



Grovedale News

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

WORKING BEE LAST THURSDAY:

Some of you remembered our Working Bee last Thursday after school from 3:20 to 4:20pm. It was disappointing to not have many families attend this and so we still have quite a number of jobs to be completed. We need someone to clean the pits, sweep the pathways and still lots of weeding. If you are able to help us in any way, please ask Brad Venn or myself and we will direct you to the areas that still need work. We have tried to avoid a weekend, as we know that many of you have sporting commitments and family events. We are open to any suggestions of times that we would have more families attend working bees. I would sincerely like to thank the following families that came: Watson, Harper, Berris, Werner, Inglis and DeGeorgio.

UNIFORM:

With the cold weather upon us now we are starting to see some interesting versions of our school uniform start to creep in. If you are unsure of the items of uniform that are permissible, please grab a copy of our uniform policy from the front office. I think the school has a vast number of uniform pieces that make our children look proud and smart in our school in red and navy. If you need some items of uniform, we do have a second hand uniform supply so please ensure that you have enough for the winter months ahead. A reminder that a parent mans the second hand uniform on Tuesdays from 3:00pm until 3:30pm.

NEXT WEEK:

Both Brad and I will be attending the Regional Principal Conference in Melbourne on Tuesday and Wednesday. The theme for the conference is "Inspired Teaching and Learning: Creating the Education State." We will have a number of speakers and workshops to attend over the two days and a chance to interact with colleagues from around the region. Whilst Brad and I are attending these days, Mrs Sonya Brough will be acting principal. I will also be absent on Thursday and Friday as I am attending professional development sessions at Deakin University on Leading Literacy. It is just bad timing that everything falls into one week for me, however I am confident in my team of teachers and in Brad Venn to steer the ship in my absence.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

Just a reminder that Monday the 12th June is a public holiday and so school will not be operating that day. I hope that you all enjoy your long weekend and find time to spend together as a family.

Term 2 Week 8 7 June 2017

UPCOMING SCIENCE OPEN DAY TUESDAY 27TH JUNE

We have organised an Open Afternoon where we invite all parents into the school for students to share their learning over this term. We invite you on Tuesday the 27th June from 2:45 until 3:20 to make some time to come into your child's room to see what they have been learning, and the work they have been doing. We look forward to seeing you here.

PIRATE DAY:

This Friday we look forward to seeing everyone dressed up as a pirate. The Junior School Council have decided that the gold coin donations that we gather for this event will go toward Childhood Cancer Research, which is a very worthwhile cause to support.

Kathy Wesolowski Principal

COMING EVENTS

JUNE 2017

Fri 9th June	Pirate Day
Mon 12th June	Queen's Birthday—no school
Wed 14th June	Fundraising chocolates boxes sent home
Fri 16th June	Gr 5/6 Grovedale College Science visit
Tues 20th June	Lightning Prem Football Div finals
Wed 21st June	Preps 2018 Activity Session 2.30pm
Wed 21st June	Gr 5/6 Grovedale College Science visit
Tues 27th June	Science Open Day 2.45pm-3.20pm
Fri 30th June	Last day of term—2.30pm finish

JULY 2017

Thurs 27th July	Lightning Prem Football Girls
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FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK

Tues 13th June	Lightning Prem Football Div finals \$9 due
Tues 13th June	Scholastic Issue #4 due
Mon 17th July	Payment and/or unsold chocolates \$50 due
Thurs 20th July	Lightning Prem Football Girls \$9 due



'A Path to Success'

Curriculum News

Our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students have been actively learning about minibeasts during their Inquiry lessons. It has been fantastic to see the students' enthusiasm whilst searching for invertebrates in the yard or watching the clips. I'm sure they have been trying to find out 'What's living in my backyard?' at home too.

The Year 3 and Year 4 students have also been passionately involved in their Science lessons too. Last week they attended Serendip Sanctuary in Lara to explore habitats and observe native animals. Their Inquiry question, 'What do living things need to survive?', has led them to explore and research a range of animals across the world.

The Year 5 and Year 6 students have been answering the question, 'How does the environment affect survival?', for their Inquiry unit. This has allowed them to explore a range of biomes and develop an understanding of how these impact the types and sizes of the flora and fauna.

Our Biological Sciences units will conclude with a Science Open Afternoon on Tuesday 27th June from 2:45PM in each of our learning areas. We would love to see as many parents/carers and families attend as possible to support our students' learning.

JESS NOVAK—WELFARE OFFICER



I am not a big fan of goodbyes, but what I dislike even more than goodbyes are missed opportunities! Choosing to look at challenges, issues, circumstances, conversations, lessons (the list goes on) as opportunities immediately encourages you to look at what can be gained from the experience, and that is very empowering! It helps you to feel in control of at least some part of the situation. It helps you to take meaning from the challenge. It helps you to teach a skill through a conversation. And it allows you to feel proud of yourself for reflecting, learning, teaching, growing, demonstrating and achieving. All of this from simply thinking to yourself "how can I turn this into an opportunity for myself and for someone else?"

And because I believe in showing and not just telling, I am going to turn this goodbye message into an opportunity to share with you all some things that I have learnt in my time at GPS and some things that I hope that I have encouraged in our community.

I have learnt that:

- The research is right! Everything is happening younger, and I have now seen the proof. Children are experiencing things younger, being exposed to things younger, viewing things younger, feeling things younger, trying things younger, asking for help younger...so next time you read or hear something and find yourself thinking "surely not at my child's age", think again! I promise you, it is happening!
- People are never too young or too old to learn and change. Again, I have seen proof of this. Children continue to amaze me at their ability to learn and understand things that we often assume could be too difficult for them and parents continue to amaze me at how willing they can be to try something new when it is suggested respectfully and kindly.
- Primary school age is a lovely stage of child development that falls in between toddler tantrums and teenage tantrums so have as much fun with children at this age as you can! Having fun with children is a simple and enjoyable way that adults can show love, care and interest and when a child feels loved, cared for and interesting, their tantrums will be few and far between.
- Supportive and secure environments are key to success. Whether it is home, classroom, playground, club or workplace. Whether it is adult, child, teenager or baby. Regardless of age or place, if individuals feel supported and safe they will be more likely to achieve what they set out to do.

I have tried to encourage and demonstrate:

- The power of listening, validating, empathising and assisting anyone and everyone.
- That being assertive is different to being aggressive and that everyone has a right to be assertive if it is done respectfully and appropriately. I have tried to demonstrate the importance of learning this skill correctly and from a young age so that it can be practised. I have also tried to teach how this skill can in fact avoid aggression, victimisation and inappropriate relationships.
- KIDSMATTER!!! There is so much that your children can gain from learning social and emotional skills.
- That every child has a right to learn and achieve their full potential – academically, socially and emotionally – and no child asks for this to be any more difficult for them than for their friends sitting next to them every day. Children learn how to survive before they learn how to thrive and often survival is what is behind their behaviour!
- That opportunities to teach and role model to children ideal ways to behave and react are EVERYWHERE. There are so many moments in any given day that adults can turn a conversation into an opportunity to role model the ideal way to behave and respond. Children learn a lot more through being shown than being told.

Thanks to all the staff, parents, carers and students of Grovedale Primary School for all the opportunities!

Jess Novak

ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

Do you have a child who will be starting Prep in 2018, or know of anyone who's child will be starting next year? Now is the time to get them enrolled. Please come to the office for an enrolment form for 2018 and have them returned to school as soon as possible. We have already started the activity sessions for our 2018 Preps.



Eggs For Sale

The Environmental Team would love your support and invite the community to purchase fresh eggs right here at school.

A carton of 12 fresh eggs is only \$3. All the funds raised will go directly back into the upkeep of the chickens, purchasing their food, straw and general maintenance. Eggs can be collected from the front office. Each egg will be dated when it was laid.

If you have any queries, please visit the team in the OLC and we will be happy to help.
Ms Crumpton



NEW UNIFORMS: Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.

Phone: 5255 4897

Maureen will visit Grovedale Primary School : **this Thursday 8th June 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.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of un-named jumpers in lost property. Please come and check them if your child has lost a jumper. At the end of the term they will be put in with our second hand uniforms.

PREPS 2018—ACTIVITY SESSIONS

We extend an invitation to parents and their children to come along and take part in fun and engaging activities with our team. All sessions run from 2.30 pm to 3.10 pm.

Session 1 Monday 8th May.

Session 2 Thursday 25th May

Session 3 Wednesday 21st June.

These sessions are a great opportunity for your child to have some fun and to become familiar and comfortable with coming to school.



Extend OSHC at Grovedale Primary School



Weekly recap

Last week was National Reconciliation Week, which celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. At after school care we participated in some aboriginal art activities and learnt more about the aboriginal culture. Students enjoyed our egg drop challenge, which had students building a structure that would keep their egg from breaking when dropped!

Alishea, Team Leader

What's on next week?

Monday 12th June: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 13th June: Marshmallow Challenge

Wednesday 14th June: Kindness Project

Thursday 15th June: Make your own Stickers

Friday 16th June: Dice games

WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!

Book 14 days in advance to receive the lowest rate.

Participate in our winter-themed activities, including science experiments to learn about animals with blubber, recreating a winter snowstorm in a jar, and participating in a snowman slam!

Check out the daily schedule at your nearest program at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

IGA DOCKETS

Thank You to IGA for their continued support of the school.

IGA have requested that we only bring current dockets, preferably no more than a month old, so could you please send your dockets 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.



URGENTLY NEEDED FOR SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

**Larger sizes 10, 12, 14
All styles, jumpers, polo shirts, track pants.**

STUDENT AWARDS

Jeremiah	PB	For his effort to write independently about facts on spiders.
Koby	PB	For the effort he put into making a picture of a bike using a triangle and a circle.
Evie	PB	For showing responsibility in writing by writing the sounds she can hear.
Nyakoma	PB	For showing responsibility by working on her reading goal of getting her mouth ready for the first sound.
Kiara	P1R	For her enthusiastic participation in gymnastics.
Maison	P1R	For being a responsible learner when solving subtraction problems using play dough.
Ben	P1R	For being respectful and taking turns to speak.
Connor	12P	For being a good role model for others and working hard during learning tasks.
Rocky	12P	For showing persistence in numeracy sessions.
Max	12V	For working hard to always achieve his very best.
Cameron	12L	For concentrating really hard during reading and answering lots of questions about the story.
Manon	12L	For explaining her thinking during maths lessons.
Zac	56S	For doing a fantastic job representing the school at inter school debating.
Zaide	56S	For showing great sportsmanship during the athletics carnival.
Zac	56W	For his outstanding use of language and paragraphs when writing explanations!
Chloe	56W	For her effort in presenting her learning in such a beautiful, organised way!



RECENT ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Causes of Gastroenteritis

- * Gastroenteritis (gastro) is an inflammation of the intestines, mostly caused by viral or bacterial infections, but also protozoa, eg giardia.
- * In Australia a common cause of gastro in young children is Rotavirus. Before immunisation for Rotavirus began some research showed that over 50% of Australian children under 3 needed medical attention for Rotavirus gastro. Rotavirus infections are still very common in children who have not been immunised.
The most common bacterial gastro in Australia is Campylobacter.



Protect other children and adults

- * Keep your child away from friends and other children until after the vomiting and diarrhoea stops.
- * Do not bring a child who is vomiting or has diarrhoea to school or other places where there are young children. Gastro spreads very easily among young children.
- * Practise good hygiene including cleaning and hand washing.
- * Soiled clothes should be washed and rinsed separately from the rest of the family's clothes.
- * Avoid sharing food and drinks.
- * **Please do not send your child back to school until 24 hours after all signs and symptoms have passed.**

FOR SALE

T.V. Panasonic

32 cm

\$80

See Phyllis—school crossing lady

GEELONG DISTRICT GIRL GUIDES

For girls who love the outdoors, camps, teamwork, fun and food.

Open to all girls aged 5 years and over. Units meet throughout Geelong from Monday—Friday.

Contact Helen Carruthers for more information.

hcarruthers@guidesvic.org.au

Or phone 0434 070 211 or
5254 1299



**GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA**



Join us!

The GLTC Hot Shots Holiday Program is an amazing opportunity for kids aged from 3 to 12 years old to learn and improve in a fun, social environment! Kids of all ages and standards including beginners can enjoy a half day of tennis or a full day of tennis, multi-sport and fun group activities managed by our professional coaches.

The Schedule

9am to 12 pm: Tennis (4 to 12 years)
12pm to 1pm: Supervised Lunch Break
1pm to 4pm: Tennis, Multi-Sport and Themed Activities (e.g. fun games, art & craft,

YMCA Geelong Lawn Tennis Club

School Holiday Program

**JULY 3 TO 7
&
JULY 10 TO 14**
FULL DAY OR
HALF DAY
03 5243 2819



HALF DAY

FULL DAY

\$39

\$59

A PERFORMANCE PROGRAM FOR KIDS
AGED 12 PLUS IS ALSO AVAILABLE

BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY!

03 5243 2819

info@geelonglawntc.com.au



**ARTWORK BY
JUDE CURTIS
56S**



Friday, 9 June 2017

YO HO HO!

Join us in raising funds to support
childhood cancer research.

**DRESS UP IN YOUR PIRATE BEST,
AND DON'T FORGET YOUR TREASURE
(gold coin donation)!**



**THE KIDS'
CANCER
PROJECT**

Pirate Day Friday is a collaboration
between The Kids' Cancer Project
and The Adventurers,
raising funds to support
childhood cancer research.



**THE
ADVENTURERS**
OUR QUEST THEIR CURE