PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

BEING SUNSMART:
We are a SunSmart school and it is now time for ALL children to be wearing their hats at school. As of the 1st of September we are required to wear hats TOMORROW. If children do not have their hats next week they will not be able to participate in sport sessions or play times as they will have to sit under shade. This is not what we want the students to do, we would rather them playing nicely and participating in PE lessons and sporting activities. Thank you parents for helping this to happen.

STICKS AND STONES:
A reminder to parents that we have organised an incursion for all children across the school Prep to Year 6 with Brainstorm Productions. They will be performing the show “Sticks & Stones” which is about 2 children who are angry, frustrated and always in trouble. They have to learn to control their anger and to treat people with respect. The children will learn practical skills on how to deal with anger, aggression and resolving conflict. This show also reinforces the lessons that all classes across the school are doing with our school values of SAFETY. This value is the focus for the remainder of this year so that all our students understand what it is to feel safe and how our actions do have an impact on others around us.

A reminder to parents that there is no cost to you for this incursion this year, however we ask that you sign a permission form for your child to attend this show. If you cant remember signing one and returning it in the last week, please either ask your child’s teacher or the front office as they have extra permission forms for you.

NO PHONE CALLS WILL BE MADE TOMORROW MORNING SEEKING PERMISSION.

R U OK DAY?
We are asking all students to wear yellow tomorrow for the annual “R U OK” day. It is a day dedicated to asking family, friends and colleagues the question “Are you okay?”. It’s an important question to ask others as this can make a difference to many people that we know, so that they also know that someone cares about them.

ONLINE AWARENESS AND SAFETY SESSION TONIGHT FOR PARENTS:
Jess Novak our Primary Welfare officer together with the Year 5/6’s are facilitating a session for parents around keeping your child safe whilst they are online. They will talk about appropriate uses of electronic devices. It will be held in the Library. We hope that many parents come to this very important session.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY:
We will be holding our annual Footy Colours Day on the last day of term. We ask all children to wear the colours of their favourite footy team and join in on the fun activities that will be happening on that morning. We start with a parade and then go into activities that each of the teachers will run. There will be more information about this next week. If you are unsure, just ask the teachers and they can fill you in and answer your questions.

END OF TERM 3:
We have just over one week left of this term and it is approaching very quickly. A reminder that we will finish at 2:30 on Friday the 16th of September and return for Term 4 on Monday the 3rd of October.

Kathy Wesolowski
Principal
Extend OSHC at Grovedale Primary School

We have had a very busy week at After School Care, with lots of children attending each day, it has been great to meet some new children and families.

Last week children had the opportunity to make some Father’s day cards and we got crafty with our mini robots and our colourful dream catchers to celebrate the first day of spring. We finished off the week making some delicious banana muffins. Yum!

Alisha, Team Leader

What’s on next week?
Monday 12th September: ‘All about Germany’
Tuesday 13th September: Scribble Art
Wednesday 14th September: Origami
Thursday 15th September: Pom Pom Creations
Friday 16th September: Last day of Term 3 - Dance Party

Walk to School this October

Grovedale Primary School is excited to be taking part in VicHealth’s Walk to School from 3rd - 31st October. (Start of Term 4)

Walk to School encourages primary school students to walk to and from school every day in October to highlight the ways walking improves children’s health and wellbeing. Walking to school is a great way to help kids achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day.

We are encouraging families and students to walk to and from school as often as possible during October to help students learn healthy habits for life. Teachers will use classroom calendars to record each time students walk to and from school. VicHealth offers some great prizes to schools with high participation, and runs fun walking themed competitions for students throughout October.

We’ll be providing parents with an ‘Information sheet for parents and guardians’ with all the information you’ll need about Walk to School. You can also visit the Walk to School website for more information:

www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au

Not sure how to get started?

There are lots of ways families can get involved. You might like to:

- walk with your child to and from school and enjoy the chance to talk, help your child learn road safety skills, and get to know the local neighbourhood together
- arrange for your child to walk with other families or friends, giving them time to socialise and share their journey
- drive part of the way to school and walk the rest, particularly if you live a long way from school, or have limited time
- mix it up – if your child enjoys riding their bike or scooter, that’s great too!

HATS

We are a SunSmart school. Hats need to be worn from 1st September to the end of April. Please make sure your child is wearing a wide brimmed hat from this date, otherwise they will only be able to play in areas of shade. We have hats available at the office at a cost of $12.

NEW UNIFORMS:

Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.
Phone: 5255 4897
Ann-Maree will be at the school next Thursday 15th September 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.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY
FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

Join in our annual footy day and wear your favourite footy teams colours for the day!!

We start with a footy teams parade, followed by a variety of football activities on the oval which the students will rotate through in mixed age groups. Before lunch the Grade 6’s will play against the teachers in an epic battle!

Parents are welcome to stay and join in with all the morning activities, which run from 9.15am till 11am as well as play against the Grade 6s if you feel game!!
STUDENT AWARDS

Cormac PB
For putting in a big effort to learn our concert dance in a very short time.
Well done!

Ruby PB
For always being a great role model to the children in our grade.

Liam 01R
For writing interesting sentences about the concert.

Ruby 01R
For detailed symbols to represent the “seasons”.

Xavier 12C
For generating fantastic questions during reciprocal reading.

Nathan 12C
For recognising and interpreting common uses of halves, quarters and eighths of a collection.

Finn 12C
For recognising and interpreting common uses of halves and quarters of shapes and collections.

Goldie 12C
For a fantastic start to Grovedale Primary School and always using beautiful manners.

Sai 34P
For asking thoughtful questions during reading to help him understand the text.

Jesse 34P
For being a great team mate in our footy game by sharing the ball with others!

Seth 34M
For a great effort on stage at the concert.

Shakira 34M
For being a brave, clear speaker at the concert when introducing our class item.

Ruby 34W
For the dedication she has shown when working on her inquiry project.

Molly 34W
For being a helpful, caring member of our class.

Alliera 56S
For her hard work to find the missing number in maths equations.

Daisy 56S
For her enthusiasm as a “one person cheer squad” to encourage other athletes at the athletics sports.

Josh 56P
For an amazing, upbeat performance at the school concert.

Jasper 56L
For his outstanding ability to solve problems involving angles.

Zaide 56L
For his excellent understanding of acute, obtuse and reflex angles.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISING NEWS

Father’s Day
Thank you to all the lovely gentlemen who came and enjoyed afternoon tea on Friday to celebrate Father’s Day. There were about 30 men who came along for a chat and a cuppa. We hope you all had a wonderful Father’s Day.

A big Thank You to Caz Hutchison, Kristina Benson, Greta Kane, Lea Novak, Claire Haunenstein and Kelly Caldwell for helping with afternoon tea and the 210 Father’s Day Gifts that went home with students on Friday. Your continued help and support of all things Parents and Friends is truly appreciated. We wouldn’t be able to run these activities without parents helping, so again, Thank You. It would be wonderful however if we had more parents to help out with Parents and Friends. Unfortunately we rely on the same 8-10 parents for all of our activities and fundraisers, that’s only about 5% of our school community helping. Fundraising is something that is necessary for all schools, kinders, etc. to improve on and provide more resources and facilities for ALL of the students. If you can come along and help at any of our events or activities, it would be most appreciated. Thanks.

Trivia Night
Our Trivia night will be held on Saturday 22nd October at 7pm in the OLC at Grovedale Primary School. Tables of 10, tickets are $15 per person. You can either organise a whole table or just purchase individual tickets and we will place you on a table.

BYO supper and drinks. Tickets will be on sale next week at the front office. There will be lots of fun and activities throughout the night, and a silent auction with some amazing items! It is sure to be a great night!

If you or anyone you know may be able to donate vouchers or items for the silent auction, it would be greatly appreciated. Please see myself or the front office.

Have a great week.
Gab Lewis

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Farmer’s Place will be holding a number of activities for kids over the holidays. These will include Animal Feeding, Farmer for a Day, Freshwater Creek Bush Walk, Farmers Market and lots more. For times and dates and bookings, please go to www.thefarmersplace.com.au

Most activities will be based outside. Please dress appropriately and wear closed toed shoes. Warm clothes, raincoats, and gumboots are advised as the weather can change quickly! Minimum numbers apply for all activities and may be subject to cancellation.

675 Anglesea Rd, Freshwater Creek.
Grade 5/6 Parent Information Session – Online Awareness and Safety (all other parents welcome)
Wednesday 7th September
2:30 – 3:20pm
AND
7:00 – 8:00pm
In the Library
Please choose to attend at the time that is most convenient to your family.
Parents from children in lower grades are also welcome to attend – all of the information provided will be useful!

R U OK? Day is an annual day in September dedicated to remind people to ask family, friends and colleagues the question, “R U OK?”, in a meaningful way, because connecting regularly and meaningfully is one thing everyone can do to make a difference to anyone who might be struggling.
Grovedale Primary School will be having a WEAR YELLOW TO SCHOOL day tomorrow, Thursday 8th September as a way to raise awareness of this very important initiative. A child of any age can be encouraged to ask their friends and family members R U OK?
We will also have Brainstorm Productions visiting our students on R U OK? day to perform ‘Sticks and Stones’ – more information below.

Award-Winning In-School Theatre Performances

Sticks & Stones K-6
On Thursday 8th September Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing program ‘Sticks & Stones’ for all Prep to Grade 6 students.

Seen and enjoyed by over 1.7 million students, Sticks & Stones is a live educational theatre experience that tells the story of two students who are angry, frustrated and always in trouble. They have to learn to control their anger and to treat people with respect. Ultimately, they discover they’ve got more in common than they could ever imagine and form a friendship that heals them both. This is the perfect opportunity for your child to learn practical skills on how to deal with anger, aggression and resolving conflict.

Sticks & Stones is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and the program has been developed in consultation with teachers, psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive and nonjudgmental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools that they can use in their everyday lives.

Brainstorm Productions is Australia’s largest educational touring theatre company. Their programs cater to the specific wellbeing needs of students, helping to create a healthy and harmonious school environment. If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, visit their website at www.brainstormproductions.edu.au