PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

LAST NEWSLETTER FOR 2016:

STAFFING FOR 2017:

- Prep: Sonya Brough in Room 3
- Prep/One: Kerry Reid in Room 2
- Year 1/2L: Alison Lancaster in Room 1
- Year 1/2P: Airlie Penny in Room 4
- Year 1/2: TBA in Room 6
- Year 3/4B: Katie Baltetsch & TBA in Room 5
- Year 3/4M: Jodie Mantach in Room 7
- Year 3/4: TBA in Room 8
- Year 5/6W: Paul Waldron in OLC
- Year 5/6C: Tara Crompton in OLC
- Year 5/6: TBA in OLC

Science/Digital Coding & PE: Arron Gardiner
The Arts: Kate Saunders
LOTE/Italian: Laura Falcone.
Student Welfare: Jessica Novak
Integration Aides: Mrs Marendaz

We have a great team of highly skilled staff for 2017 and they are very excited to be here next year. The addition of the extra subjects of Science & Digital Coding will be fabulous for our school.

Ms Shannon Harmer has decided to return to Tarneit P-9 College where she has an ongoing position. Dan has gained a 12 month position at Bellbrae Primary School and we hope to see him return in 2018 with new knowledge and skills that he will gain in another setting. Vicki Sheridan and Tracy Doherty have made the decision to take leave and then retire and so will not be returning next year. They have both had very successful and fulfilling careers in education and the school will miss their knowledge, skills and input into the education of our students. On behalf of our school I wish them both all the very best in retirement. I wish all of these teachers all the very best in 2017 and the future.

I have been interviewing all day today and tomorrow to enable us to fill the gaps in our staffing. It has not been an easy process however we have great interest from teachers in our surrounds that would love to come and teach at our beautiful school.

Remember that students will find out their teacher for 2017 in their reports which go home with them TOMORROW.

FAREWELL TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES:

As children move up through the school, not only do we eventually lose the children at the end of Year 6 but also their families. Some of them have been with us for many, many years and we get the chance to build some close and strong relationships with them. At the end of this year we will say farewell to the following families:


Thank you all for your contribution to Grovedale Primary School and how you have added to our fabulous school community in so many different ways.

LAST ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR—FRIDAY THE 16TH DECEMBER.

We will be holding our last assembly for this year on Friday afternoon at 2:30pm. This will mean that we will also be holding our annual Christmas raffle at this assembly. Please mark this date and time in your diaries as it is always one not to miss.

Have a great week!

FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS:

Tonight we will celebrate at Graduation the time that our Year 6 students have spent with us at Grovedale Primary. We wish all of these students all the very best in Secondary college and in the future. We are confident that these students will succeed in whatever they choose to do with their lives and we look forward to hearing about their successes in future years to come. Best of luck!!

COMING EVENTS

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Extend OSHC at Grovedale Primary School

Weekly recap
Last week at After School Care we enjoyed lots of different activities such as ‘Toothbrush Flick Painting’, making musical instruments, performing magic tricks for each other and of course lots of Christmas craft!

I would like to thank all the students, families and staff for a fantastic year, and for welcoming me into your wonderful school community. I wish you all a relaxing and safe break over the holidays, and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you in 2017!

Aishe, Team Leader

What’s on next week?

Monday 19th December: Gingerbread Men
Tuesday 20th December: End of Term Celebration!

To check out what’s on and where your local program is, visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Junior School Council five cent fundraiser has now finished for this year. We have raised a total of $493.60 for our school.

We have decided to spend the money on buying some iPad adapters so the iPads can be plugged into the interactive whiteboards.

Mrs Sheridan’s class has raised the most money this year, raising a whopping total of $97.55. As a reward for raising this money, 5/6S will be able to wear casual clothes to school tomorrow, Thursday 15th December.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISING NEWS

Christmas raffle
We have received some great donations for our Christmas raffle! A big thank you to all families who have donated items and purchased or sold raffle tickets. Good luck for the raffle on Friday!
We will be wrapping the raffle prizes tomorrow morning so if there is anyone available to help it would be greatly appreciated.

This will be my last fundraiser as President of Parents and Friends. I have enjoyed the last three years working with the committee to raise funds for the school and organising social activities for the school community, but have decided to step down after three years as President. In that time the P & F Committee has raised $55,000. I would like to thank the small but amazing committee for all of their support and tireless efforts during this time. You are all worth your weight in gold and these fundraisers wouldn’t happen without all of your help! Thank you!!
There will be an AGM early next year to appoint new committee members into roles. I encourage everyone to consider helping and being a part of the committee, working to improve our facilities and resources.

I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday!
Gab Lewis

ITALIAN POETRY COMPETITION 2016

Last week the year five and six students participated in an Italian poetry competition. They had to learn and recite a poem of their choice to a visiting judge (an Italian Teacher from Melbourne). The students did really well and their pronunciation and memorization were quite good. The judge commended the students on their effort and she had a difficult time making her decision. First, second and third place medals will be presented this Friday at assembly. All participating students will receive a certificate for their efforts.
Well done everyone. BRAVI.

Equal 1st – Emily Raeck and Ella King
Equal 2nd – Caitlin Mantach and Lucy Sharp
Equal 3rd – Zachary Matthews and Jack Tregenza

Grazie Signora Falcone.
STUDENT AWARDS

Zeke  PB  For always making insightful comments during story time. Thank you Zeke!
Darcy  PB  For the big effort he has put into making good choices at school and at home. Well done!!
Chloe  01R  For always being a kind and respectful member of Prep/1R.
Toby  01R  For taking great care to do his best and neatest handwriting.
Jason  12C  For persisting with class tasks and completing his work. Well done,
Nathan  12C  For slowing down and improving his handwriting skills on published pieces.
Mitchel  12C  For always putting in his best effort when completing work tasks in class.
Abbye  12C  For improved concentration during writing and producing a fantastic detailed draft.
Violet  12L  For working cooperatively in groups.
Kaitlyn  12L  For putting in so much effort to achieve her reading goals.
Jack  56P  For not giving up on his boat design and showing resilience.
Kaelb  56L  For making a boat out of foil that could hold 1000 grams of weight without sinking.

ITALIAN DAY

Italian Day was a lot of fun. The students learnt about the Italian culture, traditions and history through creative and engaging activities. Here are some of the student comments:-

“On Italian Day we went through many exciting activities like dancing traditional Tarantella and we also had fun dressing up as Pinocchio!” 3/4

“I really liked Italian Day because we got to do art, dress our partner as Pinocchio and we learnt about an Italian city. My favourite was learning about the city because we got to make houses and boats.” 3/4

“I liked doing the pizza making and the Mona Lisa. My favourite was the Mosaics.” 1/2

“On Tuesday the 29th of November all of the students participated in Italian Day. There were activities about Italy like; dressing Pinocchio, sports, Venice art, Cinque Terre art, Italian dancing and Mosaics. Overall Italian Day was a fun and great day for everyone 5/6.”

“I had fun on Italian Day.” Prep

FOR SALE

Size 12 Skorts x 2  $10 each
Size 8 Kilt     $25
Please contact Karen Wilson on 0435 577 881.
ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

In this year’s reports you will find enclosed some correspondence from your child’s new teacher to assist with a smooth and relaxing transition for next year. This sheet includes some points which your child’s teacher has chosen to share with you. It also invites you as parents/carers to share some information about your child as well as some space for your child to share some information about themselves with their new teacher.

If your child will be in a classroom with a teacher new to the school (or returning) there will not be any information about your teacher yet, however I will get this to you as soon as I can, hopefully before the last day of term. I would encourage you to still complete the form regardless as the information will be extremely helpful to those new to the school.

I would strongly encourage you all to participate in this positive transition communication by completing the sheet and returning to the office or classroom teachers AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I will collect the forms and see that the relevant teacher has them in time for some “holiday reading”!

Please feel free to mention on this form if you would like any welfare support from myself from the beginning of 2017.

Thank you and Happy holidays!

Jess Novak
Welfare Officer

START OF SCHOOL 2017

Please note that although staff return to school on Monday January 30th 2017, the first 2 days of term are Curriculum days. ALL students return to school on Wednesday 1st February 2017.

NEW UNIFORMS:
Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.
Phone: 5255 4897
Ann-Maree or Maureen will be at the school this Thursday 15th December at 8.45am– 9am which will be their last day for the year.
Orders can still be handed into the school and will be sent by email.
NOTICES AND DATES TO REMEMBER

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF) $125 credit

If you hold a Centrelink Health or Pension card or if you are a foster parent, you may be eligible for the Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF).

This can be used towards camps, sports and excursions only. This cannot be used for the Materials Charge.

Application forms are at the office and may be filled out now for next year.

MATERIALS CHARGE 2017 $210 per student

The School makes every effort to keep the Materials Charge with the cost and number of items that need to be purchased to a minimum. We also try to ensure that the costs are affordable for all parents. A Payment Plan is available for parents/guardians who have difficulty making payments. Just come to the office and we will arrange a plan.

The Materials Charge covers the book pack as well as:
Shared use text books such as atlases & dictionaries, calculators, teaching & learning materials such as handbooks, work planners, cooking ingredients, class & home worksheets and diaries as well as reading materials including home & guided reading, Reading Eggs & Mathletics and the Just Get Active program.

BOOK PACK COLLECTION & PAYMENT

The school will be open for book collection and payment on:

Friday January 27th 2017 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

Payment may be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

WORKING BEE

Friday January 27th 2017 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

So that the school can be looking neat and tidy for the start of the school year, we will be holding a working bee on the same day as the book pick up day. Bring along gardening tools, gloves, buckets, brooms, wheelbarrows and anything else you can think of to give the grounds a good clean out.

Friday January 27th 2017 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

The first day of school for all students is:

Wednesday February 1st 2017 @ 9.00 am