PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

MAINTENANCE WORKS:
The works in the Multi Purpose Room and rooms 5 and 6 have been progressing very nicely and efficiently. They should be finished this week all going well. The concrete will be laid on Thursday morning and so we hope to move 3/4P and 1/2C back into their rooms asap. The new doors on each of the classrooms are such a great improvement and they really modernise the look of the rooms. The wall in room 6 has been fixed and should be painted today. It is amazing the damage that tree roots can do which was the cause of our problems. The tree will be discussed at school council meeting on the 29th Feb.

As they will be moving into the library and art room next, we had to pack the library books up in preparation for the work that will happen. The shelves were just too heavy to move away from the walls so they can be painted. I would like to thank all the parents who came along this morning to pack the books and give us a helping hand. We couldn’t do it without your help. I would particularly like to thank Belinda Fletcher for her fabulous coordination with this huge job.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN VISIT:
They will be delivering the huge Life Education truck to our school on Monday morning and it will be with us for 3 days. If your child is in Years P-4 you would have received a green note in relation to this incursion. Don’t forget to return your slip with payment by tomorrow. The curriculum they cover in the van is further discussed in the classroom with activities for the children to complete. We have incorporated the Life Education Van as part of our Health curriculum this term.

YEARS 5/6 CAMP NEXT WEEK.
Our Year 5/6 students are off to Melbourne next Wednesday to Friday to discover lots of different places. They have a fun filled program and the children absolutely love being in the city. If your child is not going on camp, then it is expected that they still come to school. They will be supervised here with work for them to complete.

Have a great few days in Melbourne!!!!!!!

Kathy Wesolowski
Principal
STUDENT AWARDS!

Jemma Di Cristoforo For working hard and challenging herself with her learning.
Mia Thompson For being a responsible learner who is focused on her work.
Tilly Lewis For putting extra effort and detail into her personal writing.
Trinity Kane For setting well into Grovedale Primary School.
Caitlyn Mantach For her effort to understand and complete tasks thoroughly and in a timely manner.
Jack Todd For his hardworking, thoughtful approach to all he does in the class and in the yard.
Lucy Sharp For being a great helper in class.
Lachlan Read For his great attitude to his work.
Lara Mayson For always putting in 100% effort into her writing.
Kyle Cropley For is super effort in the numeracy online testing.
Pippa Scutchings For being a responsible member of 1/2H and for always doing the right thing.
Mercaedes Wise For such an enthusiastic and effort-filled start at Grovedale Primary School.
Alex Zimnyckyj-Kay For putting great effort into being respectful to others.
Zander Hutchinson For being a kind and caring member of our classroom.
Jessica Evans For her careful print matching in writing.
Spencer Mayson For demonstrating fantastic listening.
Amy Gallagher For focused learning.
Jayme-Lee Black For contributing insightful answers in classroom discussions.
Quinn Di Cristoforo For helping others in the classroom.

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Join Saver Plus and match you savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- School uniforms and text books
- Computers, laptops and tablets
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You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Amanda Vernon your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 5278 8122
Or avernon@bethany.org.au

Oberon High School

INFORMATION EVENING
Wednesday 23rd March 2016
The evening commences with guided tours at 5.00pm followed by an information session at 6.30pm in the school library.
12 Pickett Crescent, Belmont
Ph: 5243 4444
oberon.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au

SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE GEELONG
2016 OPEN DAY
Sunday 20th March 2016
11am-2pm
Information sessions at 11am and 2.15pm
Year 7—2017 Enrolment Applications close Friday 20th May 2016.
Visit www.ignatius.vic.edu.au
27 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale 3222 Ph: 5251 1136
Extend OSHC at Grovedale Primary School

I would like to thank all the lovely OSHC families and children for being patient and adaptable with the renovation in the multi-purpose/OSHC room. We are sorry for any inconvenience. The OSHC children are always super active and intelligent therefore, on Monday we enjoyed playing a ‘knocking cups and throw ball in cup games’ – created and rules set by the children. It was a game in which we had to earn as many points as we could by knocking the cups down or throwing the ball into the cups.

On Tuesday, we played Star Wars using the swimming noodles as swords and enjoyed a game of badminton. Also, it was a beautiful day to play on the playground, climbing the A-Frames. Wednesday, we used our creativity to do wonderful paintings as room décor. On Thursday, we enjoyed playing a made-up game with Lego. We had to blind-fold our eyes and roll the car onto the concrete road made from Lego.

Throughout the week, a few children were interested to know what Valentine’s Day means. We researched and had meaningful conversations about Valentine’s Day. Also, being robust citizens of Australia, the children were informed about the ‘Anniversary of the Federal Government’s Apology to the Stolen Generation, celebrated on the 13th February every year. In brief, we discussed and shared our views on what the word ‘Apology’ means to us.

A special thanks to Mr. Gardiner for letting us share the art room for our OSHC program. We are hoping to move back to the multi-purpose room by this week. If not then we will still be in the Art Room – situated opposite to the multi-purpose room.

Priya

Our Extend Superstar is.... Jaiden Ledain for role-modelling his excellent behaviour to the younger children in the OSHC program.

Next week’s activities:
Monday 22 February: Salt painting
Tuesday 23 February: Let’s create a tornado
Wednesday 24 February: Origami
Thursday 25 February: Make your own slime
Friday 26 February: Obstacle Course Race

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team
PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

SIGN IN REGISTER

Could everyone please remember to sign in and sign out at the front office if you are visiting the school. It is very important that we have a record of who is in the school in the unlikely event of an emergency.

ROSILYN PRIMARY SCHOOL DRIVE IN

THE GOOD DINOSAUR

Saturday 5th March
Gates open @ 5pm Movie starts approx.
8.30pm
$30 per car
Enjoy the movie, jumping castle, face painting, food vans and music
For more information please contact Roslyn Primary School on 5243 3538

ODYSSEY MOUNTAIN BIKE MARATHON

SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2016
FORREST, VIC
Giant Odyssey 100km
Giant Shorty 50km
Giant Rookie 30km
Giant Pioneer 10km
Giant Grommets—fun riding for little kids.
Plus massive event festival that’s great for spectators

For more information go to www.GiantOdyssey.com.au
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: 75m Swim / 3km Cycle / 500m Run
11 – 15yrs: 150m 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.


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:

1. 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
2. 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.

NEW UNIFORMS: Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.
Phone: 5255 4897
Anne-Maree will be here this FRIDAY 19TH FEB 8.30AM
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

PAKO FESTA
‘A Celebration of Cultural Diversity’
Saturday 27th February 2016
9am—5pm
Pakington St, Geelong West
All event information can be found at www.pakofesta.com.au