PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

MOVEMENTS FOR 2017:
If your child/ren are NOT going to be attending Grovedale Primary next year, can you please let us know asap in writing. Please don’t rely on your child to let us know this very important information. I need to know for grade placement and for staffing. We are currently making up the grade lists and we need to know exactly how many children to put in each grade.

PREP ORIENTATION SESSION 4 / WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION:
Just a reminder that we will be holding our last and longest orientation session for our 2017 prep children as well as our whole school transition session on Tuesday the 6th of December. We will also have students that will be joining us next year spending either the morning or day with us on that same day. These sessions are really important for the children to not only get used to the school environment but for our existing students to get used to being in the next year level and meeting other students in the school that they may be sharing with next year. It will start at 9:30, so it is really important that the children are here promptly on that morning so that they know where they are going. Thank you all for ensuring that this happens. I stress that this session may not be the teacher that they will have next year.
A lot of thought and discussion by the teachers goes into this very important decision of where we place each and every student and many aspects about your child are considered throughout the process. We try to ensure that everyone will have at least one of their choices of friends in the grade with them. If your child does not get the teacher that they had hoped for, we hope that you as parents talk to them about resiliency and acceptance. Children will find out the teacher that they will have for next year in their reports. There will be a number of changes for 2017 and staffing at this stage is not finalised as yet.

ITALIAN DAY YESTERDAY:
What a HUGE success yesterday was. We all had a wonderful time getting involved in Italian activities throughout the day. The teachers all planned highly engaging Italian activities and fun was had by all. A huge thank you to Senora Falcone for ensuring the day ran so smoothly and helping to facilitate the day and to all the teachers across the school for running the activities.

LAST ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR— FRIDAY THE 16TH DECEMBER.
We will be holding our last assembly for this year on the Friday afternoon at 2:30pm. This will mean that we will also be holding our annual Christmas raffle at this assembly. Please mark this date and time in your diaries as it is always one not to miss.

Have a great week!
Kathy Wesolowski  Principal

COMING EVENTS

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FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK

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We started last week off with a very hot day! We enjoyed some indoor activities and icy poles to cool off. Students have had fun creating their toothbrush paintings, friendship bracelets and newspaper art pieces throughout the week and worked together to make our delicious truffles for our families to take home and enjoy over the weekend!  

Alishea, Team Leader

What’s on next week?

Monday 5\textsuperscript{th} December:  ‘Flick Painting’
Tuesday 6\textsuperscript{th} December:  DIY Musical Instruments
Wednesday 7\textsuperscript{th} December:  3D Xmas Cards
Thursday 8\textsuperscript{th} December:  Magic Tricks
Friday 9\textsuperscript{th} December:  Crystal Candy Canes

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!
Book early to take advantage of early-bird rates!

Early-bird closes:
Friday 2 December for December bookings
Monday 19 December for January bookings

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend! Have fun with science experiments, participate in a bunch of craft activities with access to a plethora of art media, and get active with a variety of sports and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend’s Summer 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.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISING NEWS

Christmas Raffle
All families have received a book of 10 raffle tickets this week to sell for our Christmas raffle. Tickets are $1 each and you can get more tickets at the office if you need. We usually have about 50 raffle prizes, so make sure you buy a few tickets to be in with a chance to win something! Tickets are due back at school by Monday 12th December.

Could we please have donations of prize items for the raffle. This could be Christmas books, crafts, food, vouchers, toys, anything you like! You may have something you’ve never opened that could be re-gifted! We already have some great prizes. Thankyou to families who have donated prizes so far! The raffle will be held on Friday 16th December at assembly.

Grade 4 Bike ride
Parents and friends enjoyed providing a BBQ lunch for the grade 4 students and helpers on their big bike ride on Friday. There were some very hungry riders and they all did an amazing job to ride so far! Well done grade 4’s!!!

Have a great week.
Gab Lewis

HELPERS MORNING TEA—INVITATION

We extend an invitation to all those fabulous people who have helped out our school in any way this year. This could be helping in the classrooms, helping in the library or art room, gardening, canteen, covering books, special projects, helping with excursions or any of the multitude of areas where you contribute to this school.

Please join us on Monday 5th December at 11am in the Library to allow us the opportunity to say ‘Thank You’ for all of your time and dedication to Grovedale Primary School.

It is gratefully appreciated by students and staff alike!
STUDENT AWARDS

Cormac  PB  For his very good understanding of sharing to make equal groups.
Grace  PB  For always being a kind and caring member of our class. Thank you Grace!
Matilda  01R  For an excellent chapter summary during guided reading.
London  01R  For attentive listening with her partner, Chloe during Theraplay.
Eamon  12L  For showing respect by making sure games are fair during reading groups.
Riley  12L  For really challenging himself when problem solving number patterns using multiplication.
Trey  12H  For still completing his work even with a broken arm.
Madison  12H  For being a kind and helpful member of our class.
Laura  56L  For her ability to order pair on a cartesian plane.
Tane  56L  For getting 100% of his answers correct in his recent mathematic assessment.
Will  56S  For working hard to complete all learning tasks to a high standard.
Ella  56S  For attention to detail to complete her work to a high standard.
Declan  56P  For being resilient when under pressure from customers on Market Day.
Noah  56P  For excellent business skills selling waffles on Market Day.

NEW UNIFORMS:
Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.
Phone: 5255 4897
Ann-Maree or Maureen will be at the school this Thursday 1st December at 8.45am – 9am.
SECOND HAND UNIFORMS: Visit Sally & Kelli in the Sick Bay on Tuesday afternoons only from 3:00pm-3:20pm
SCHOOL KILTS: Please note:
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.

LIBRARY NEWS
We have 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!!

SCHOLASTIC
We have just ordered from Issue #8, our last Scholastic Book Club order for the year. A very big thank you goes out to the families who have ordered books over the year. Due to Scholastic’s fantastic rewards system, we have earned just over $1000 in rewards. This has provided us a huge number of books directly into the classrooms and library.

Happy reading over the holidays—we can look forward to many more great books available in 2017!

LOST
Prescription glasses with black frame and blue lens. Please hand into office if found.

FOUND
Ipad mini cover in blue. Found under a chair at assembly. Contact the office if this is your cover.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS
Please note that the last day to order rewards is Monday 5th December. If you have tokens you would like to use, please see Mrs Jones at the office. All unused tokens will be rolled over to next year. You can still put in your school bank book as last day for banking will be Tuesday 13th December.

Thank you to all the children who do school banking every week.
Just get active has been a big part of our curriculum over the past 18 months. This program is used to keep children active and to practise mindfulness between classroom sessions. To give parents a better understanding of what the program is all about, the team from Just Get Active have now released a trial for home access. Attached are the instructions and the unique Grovedale Primary School code for you to access at home.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Mr Gardiner as school.
Home Access Code

Step 1
Open your browser and go to www.justgetactive.com
Click Register from the menu to create your new Home Access account

Step 2
You should now see the Register An Account page
On the right select the Home option

Step 3
Fill in your account details, username, and password
Select Register Home Access to continue

For support please contact us on 1300 807 130
hello@justgetactive.com.au
Home Access Code

Step 4
Once you have registered your account you will be redirected to the Home Access subscriptions page.

Select the **Quarterly** subscription option to use the code provided by your School.

Step 5
Enter the code provided by your School in the **Discount Code** field and then select **Register** to complete your free Home Access subscription.

Once completed you will be redirected to the Home Access Dashboard.