PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

WORKING BEE:
It was decided at School Council meeting last Monday that we will have a working bee on Sunday 15th May from 9am until 11am. The jobs that are needed to be completed on that morning are:

- Relocating the vegetable garden beds to make room for our Bike Shelter.
- Weeding around the school
- Cleaning of the pitts
- Pruning of the roses.

We are hoping that we get as many parents as possible from those that have children in the Prep to Year 2 area so that these jobs are able to be completed. As you know, the more we have the quicker the jobs will get done. Children whose parents attend will be rewarded with house points to make your time worthwhile.

Please fill out the slip in this newsletter to let us know of your intention to attend.

MOTHER’S DAY AFTERNOON TEA
On Friday 6th May we will have a Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea at school at 2.30pm. We welcome all Mums/carers/guardians to join us for a cuppa and a chat. You may even win a door prize!!

LEAVE
On Tuesday 3rd June I will be going on leave for a week and returning on Wednesday 11th May. Mrs Tracy Doherty will be acting principal in my absence.

Also, our Business Manager Mrs McCoombe will be going on leave for 5 weeks from Monday 2nd June. Mrs Kathy Smith will be acting Business Manager for 3 days a week and Mrs Jones will be at the front office as normal.

Have a great week!!

Kathy Wesolowski
Principal

COMING EVENTS

APRIL 2016
Fri 29th April  District Cross Country

MAY 2016
Wed 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May  Gymnastics Prep—Gr 2
Wed 4th May  Parents and Friends 9am to wrap gifts
Wed 4th May  Books Alive Gr 5/6
Fri 6th May  Mother’s Day Gifts
Fri 6th May  Mother’s Day afternoon tea 2.30pm
Sun 15th May  Working Bee 9-11am Prep-Gr 2
Mon 23rd May  School Council & Sub Committee meeting

FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK
Mon 2nd May  Books Alive Gr 5/6 due $12
Wed 4th May  Mothers Day form due
Fri 3rd June  CSEF applications due
We will/will not be attending the working bee on Sunday 15th May.

Name_________________________________________________
Child’s name____________________________________________
Class_______________________
Number attending_______________________

PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISING

Fun Run
The final profit from our Fun Run is $3668!!!
The student who raised the most money was Archer Gardiner, who raised $475! Great job Archer, we'll done!!
The class who raised the most money was Prep/1 R- Mrs Reid's grade, with $1220.50. Well done again to everyone who participated and raised money.

Mother’s Day Gifts
Don't forget to return your order forms to the office by Wednesday 4th May please. We won't be able to take any orders after this day and don't want disappointed students!
Gifts to be chosen by students and brought home on Friday 6th May.

Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea
We invite all GPS Mum’s or significant others to a Mother’s Day afternoon tea next Friday 6th May at 2:30pm, before school pick up. Come along and enjoy a cuppa and some afternoon tea, catch up with other Mums and possibly win a great door prize!

Next catch up will be Wednesday 4th May at 9am to wrap our Mother's Day gifts. If you are able to come along and help that would be wonderful.

Have a great week.
Gab Lewis
Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2015/2016 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Pick up a nomination form online at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

Application forms may also be picked up from the school office.

Extend OSHC at Grovedale Primary School

Existing Families
If you have not already done so, please log on to the parent portal NOW to secure your bookings for Term 2. You can book for the term, rest of the year or even book specific dates.

New Families
Enrol online – allow 24 hours
Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via the Parent Portal. Please note it is government regulation that all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service. For information on operating hours and fees for your school, visit your After School Care venue or school website.

Enrol now, pay later
The annual enrolment fee per family of $20 is NOT payable until you first use the service. So why not enrol now so you can access the service later? It doesn’t matter if you don’t end up using the service, because you won’t be charged.

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

Extend OSHC

Cost: $77 per person includes:

- Two days jammed packed with activities.
- One night’s accommodation in Camp Wyuna’s lodge.
- All meals are fully catered.
- An awesome YMCA Crew to assist the Dads and Kids

Our aim at the YMCA Geelong is to bring Dads and their Kids together and provide a “third place” away from the pressures of work and home where they can connect and be active together.

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MOTHERS DAY GIFTS

Name_______________________________________

I would like to purchase _______ gifts at $5.00 each. Please find a total of $__________________ enclosed.

The following children are to collect gift/s

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Please return this form by Wednesday 4th May. Gifts will be sent home with students on Friday 6th May

WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY WILL BE THE LAST DAY ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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 students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student.

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:

- On the first day of Term 2;
  - Be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC); OR
  - Be a temporary foster parent.

Foster parent type applications are only for temporary carers through DHHS. A letter from DHHS is required as confirmation. Permanent carers are not considered to be foster parents.

Applications for 2016 may be made up until Friday 3rd June.