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.

INCIDENT OVERNIGHT AT OUR SCHOOL:
I know that many parents and children were curious this morning when they saw police at our school. I also know that this isn’t a common occurrence and not a pleasant way to be greeted. However I can assure you that the police do a wonderful job in keeping our school safe and secure. Fortunately, there was only minor damage and we had business as usual today. If you can please reassure the children that our school is a safe place to be and we have a number of security measures in place.

PREP ORIENTATION SESSION 4/
WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION:
We had a very successful whole school transition session on Tuesday the 6th of December. We had a number of students that will be joining us next year and they spent either the morning or the day with us. They all had a great day and are looking forward to coming next year. 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.

LAST ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR—
FRIDAY THE 17TH DECEMBER.
We will be holding our last assembly for this year on the Friday afternoon at 2:20pm. 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

DECEMBER 2016

Fri 9th Dec          Grade 2 Sleepover  
Prep/One BBQ
Tues 13th Dec        Last day for normal lunch orders
Wed 14th Dec         Grade 6 Graduation at Skilled Stadium
Thurs 15th Dec       Special Lunch Order day
Thurs 15th Dec       Last day for Coastal Uniforms 8.45am
Fri 16th Dec         Last school assembly 2.20pm
Mon 19th Dec         Grade 5/6 Adventure Park
Tues 20th Dec        Last day of Term 4—1.30pm finish

JANUARY 2017

Fri 27th Jan          Book collection day 9am—12pm
Fri 27th Jan          Working Bee 9am—12pm

FEBRUARY 2017

Wed 1st Feb           First day of Term 1 for students

FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK

Thurs 8th Dec      Grade 6 Graduation due. Per family  $15
Fri 9th Dec         Grade 5/6 Adventure Park due     $5
Fri 9th Dec         Special Lunch order due back
Mon 12th Dec        Raffle tickets are due back

WORKING BEE

Friday 27th January 2017  9am—12pm
Bring along your gardening tools and buckets so that we can get the garden and grounds free of weeds and rubbish and looking spic ‘n span for the start of the school year.
Weekly recap

We have had a lot of fun using all the new dress ups and props at After School Care over the past week. The students have been rehearsing their play to perform next week and we even had a Fashion Show! We’ve also been busy with our chalk drawings, mini Christmas trees and our toy lizard habitats!

Please remember to visit the extend website to book your child in to our Summer Holiday program over the school holidays and to make your bookings for 2017!

Alishea, Team Leader

What’s on next week?

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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 will have received a book of 10 raffle tickets 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 at 2.20pm.

Lunch orders will run as normal for this Thursday and next Tuesday and we will finish with our Special Lunch Order Day on Thursday 15th December.

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Coming up over the New Year break we will be running 3 weeks of swimming intensive.

The details are as follows:

- **Week 1** Monday 9th January - Friday 13th January
- **Week 2** Monday 16th January - Friday 20th January
- **Week 3** Monday 23rd January - Friday 27th January (4 days, 26th Jan public holiday)

- 5 day program $75
- 10 day program $145
- 14 day program $185

Please contact Geelong Aquatic Centre on 52225530 or email admin@geelongaquaticcentre.com.au for further details.
**STUDENT AWARDS**

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<td>For putting in a great effort to achieve her reading goals. Congratulations.</td>
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<td>For showing respect by helping others without being asked.</td>
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<td>For her terrific problem solving when working out the place value of numbers.</td>
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<td>For trying her best with everything she does.</td>
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<td>Jude</td>
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<td>For working hard to increase the number of words he can spell from memory. Well done Jude!!</td>
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<td>Riley</td>
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<td>For being a great team mate during 3/4 sport!</td>
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<td>Lilie-Rose</td>
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<td>For showing persistence and resilience in completing the ‘Big Bike Ride’!</td>
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**NEW UNIFORMS:**

Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.

*Phone:* 5255 4897

Ann-Maree or Maureen will be at the school next Thursday 15th December at 8.45am–9am which will be their last day for the year. Orders can still be handed into the school and will be sent by email.

**SECOND HAND UNIFORMS:** Visit Sally & Kelli in the Sick Bay on Tuesday afternoons only from 3:00pm-3:20pm. Last day for second hand uniform will be Tuesday 13th December.

**SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

Join us this Summer for Fun on the Farm. We’ll be hosting a range of activities such as:

- Farmer for a Day
- Animal Feeding
- Story Time
- Paddock to Porridge
- Kokedama
- Worm Farmer
- Veggie Gardening

For more information and to book, visit: [WWW.THEFARMERSPLACE.COM](http://WWW.THEFARMERSPLACE.COM)

**MATERIALS CHARGE 2017**

The Materials Charge for 2017 has been kept at $210 per student for the full year. If you are unable to make full payment at the Book Pack Collection day on Friday 27th January, please remember that you can make a deposit and we can organise a Payment Plan. Just come to the school office.

**PAYMENT AND BOOK PACK COLLECTION**

The school will be open for book collection and payment on **Friday 27th January 2017 between 9am and 12 noon**.

Payment may be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. Again, if full payment cannot be made on the day we can organise a payment plan for you. Just come to the office and we will implement a suitable plan. Payments or payment plans for 2017 may be made prior to the end of the 2016 school year at any time.
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 and are tied to the student. Parents or legal guardians are required to submit a new CSEF application form each year.

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 one, or; on the first day of Term two;

   a) Be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
   b) Be a temporary foster parent.

Eligibility date

CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card successfully validating with Centrelink on either the first day of term one or term two.

Parents or legal guardians

Application forms are available from the school office.

ASTHMA CARE PLAN

If you have an asthma plan at the school for your child please note that this needs to be updated annually.

The Asthma Foundation Victoria’s Asthma Care Plan for Schools should be provided annually by the student’s medical/health practitioner in consultation with the parents/guardians.

The plan must include the prescribed medication taken:
- on a regular basis
- as premedication to exercise
- if the student is experiencing symptoms.
- emergency contact details.
- business contact details of the student’s doctor.

If your child has asthma and you have not provided the school with a plan, please do so as soon as possible.

REMEMBER: Your child cannot hold their medication in their bag. It must be kept at the office along with the asthma plan.

START OF SCHOOL 2017

Please note that although staff return to school on Monday January 30th 2017, the first 2 days of term are Curriculum days. ALL students return to school on Wednesday 1st February 2017.