**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

**HARMONY DAY—FRIDAY 18TH MARCH.**

As a way of celebrating our inquiry learning which has focused on Getting Along and Citizenship we are going to celebrate Harmony Day this Friday the 18th of March. As part of this day, classes will be working with their buddy grade to construct a Harmony Tree which will go up in the Library on our magnificent new wall. Children will need to check with their teachers exactly what time they will be participating. Thank you to everyone who have brought in craft supplies for the day.

**EASTER RAFFLE:**

We would love for families to donate Easter items including chocolates, books, toys etc. for our annual Easter Egg Raffle PLEASE!! We will be drawing the raffle next THURSDAY, the last day of term. In the past we have had some fantastic donations, however we do not have many as yet. Please, please, please help us make this small fundraiser a successful one.

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED:**

Our sister school in China (No. 1 Primary School Attached to Lianyungang Teacher's College) have made contact with me again and they have asked if they are able to bring 12 students and 2 teachers to us in late July this year. Before I consent to this visit I need to be assured that there are families in our school community that would be willing to host one or two children or 2 teachers for a total of 5 days. If you are willing to take part in this exciting and culturally rich experience, can you please fill in the expression of interest slip in the newsletter and return to the office by the end of this week—Friday 18th March. Thank you to the families who have already handed in the form. It is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about this please don’t hesitate to ask me.

**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS**

Did you know your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day? That’s when every minute counts the most. You will see posters around the school from the Department Of Education and Training informing you about late arrivals and early pick ups of children and how much school time they miss out on.

**RICE VILLAGE VISIT—34P**

This Friday myself, Mr Waldron and 34P will be walking around to Rice Village as we have been invited to participate in a gardening project with them. We will be leaving at 11.30am and returning around 1.30pm. Lunch will be provided by Rice Village. This is a great experience for the students and I’m sure they will enjoy it thoroughly.

Have a great week!

Kathy Wesolowski
Principal

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**COMING EVENTS**

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**FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK**

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NEWSFLASH!! HIGH PRIORITY!!! RETURNOFNOTICES.

Notes and payment not being returned on time.

- organisational and administrative nightmare.
- extra work for office staff
- extra work for classroom teachers
- extra work for the organiser(s) of the excursion or event.

Unless notes are returned on time your child may well miss out.

We really need to have correct numbers in good time (hence a return date), to make sure of bookings, payments, event organisation and alternatives for any children not attending.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE read the newsletter - you can read it online at www.grovedaleps.vic.edu.au, check with your child and check your child’s bag and diary for notices and upcoming events.

If you are having financial difficulties please contact the school office or the principal.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISING NEWS

Easter Raffle
Thank you to all families who have brought in Easter Raffle items. We haven't had a lot of donations of items but there is still plenty of time to bring something in if you haven't already. Ideas are - Easter eggs, Easter book, crafts, stickers, bunny ears, etc. If you need any extra raffle ticket books these are available at the office. Raffle tickets are $1 and due back at school next Monday 21st March with the raffle taking place on our last day of term, Thursday 24th March.

Fun Run
Next Wednesday 23rd March at 9:30am is our Fun Run. The fun run is also the school cross country. All students should have their sponsorship forms and are hopefully eagerly getting sponsors. Lots of students have set up their online fundraising pages which is a great way of getting more sponsors. Just follow the instructions on the form previously sent home if you would like to set up your online page. Remember the more money you raise the more incentive prizes you can get!!! All parents and family are very welcome to come and cheer the students on the day!!!

All sponsorship forms need to be returned to the school at the end of the fundraiser even if you have no sponsors.

Gab Lewis

Geelong Lawn Tennis Club

School Holiday Program

Monday March 28
Junior Singles Round Robin events.
Social play for parents.

Monday April 4
Junior Doubles Round Robin events.
Social play for parents.

Contact Alan Doherty 0439 555 783 for details

SCHOOL BANKING TOKENS

Please note that when ordering rewards, your tokens must match the number of tokens that is on the database otherwise the system does not allow us to order the reward. We have been advised that the rolling over of tokens only started a couple of years ago, so you may have more tokens than you should. If you are unsure of how many tokens you should have or you would like to check, please see Mrs Jones at the office.
**STUDENT AWARDS !**

- Grace PB For her excellent finger pointing to words when reading.
- Rafael PB For his great effort at recording the first sound when writing.
- Jayden 01R For showing great effort in learning golden words.
- Archer 01R For showing great effort in learning his golden and red words.
- Nathan 12C For always being proactive and independent when completing classroom jobs. Nice work!
- Ava 12C For excellent concentration and effort when completing her 100’s chart. Well done!
- Sienna 12H For trying really hard to finish her work on time.
- Mac 12H For doing an amazing recount about his weekend.
- Leanne 12L For staying focused during independent work time.
- Bella 12L For putting in 100% effort into all learning tasks.
- Jude 34W For setting achievable goals and being able to work towards them straight away.
- Piper 34W For being organised and completing tasks at home to help her with her learning.
- Chaise 34M For the kind and respectful way she treats others.
- Jake 34M For his enthusiastic approach to learning tasks.
- Kobi 56S For his hardworking, positive attitude to all learning tasks.
- Daisy 56S For her positive attitude and attention to detail in all learning tasks.
- Tru 56P For writing a detailed recount using descriptive words.
- Josh 56P For working hard on his soccer skills during soccer clinic.

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**TERM 2**

**5 CENT FUNDRAISER**

Next term Junior School Council will be running the 5 cent fundraiser for the school. So start saving your 5 cent coins!!

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**GROVEDALE COLLEGE**

**Campus Tours**

Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to participate in a tour of Grovedale College.

Scheduled tours occur every Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am during March, April and May.

Please contact the Administration Office on 5245 4545 to make a booking.

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**Term 1 JSC Fundraiser**

On Thursday 24th of March the JSC will be having a

*Casual Dress Day*

For a gold coin donation.

To help raise money for The Geelong Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

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**SCHOOL CANTEEN PRICES**

Tuesdays and Fridays

- Calippos $1.00
- Popcorn $0.50c
- Quelches $0.80c
- Quelches 1/2 $0.40c
- Grainwaves $1.20
- Chicken JJ’s $1.20
Extend OSHC at Grovedale Primary School

This week has been another busy week at the Grovedale Afterschool Care Service. I have enjoyed getting to know the children that attend, and we welcome all the new faces that have joined us. I have seen the children develop lots of new friendships through our group games; ‘Silent Ball’ and ‘Dance Freeze’ being a couple of our favourites. I have also seen a few Master Chefs among us which was evident when we baked some delicious cookies!

Next week will mark the final week of Term 1. I hope all the children that have attended have enjoyed their time here and excited to come back for Term 2! I wish all the families at Grovedale Primary School a happy and safe holiday.

Hannah

Our Extend Superstar is… Ella Hauenstein for using her initiative and helping others pack up their activities. Thanks Ella!

Next week’s activities:
Mon 21 March: Come fly away – create your own kite
Tues 22 March: Million Dollar Minute competition
Wed 23 March: Gone Fishing – create our own pond
Thurs 24 March: Easter Crafts (end of term 1)
Fri 25 March: GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!
Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates! VIC booking deadline: Friday 18th March
We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend! Create a diorama of the Amazon jungle, mould an autumn leaf dish out of clay, and participate in lots of group games including a time challenge and secret agent maze! Join in on all this and more at Extend’s Autumn Holiday Program.

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.

NEW UNIFORMS:
Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.
Phone: 5255 4897
Anne-Maree will be here this THURSDAY MAR 17th 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

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PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HOST FAMILIES

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are looking for host families to host one or two children or a staff member for 5 days in late July.

Please return this slip as soon as possible so that I can let our sister school know.

STUDENT NAME: ___________________________ GRADE: ___________________________

NO. OF STUDENTS OR A STAFF MEMBER ______________________

PARENT/GAURDIAN NAME: ___________________________ PHONE: ___________________________

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