



# Grovedale News

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### CURRICULUM DAY

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** (week 3 of term two), is a **student-free day** due to the scheduling of a Curriculum Day for staff. Our teachers will be completing training to ensure they have the skills to implement the Kidsmatter framework throughout the term. They will also be working in teams to plan relevant learning experiences for our students. This day was specifically selected due to staffing (all staff work on Wednesday only) and the need to begin the program in classes as early in the term as we can. Thank you for understanding the importance of this day and the benefits it will have to our learning community.

### HOSTING STUDENTS

We are in **urgent** need of further host families for the students from our sister school in China. Currently we have offers to host 4 of the 12 students. We are seeking your support now to ensure we can reduce the stress on the visa application process for the school. Each student must supply the specific details of their host family before an Australian visa can be granted. The students and teachers will be visiting between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. If you are interested in hosting please complete the attached form or contact the office immediately. Thank you in advance for your kind offer of support.

### PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF GPS

Our Parents and Friends committee is still seeking further members to assist with a range of events and fundraising activities held throughout the year. Their contribution to the school is vast and over the past 3 years they have raised approximately \$55 000 which has enabled us to rejuvenate the oval, purchase computers, build the bike shed, subsidise swimming, purchase sporting equipment and Spheros (programmable spherical robots) for use in Digital Technologies and PE classes. At this stage, they only have a small team of parents of mainly upper-primary students. They would like to extend a warm welcome to any new members. Please contact the office if you are interested in joining the committee in any capacity this year.

### EVENTS

We have certainly had a busy term with exciting sporting events and incursions to support and enhance student learning. The major events include the first day of school, swimming, transition, school photos, Bravehearts, Ride2School Day, Lightning Premiership, Student Led Conferences, Brainstorm, House Cross Country, Year 5/6 Camp and Easter Raffle.

### GRADE 5/6 CAMP

We would like to wish all of our Grade 5/6 campers all the best for their three days at Northcote Camp. Camp can at times be challenging for students as their usual support networks are modified and they need to adapt to these changes. We are very proud of our students for making this commitment and are confident they will develop and be able to apply a range of new skills. I would also like to thank our staff; Mr Waldron, Mr Shiell, Mrs Crumpton and Mr Gardiner for leading the camp with the assistance of our pre-service teachers Tim, Shannon and Daniel. It is such an exciting way for our Grade 5/6 students to conclude the term.

Term 1 Week 9 29 March 2017

### CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

This term, our classes were all focussing upon developing students' skills, knowledge and understanding across personal and social capabilities, and health through inquiry based learning. This has involved establishing routines, setting expectations, assessing learning strengths and developing appropriate learning goals which are regularly monitored. Classes also used mathematics and English assessments to determine the curriculum entry point to maximise individual student learning outcomes. Our students regularly work in small groups to collaboratively complete learning tasks together. Our teachers have been improving their practices to ensure structured cooperative learning opportunities occur throughout the week. We are proud of our students for the start they have made this year. We look forward to celebrating their academic growth as the year progresses.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

We would like to thank Russell Read for 5 years of service to our school as School Council President. He has contributed to many initiatives which have improved the school for the betterment of the community. Thank you Russell. We would also like to congratulate our new School Council President, Sally Harper. Sally has been an active member of School Council for a number of years and we are excited to see her in this very important role. Ann-Maree De Giorgio is also congratulated on her appointment as School Council Vice-President and Trevor Lewis as Treasurer. We are looking forward to another positive and productive year of School Council and thank everybody who gives up their time to contribute to these vital meetings.

### THANK YOU

I would like to thank the students, teachers, ES Staff, parents/carers and community members for such a positive start to the year. I'd also like to extend my personal thank you for welcoming me too. I've had a wonderful term and although we have had few setbacks, the positive and hardworking nature of the school has allowed our students to settle in, set goals and plan actions which will enhance their learning outcomes.

Brad Venn

Acting Principal



*'A Path to Success'*

## COMING EVENTS

### MARCH 2017

Wed 29th—Fri 31st	Grade 5/6 Camp
Fri 31st Mar	Last day of term 1—2.20pm finish 9am assembly—raffle drawn

### APRIL 2017

Tues 18th April	First day of Term 2
Thurs 20th April	Casual Dress Fundraiser—RCH
Fri 21st April	Athletics Carnival Gr 3-6
Thurs 27th April	Parents and Friends meeting at 9am

### MAY 2017

Wed 3rd May	Curriculum Day—No students at school
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### FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK

Thurs 27th April	P-2 Gymnastics form due \$15
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### THANKS YOU PARENTS & FRIENDS

A huge Thank You to the Parents and Friends group who made a total profit in 2016 of \$15,000. This was an amazing effort and was only achieved through the incredible dedication and hard work of a relatively small group of volunteers.

Profits from the 2015 School Fair have gone into building the bike shed.

## Junior School Council Casual Dress Day

On Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of April we are having a casual dress day at Grovedale Primary School. We will be raising money for the Royal Children's Hospital so please bring a gold coin donation for this very important charity.

The Royal Children's Hospital Provides much needed care to sick children from all over Victoria. Over 45,000 children were admitted to The Royal Children's Hospital last year and over 90,000 children were treated in emergency. That's in addition to the 255,000 children treated at the hospital's specialist clinics.

All children deserve nothing less than the lifesaving care and ground breaking research taking place at The Royal Children's Hospital. Your support helps the hospital deliver the best possible care to patients and their families.

So wear your favourite clothes on casual dress day and Lets raise funds for this very worthy cause.

Thanks very much  
J.S.C



**The Royal Children's  
Hospital Melbourne**

### IGA DOCKETS

Thank You to IGA for their continued support of the school. Last year we raised \$1800 through the collection of the IGA docketts.

IGA have requested that we only bring current docketts, preferably no more than a month old, so could you please send your docketts in as soon as you get them. If you have a collection of them at home at the moment could you please send them in and we will start fresh and regularly collect the current ones.

IGA also support us throughout the year, supplying food and goods for many of our fundraisers.



The Year 3/4s were lucky enough to have a visit from an Olympic coach and three of his students this week. Jarrod, Keegan, JR and Jack talked about effort and persistence, as well as setting goals and the importance of having high expectations of yourself. They related their own success stories to the amount of effort they have put in over the years and talked about the successes they have achieved so far. They also discussed many of the hurdles they have faced in their careers and how they had to overcome these to achieve success. Thank you to Mrs Branson for organising such a fantastic visit, the children certainly learnt a great deal about the importance of effort, trying their best and never giving up.



## PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

### Easter Raffle

A huge thanks to all families who have donated items for our Easter Raffle and who have bought or sold raffle tickets. We have wrapped all of the prizes this morning, and there are a lot of great prizes so keep your fingers crossed for Friday morning!! We have raised just over \$1150 from the raffle, so well done everyone!!!

A big thanks to the parents who wrapped and counted money and folded raffle tickets this morning.

### Fair- help needed

As most of you will be aware we run our school Twilight Fair every two years, so this year is Fair year!! Our last fair was a huge success, raising over \$12000 and was a fun night for everyone.

We need to ensure we have enough helpers on board before we commit 100%.

It is expected that all families will help in some form, and we will send home a note early next term for expressions of interest of where you would prefer to help and the time you would prefer. The Fair will be held late November (date will be confirmed early next term).

A large event like this requires many helpers for it to be a success so please fill out these forms next term and we can get stuck in to organising our Fair!!

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th April at 9am.

Enjoy the holiday break.

See you next term.

Gab Lewis



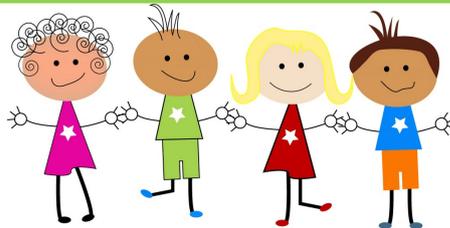
## JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to our Junior School Council Representatives for 2017.

- 1/2P Mason Van Dort and Lexi Czerniawski
- 1/2L Tia Waldron and Trey Hensby
- 1/2V Ruby Curren and Macenzie Baker
- 3/4B Ella Haunstein and Jye Walters
- 3/4M Mia Thompson and Adam Sharp
- 3/4D Sarah Watson and Mitchel Chappell
- 5/6S Jaymie Butler and Siennah Hyland
- 5/6W Will Cropley and Montana Wilson
- 5/6C Harry Watson and Maddison Kennedy.

**Congratulations!**

Last Friday the children from United Children's Dugong room, came across the road to visit the Preps and Grade



Ones from Mrs Reid's grade. Together we shared a story, before breaking off into small groups for some developmental play. The children enjoyed activities such as role play and dressing up, building things with blocks, setting up a train track, going shopping and making things with play dough.

This was a great opportunity for our children to show the school values of respect, responsibility and safety towards our visitors and for us to further develop a partnership with United Children.



## 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.

## STUDENT AWARDS

Dominik	PB	For showing responsibility when working on his writing goal of recording the first sound.
Callum	PB	For showing the value of safety when playing in the school ground.
Jessica	P1R	For making good class choices both in the classroom and the playground.
Coen	P1R	For always being respectful and using his manners.
Ollie	12P	For being persistent with his writing and not giving up when facing challenging tasks.
Mason	12P	For working hard to achieve his writing goal and focusing on his handwriting.
Liam	12V	For getting started on his work straight away every time. Fantastic!
Toby	12V	For using positive thinking to overcome problems. Wow!
Grace	12L	For her fantastic narrative about Rollerway.
Erin	12L	For working hard to achieve her reading goal in guided reading.
Goldie	34B	For always using beautiful manners and being respectful to all classmates.
Alex	34B	For being an honest and trustworthy member of our class.
Jesse	56S	For the great work he has shown in creating his poster on Growth Mindset.
Mac	56S	For his enthusiastic participation in all learning tasks.
Jack	56C	For making better choices in the classroom and reaching his personal goal. Well done!
Kaeleb	56C	For showing persistence, great sportsmanship and putting in his best effort at Lightning Prem.



### SCHOOL CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

The school canteen runs on a Tuesday and Friday each week. At the moment we are just selling Calippos at \$1 each. Thank you to the parents who have already offered to help. If we could have lots of volunteers, we can make up a roster and we wouldn't have to rely on the same people every week. It takes only an hour of your time—from 1.15pm to 2.15pm. We need two people for each day the canteen is open. If you can help out, could you please contact the school office.

**NEW UNIFORMS:** Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms. **Phone:** 5255 4897

Maureen will visit Grovedale Primary School : **this Thursday 30th March at 8.45am**

*Order forms may be picked up from the school office.*

**SECOND HAND UNIFORMS:** in the Sick Bay on **Tuesday afternoons only from 3:00pm-3:20pm.**

### SCHOOL KILTS:

Our kilt supplier is PSW located at 164 Malop St, Geelong just down from Officeworks. Please contact PSW on 9768 0383 to check availability. Alternatively, you can order online at [www.psw.com.au](http://www.psw.com.au).

### Let's 'Get Active in April'

Join the school team and look at what we could win....

#### Schools PLUS Challenge 3

Win a Mind Body Pedal course and skateboarding workshop for your school!

We want schools to find it easy and successful to get students involved with

Premier's Active April this year. Who wouldn't want to win great prizes just by getting active every day with their classmates?

[Register](#) for Premier's Active April 2017

- School Team ID go-grovedale
- That's it! You're automatically helping your school win!

Get your teachers and classmates on board – the more people who register, the higher your chance of winning.

#### What are the rules?

All school teams registered by *midnight 31 March* will go into the draw to win a girls only [Mind Body Pedal](#) course run by Bicycle Network plus a half-day [All Aboard](#) skateboarding workshop run by the [Victorian Skateboarding Association](#).

#### What else can my school win?

There are heaps of other great school prizes up for grabs.

Simply by nominating your school when you register as a teacher or student, you'll automatically increase your school's chance of winning. Add your students into your school team and you will also go into the prize draw to win either a \$350, \$500 or \$750 Sportsmart voucher (small, medium or large schools respectively.)

There are also local rewards for every person who registers. Go to the website and check out the benefits and rewards for being involved.

