PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Harmony Day
On Friday 18th March we celebrated Harmony Day. All the children enjoyed decorating the Harmony Tree which is in the library. Please feel free to come in and have a look at the tree. The children have done a fantastic job!!

Maintenance Works
Over the school holidays the maintenance works on the school will continue. The front foyer will be painted as well as the student toilets and other external areas.

Assembly and Easter Raffle
On Thursday we will be holding assembly at 9.10am. We will also be drawing the Easter Raffle at assembly. A big thank you to everyone who donated the prizes and bought tickets. And again, a big thank you to the Parents and Friends for all their time and effort!

School Fun Run/Cross Country
Today was a wonderful day for our whole school Fun Run/Cross Country day. It was great to see so many parents come to support their children as they had fun participating and the weather was certainly kind to us. A wonderful part of the morning was seeing the team spirit so many children demonstrated by cheering others on and by running alongside others who found the running a little more difficult. Special thanks must go to Mr. Gardiner for all his work in setting up and facilitating the event, encouraging all our students and ensuring that everyone had fun participating. He also organised the amazing finish line banner that everyone ran through, which made the whole race very professional! Thanks also to Gab Lewis and the Parents and Friends who provided icy poles for all the students at the end of the run. Well done everyone!

Have a great break. See you next term.

Kathy Wesolowski
Principal

COMING EVENTS

APRIL 2016

Mon 11th April  First day of Term 2
Thurs 14th April Parents and Friends meeting 9am
Fri 22nd April Curriculum Day—no students at school
Mon 25th April Anzac Day Public Holiday

MARCH 2016

Thurs 24th Mar Assembly 9.15am
Thurs 24th Mar Casual Dress Day—gold coin donation
Thurs 24th Mar Last day of term—finish 2.30pm

MAY 2016

Wed 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May Gymnastics Prep—Gr 2

FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK

Fri 15th April Fun Run forms and money due
Thurs 21st April Gymnastics P-2 form due $15

Library News
The library is looking wonderful and we’ve got a fantastic selection of new books for the children to borrow. Any parent help would be appreciated to get the books covered and out on the shelves! Please see the office if you can help. Thank you!!
NEWSFLASH!!
HIGH PRIORITY!!
RETURN OF NOTICES.

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.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE
FRIDAY 19TH APRIL—FIRST FRIDAY OF TERM 2.
2.30PM—3.30PM OUTSIDE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
(before and after assembly)

All uniform with old logo—FREE
All uniform with tree logo either half price or less, depending on quality and condition.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISING NEWS

Fun Run
Well done to all of the students who participated in the Fun Run today. It was great to see everyone so encouraging of each other and determined to cross the finish line!! You all did an amazing job!! All money and sponsorship books are due back at school in the first week of term 2 on Wednesday 13th April. Please ensure that they are handed in on time to receive your incentive prizes!! Please remember to hand in all booklets, even if there are no sponsors. I will let you know how much money was raised early next term.

Well done again to everyone and to Mr Gardiner for a well organised morning.

Easter Raffle
After a slow start with donations, it is very pleasing that we have had many more donations come in and we have a lot of raffle prizes!! Thank you to all families that have donated items and sold raffle tickets. Your support is really appreciated. Raffle will be drawn tomorrow morning at assembly.

Good luck everyone.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th April at 9am. All welcome.

Enjoy the holidays and look forward to seeing you at a meeting or event soon.

Gab Lewis

LOST PROPERTY
IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE LOST A JUMPER PLEASE CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY AREA IN FRONT OF THE STAFFROOM.
ALL ITEMS NOT COLLECTED WILL BE CLEARED BY THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK OF TERM 2.

Have you applied for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)?

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their achievements.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

$125 for primary school students

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website. Applications close 3 June 2016.

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STUDENT AWARDS!

Ruby Prep B For showing great effort in learning her golden words.
Cormac Prep B For his great effort at finding golden and red words within a text.
Jayden 01R For demonstrating how to ‘safely’ approach a dog during our Pet Visit.
Sam 01R For his persistent effort when writing on dotted thirds.
Eamon 12L For working hard at his writing goal.
Joshua 12L For his super effort making a calendar for the month of November.
Reid 12H For trying his very best in all areas of learning.
Ella 12H For trying really hard at working on her writing goal.
Jack 34W For being a responsible learner and working hard in maths.
Jake 34W For making good choices in class and being more focused on his learning.
Newton 56P For being a helpful member of the class.
Zaide 56L For checking his learning goals during his writers workshop!
Simon 56L For displaying outstanding leadership and teamwork at Lightning Premiership.

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.

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!!

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.
Extend OSHC at Grovedale Primary School

Hello! This week we have had a busy week with lots of different games and activities. After creating our own Pirate Hats students were given the challenge to go find secret items in the playground on our very own Treasure Hunt! I was very impressed by everybody’s creativity and imagination. We also got involved in some arts and crafts; the most popular activity being the ‘hackey sacks’ which the students got to take home. At After School Care, we have created a real focus on playing games together as a group. It’s been great watching the student’s contribute great games that we can play together and successfully teach one another. There is plenty more activities lined up for Term 2 - sports, cooking, science and more!

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Easter break. Looking forward to seeing you all next term!

Hannah

Our Extend Superstar is.... Rafael Hontarigo for always offering to help and for putting things away – thanks Raf!

HEAD LICE

We ask that all families continue to be vigilant in regularly checking your child’s hair for nits and that parents please advise your child’s teacher should any nits or eggs be found in your child’s hair.

Unless everyone regularly checks and provides treatment, the cycle will just continue. Thank you all for your support.

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:__________________

Our sister school in China have asked if they are able to bring 12 students and 2 teachers to us in July this year. Before I consent to this I need to be assured that there are families in our school community that would be willing to host one or two children or a staff member for a total of 5 days.

NEW UNIFORMS:

Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.
Phone: 5255 4897
Anne-Maree will be here next term THURSDAY 14th April.
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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