PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
It is my pleasure to write the news for this week’s newsletter while Mrs. Wesolowski is on leave this week and what a busy week it has been!

District Cross Country
Last Friday, 48 students from our school participated in the District Cross Country at Barwon Valley Park. Although the weather was awful, Mr. Gardiner was particularly pleased with the sportsmanship our students demonstrated as they cheered for students from other schools as well as those from Grovedale PS. 11 students made it through to the next round to compete in the Division finals on May 24th. Well done to all students who competed and gave their very best.

Attitudes to School survey
This week our Grade 5/6 students were asked to give their opinions about what our school is like through the ‘Attitudes to School’ survey. This is a chance for our children to express their opinions about how they feel about being at Grovedale PS. We take their opinions very seriously and we use this information to make positive changes to improve their feelings of safety, connectedness and wellbeing.

NAPLAN
Students in Years 3 and 5 will be completing the NAPLAN testing from May 10-12 in Reading, Writing, Numeracy and Language Conventions. This is a mandatory national assessment program which gathers student data from all the schools in Australia and uses the results to track student achievement and decide on future directions for education funding. Last year we rated exceptionally well in our Year 5 results and we are hoping to improve our Year 3 NAPLAN results in 2016.

Classroom Helpers
Mrs. Brough has completed the ‘Classroom Helpers’ program for this year and the feedback from parents has been really positive. Each week, Mrs. Brough discussed how to assist children at home in literacy and numeracy tasks, and also helped to prepare parents who may wish to help out in the classroom. We are so fortunate at Grovedale PS to have such wonderful parent helpers throughout the school, who really work hard as partners in their children’s education. We are very grateful to all those who help so willingly in any way at school.

Term 2 Week 4 4 May 2016

Come to School visits
This week we started our very popular ‘Come to School’ visits for the children at kinder this year that will be coming to school in 2017. Mrs. Brough (who has been very busy!) held the first session on Monday in her room where the little ones heard the ‘Elmer the Elephant’ story and made an artwork to take home. The next session will be on Tuesday 17th May at 2.30pm and we invite all kinder children and their parents to attend –see you there!

Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea
On Friday 6th May we will be holding a special Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea at the school at 2.30pm. We warmly welcome all Mums, carers or guardians to come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat at school to celebrate all our awesome women!

Have a great week of learning, everyone!

Tracy Doherty  Acting Principal

COMING EVENTS

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‘A Path to Success’
PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISING

Fun Run
The fun run incentive prizes have arrived and will be sent home today. Well done again to all students who raised money!!!!

Mother's Day Gifts
The Mother’s Day gifts are all wrapped and looking great. Thanks for all of your orders. Unfortunately, we won’t be able to accept any late orders. Students will choose their gifts and bring them home on Friday (Mum’s- don’t unpack the school bag on Friday). Thank you to the Mum’s who helped wrap the gifts.

Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea
Thank you to everyone who has RSVP’d for our afternoon tea this Friday. It starts at 2:30pm and will be held in the OLC (grade 5/6 building). We hope all GPS Mum’s have a lovely, relaxing Mother’s Day!!!!

Vision Portraits Fundraiser
Our next fundraiser is a photography fundraiser through Vision Portraits. For only $15, families get a photography sitting and free framed portrait! Photos will be taken on Sunday 5th June at the school with either an indoor or outdoor photography session - you choose! Please read attached form for further details. Forms will also be sent home to all families. These can be filled out and returned to school with your payment or you can follow the instructions to book your sessions and pay online. Bookings due by 27th May. Please allow approx. 40 minutes for photos and viewing of photos afterwards. The first session will be at 8:45am and the last at 4:30pm. You can have a look at Vision Portraits Facebook page to see some of their work.

Thank you again to all who have helped this term. There have been a number of things to organise these past couple of weeks so your help is really appreciated.

Have a great week.
Gab Lewis

NEW UNIFORMS:
Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.
Phone: 5255 4897
Anne-Maree will be here this THURSDAY 5th May, 8.45am-9.15am
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

WORKING BEE
SUNDAY 15TH MAY, 9-11AM

We will/will not be attending the working bee on Sunday 15th May.

Name_________________________________________________
Child’s name______________________________________________
Class____________________________________________________
Number attending_____________________________
**STUDENT AWARDS**

Lily  PB  For her great effort at writing numbers to 10.
Jakaylah-Rose  PB  For her fantastic one to one correspondence when counting.
Aaron  PB  For settling in so well into our class. Well done!!
Katia  12L  For working hard on her non-fiction book about dogs.
Mikaela  12L  For her wonderful counting by 10’s and 100’s.
Daniel  34P  For being responsible in working towards his learning goals.
Riley  34P  For his terrific effort in completing tasks on time.
Laura  56L  For her outstanding creativity and the way she uses her seed book to help her writing.
Zaide  56L  For his outstanding attention to detail during Inquiry.
Noah  56P  For writing a creative narrative with an interesting twist.
Cooper  56P  For being a kind and caring classmate and helping others in need.
Jai  34M  For consistently working hard in all learning areas.
Seth  34M  For putting extra effort into his work.
Brianna  01R  For working quickly to record ‘friends of 10’.
Hunter  01R  For speaking confidently to the class during his ‘Show and Share’ time.
Jason  12C  For improved concentration and dedication towards his learning. Awesome effort!
Abbye  12C  For always being a kind and considerate class member.
Trey  12H  For reading for 25 nights. Keep it up!

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**LOST CONTACT**
We are trying to track down a large and small roll of contact that has gone missing from the school for covering books for the library.

Can we ask that any parents who covered books last time and may have taken a roll home with them, could you please check that it was returned to the school.

If anyone finds the rolls, could you please return them to either Mrs Doherty or the office.

Thank-you!!

**SCHOOL CANTEEN PRICES**

Tuesdays and Fridays

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**INTRODUCING THE LATE PASS**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

We have decided to bring in a new system for late students. When a parent signs their child into the front office, the student will receive a LATE PASS from Mrs Jones. The student then needs to pass this onto their teacher so they know that they have been signed in at the office.

If the student does not have a late pass, the teacher will mark them as being late with no explanation.

It is imperative that you sign your child in or out of school at the front office every time.
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 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.