media and email accounts.
- Follow the ratings attached to television shows, movies and movies
- Follow the law regarding access to social media accounts.
- Be wary of Minecraft, latest research is liking its addictiveness and impact on the brain to that of drug use.
- Use a parental lock, or content filtering software on your computer to increase protection against inappropriate content. Paid software such as Net Nanny and K9 are great services or for a free service use Open DNS Family Shield. Contact me if you need more details on these options.
- Role model appropriate use of electronic devices – follow the families rules regarding use, watch appropriate material when around your children, role model a healthy social life etc.
- Encourage an open and honest relationship with your child so that discussions regarding inappropriate content can be freely discussed. If your child is curious about something and doesn’t feel comfortable asking an adult, they will turn to google which increases their likelihood of seeing inappropriate material.

Contact me with any questions or queries you may have at any time. Jess Novak Welfare Officer