PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

MAINTENANCE WORKS:
The works in Rooms 7 & 8 are finished and it was wonderful to see the Year 3/4's move back into their rooms. The light paint in Room 8 certainly has brightened the room and the doors are fabulous. The Art room was done yesterday and that looks very different. Tracy Doherty and Belinda Fletcher worked tirelessly today to get the library into some sort of order so that classes and children can start to go back in there. It certainly has been a missed resource. I have another site meeting this Thursday where we will discuss the next stage. The painting in the administration block and the student toilets will be completed in the school holiday break. Even though it has been a disruptive process, it certainly has been worth it. The school is starting to look at its very best—especially when everything is done. The teachers and students have been fantastic throughout this whole process—patient, resilient and flexible. Thank you all.

YEARS 5/6 CAMP
A HUGE thank you to all the adults that attended the Year 5/6 camp to Melbourne—Kelly Caldow, Candice Hinde, Arron Gardiner, Airlie Penny, Dan Lowther and especially Vicky Sheridan for organising this much loved camp. To be on duty 24 hours a day is a huge commitment and one that the teachers do not get any extra pay for. I know that everyone came back exhausted yet enthusiastic about the fabulous activities that they all got to do. Thank you all again.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY 29TH FEBRUARY.
We had a marathon session of School council on Monday night this week. We held our Annual General Meeting, sub committee meetings and then our first School council meeting for the year. From the AGM the following people hold positions for 2016: President: Russell Read. Vice President: Sally Harper Treasurer: Trevor Lewis Minutes: Arron Gardiner

We had a number of very interesting items for discussion on the night.
1. Environment: Removal of peppercorn trees close to buildings; Bike shelter quotes; cleaning of our underground tank and slides in our junior playground.
2. Curriculum: Units of inquiry for terms 1 & 2; Library; Swimming; student led conferences; and assessments to name a few.
3. Principal Report: Current enrolment is 236 students; Staff leave for 2016 and areas of focus for 2016—Excellence in Teaching & Learning/ building Practice Excellence and Professional Leadership—building Leadership teams.
4. Finance: Budgets for 2016; various financial policies and our financial status.
5. Roles & responsibilities of School Council; Standing Orders for School council.
6. School website: if you have any ideas of what you think you would like to see on our school website, please put them in writing and hand them into the front office.

If you have any questions in regards to anything that was discussed please do not hesitate to approach myself or Tracy Doherty or any parent that is on School council.

COMING EVENTS

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CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY:
As you would notice from the posters that are displayed around our school this week, the Year 3/4’s have organised a Clean Up Australia Day activity this Friday from 11.30am. The Prep to 2 children will be cleaning up our school environment and Years 3-6 children will be going to the Waurn Ponds Creek. If you have some spare time and would like to join in, please do so.

Have a great week!
Kathy Wesolowski Principal

REMINDER—SCHOOL PHOTOS TUESDAY 8TH MARCH
If you would like to order school photos, you can do so online at www.arphotos.com.au and follow the prompts or alternatively, send your photo day envelope to school. We have extra envelopes at the office if needed.

FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK

If you have any questions in regards to anything that was discussed please do not hesitate to approach myself or Tracy Doherty or any parent that is on School council.
Jess Novak: Primary Welfare Officer
Available for students and parents every Monday 8am to 12pm and Wednesday and Thursday 8am to 3:30pm for concerns regarding school transition, anxiety, routine, behaviour management, family separation, grief and loss, social skills, resilience and confidence levels. Please contact Jess through the school office if you would like to schedule an appointment or discuss a concern.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISING NEWS

From today, we commence the School Run 4 Fun Fundraising Program which is a major fundraiser this term so we do ask for your support. The event will take place on Wednesday 23/3/16. All funds raised will be used towards the installation of a covered bike shelter and new shade sails for the students.

Students have now received a poster size Superhero Sponsorship Form with a great selection of toy brands including Apple, GoPro, Razor, Star Wars, Monster High, Nerf just to name a few. This form will assist with collecting sponsorship donations on behalf of the school. Students who raise as little as $10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. The greater amount of sponsorship donations you receive the better prizes you can choose.

Inside the Sponsorship Form you will find helpful tips on how to raise money for the school as well as other benefits such as the chance to win a family holiday staying at Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast including entry to the major theme parks and the choice of either $1,000 spending money or a $1,000 Virgin Australia Gift Voucher.

STUDENT PROFILE PAGE
Create your student profile page today at www.australianfundraising.com.au/profile. You can record your fundraising goal and your preferred prize and keep track of the prizes you are entitled to based on the amount of sponsorship donations you receive. You also have the option to register for online fundraising and enter the Gold Coast Family Holiday Promotion.

ONLINE FUNDRAISING
A new way to help your child reach their fundraising goal is through online fundraising. Students who use online fundraising raise on average $120. Connect with family and friends in Australia and abroad simply by sharing your unique fundraising page link when you register for online fundraising.

Also, students who raise $20 or more in online donations will also receive a BONUS PRIZE of a sneaker keyring. How cool is that?

Once the fundraiser is complete, please ensure to fill out the prize request section on the back of the Sponsorship Form and return to the School Office along with your money inside an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and class. The incentive prizes will be delivered shortly after.

We would also like to welcome parents and family members to attend the event day to help cheer on the students.

Thank you in advance for your participation. Happy fundraising! Gab Lewis
**STUDENT AWARDS!**

- **Tahlia Dowling**  For her careful counting up to 10 during Teddy Bear maths.
- **Tully Curren**  For his fantastic effort when learning the sound song.
- **Nathan Harper**  For his confidence when speaking to his class.
- **Melissa Leddin**  For being a diligent learner and staying focused on her tasks.
- **Cameron Hanson**  For his fantastic list poem about Lego.
- **Ruby Williams**  For her great problem solving when skip counting.
- **Seth Plummer**  For being a fantastic role model in our class.
- **Tayah Fowkes**  For her independent work habits.
- **Sam Langridge**  For his positive attitude towards all learning tasks.
- **Lexi Czerniawski**  For always attempting learning tasks with a positive attitude.
- **Ollie Barton**  For excellent concentration and effort during word work.
- **Selwyn Kennedy**  For fantastic persistence and effort in writing tasks.
- **Ruby Hutchison**  For showing a great effort in special writing time.

**RIDE2SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY 4TH MARCH**

Friday 4th March is “Ride2School Day” and we are encouraging all students to walk, scoot or ride to school. Teachers will be meeting students at three different locations at 8:30am to ensure safe travel to school – the corner of Reserve Rd and Bailey St, the corner of Marshalltown Rd and Barwarre Rd, and the corner of Grove Rd and Bailey St. Students can be dropped off at any of these locations to participate if the distance they travel is too far.

Please remember students below grade 4, must be accompanied by an adult if they are riding and all students ‘scooting’ or ‘skating’ to school must wear helmets.

**SCHOOL CANTEEN PRICES**

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**LOST PROPERTY**

We have a number of items in lost property brought back from the Grade 5/6 camp. If you think you have lost something, please come and take a look at the lost property area outside the staffroom.

**WALLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL STRAWBERRY FAIR**

**SUNDAY 6TH MARCH**

10AM—4PM

610 WALLINGTON ROAD, WALLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Entertainment, food, wine, showbags, rides & auction.

Lots of fun for the whole family.

Off road parking available.

Strictly no dogs please.

**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.
Hello everyone, Hope you all had a fantastic weekend!! I would like to inform you with regret that I am leaving the After-School Care program in order to achieve other career goals. My last day will be Friday 4th of March. Thank you to all the families and children for making every day fun and special. This week we have been busy doing different activities according to our interests. Here we go with the recap:- We learnt to do salt painting and the children were so excited to do one by following the instructions. It became a popular activity – the very next day the children wanted to salt paint again. Tornado was a super fabulous activity and the children were amazed to see a Gigantic Cyclone inside a little jar. The children experimented by making their own and took them home to show their parents. Overall, the week has been wonderful as the children engaged in Origami Craft, Slime/Goop and Sports – Tennis, Golf, Basketball, skipping and chasing.

It has been an incredible experience for me to work with the Grovedale Primary School Team, Families, Children and Extend OSHC. I would like to thank the Principal, Assistant Principal, Admin Staff and Teachers for all of their support and guidance. I will definitely miss all the lovely children of the OSHC program.

Priya

Our Extend Superstar is…. Gabriel Hontarigo for helping the new children at OSHC with our routine and resources and modelling positive behaviour.

Next week’s activities:
Monday 7 March: A minute challenge – see if you can make a tower of cards
Tuesday 8 March: Squeeze egg challenge
Wednesday 9 March: Summer fun with ice vinegar
Thursday 10 March: Homemade Clay Decors
Friday 11 March: Sports Fun – Number Soccer

AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM: OPEN AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!
Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates!
VIC & QLD booking deadline: Friday 18 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 Extends 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.

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

NEW UNIFORMS: Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.
Phone: 5255 4897
Anne-Maree will be here next THURSDAY MAR 3RD 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

PICNIC CRICKET DAY 2016

All Abilities Picnic Cricket
What: A mini cricket carnival for people with a disability.
Where: Geelong Cricket Club (next to Simmonds Stadium)
When: Sunday 20th March, 10am—12noon.
Who: All ages (children through to adults)
Cost: Free
What to bring: Hat, water bottle, sunscreen, comfortable shoes and clothing, a picnic lunch.
What we provide: Personal care and individual support.

For more information please contact Leisure Networks on 5224 9908 or email aaa@leisurenetworks.org