MAINTENANCE WORKS:
All of the works in the classrooms have now concluded thankfully. The Art room and Library have also been finished and all rooms are now looking fabulous and at a high level. The only work left now is the office area and painting in the children’s toilets. All of this work will happen over the holiday break.
I am very proud of the way the students and teachers have handled the relocation, inconvenience and noise over the term however it has been well worth it.

CELEBRATION OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS:
It was great to read on Page 11 of the Herald Sun today acknowledging our fabulous gain in our NAPLAN results in Numeracy for 2 years in a row!!!!!! It is great to see that all the hard work that all the staff at Grovedale Primary put in is being seen.  

HARMONY DAY—FRIDAY 18TH MARCH.
As a way of celebrating our inquiry learning which has focused on Getting Along and Citizenship we are going to celebrate Harmony Day next Friday the 18th of March. As part of this day, classes will be working with their buddy grade to construct a Harmony Tree which will go up in the Library on our magnificent new wall. For us to do this we are in need of a number of materials and we hope that you can help. Some things we need are:

- CD’s
- Material in given colours.
- Crepe paper
- Arts and crafts materials: eg pom poms, glitter, sequins etc.
- Any old crayons/pencils.

All children will be working with their buddy grades for this activity. Each group will focus on a given colour as follows:
- Prep B & 3/4P & 5/6L— Green and Blue
- P/1R & 5/6S— Purple
- 1/2L & 5/6P— Red
- 1/2C & 3/4W— Pink
- 1/2H & 3/4M— Yellow

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED:
Our sister school in China (No. 1 Primary School Attached to Lianyungang Teacher’s College) have made contact with me again and they have asked if they are able to bring 12 students and 2 teachers to us in late July this year. We had a very successful visit last year and it was enjoyed by everyone that took part. Before I consent to this visit I need to be assured that there are families in our school community that would be willing to host one or two children or 2 teachers for a total of 5 days. If you are willing to take part in this exciting and culturally rich experience, can you please fill in and return the expression of interest slip in the newsletter and return to the office by the end of next week— Friday 18th March. If you have any questions about this please don’t hesitate to ask me.

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

END OF TERM ONE:
The term is whizzing past very quickly and its hard to believe that we only have another 2 weeks left of term one. We will be finishing the term at 2:30 on Thursday the 24th of March. We will be holding our annual Easter raffle at assembly on that day at 9:10am in the Multi Purpose Room. The donations for our raffle are dribbling in slowly. We are only asking for a donation from every family to make this raffle a spectacular one!!!! We start Term Two on Monday the 11th of April.

Have a great week! Kathy Wesolowski Principal

COMING EVENTS

MARCH 2016

- Thurs 10th Mar Summer Lightning Premiership Gr 5/6
- Mon 14th Mar Labour Day Public Holiday
- Wed 16th Mar Gr 5/6 Transition to Grovedale College
- Wed 16th Mar Responsible Pet Ownership—Prep
- Wed 16th Mar School Council Finance Session 5.30-7.30pm
- Fri 18th Mar Harmony Day
- Wed 23rd Mar School Run 4 Fun
- Thurs 24th Mar Last day of term—finish 2.30pm

APRIL 2016

- Mon 11th April First day of Term 2
- Fri 22nd April Curriculum Day—no students at school
- Mon 25th April Anzac Day Public Holiday

FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK

- Fri 11th Mar Expression of Interest for Swimming Lessons
- Fri 11th Mar Scholastic Book Club Issue #2 due
- Mon 21st Mar Raffle tickets and money due
- Fri 15th April Fun Run forms and money due
- Thurs 21st April Gymnastics P-2 form due $15
Jess Novak: Primary Welfare Officer

Available for students and parents every Monday 8am to 12pm and Wednesday and Thursday 8am to 3:30pm for concerns regarding school transition, anxiety, routine, behaviour management, family separation, grief and loss, social skills, resilience and confidence levels. Please contact Jess through the school office if you would like to schedule an appointment or discuss a concern.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISING NEWS

**Easter Raffle**

Thank you to all the families who have brought in Easter Raffle items. There is still plenty of time to bring something in if you haven’t already. If you need any extra raffle ticket books, these are available at the office. Raffle tickets are $1 and we will have heaps of yummy prizes!!

**Fun Run**

Our fun run is also the school cross country. All students should have their sponsorship forms and are hopefully eagerly getting sponsors. Lots of students have set up their online fundraising page which is a great way of getting more sponsors. Just follow the instructions on the form sent home last week if you would like to set up your online page. Remember the more money you raise the more incentive prizes you can get!!!

All sponsorship forms need to be returned to the school at the end of the fundraiser even if you have no sponsors.

Thanks

Gab

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**NEW UNIFORMS:**

Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.

**Phone:** 5255 4897

Anne-Maree will be here next **THURSDAY MAR 17th 8.45AM**

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

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**FUN FACT**

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
STUDENT AWARDS!

- Miha Majcenovic for his careful counting when making groups of 9.
- Darcy Trotter for his fantastic effort when writing in his special writing book.
- Darby Doherty for becoming more focused on his learning to complete the task.
- Montana Wilson for working hard to complete her best work.
- Bela Morgan for being respectful in class and producing some fantastic writing!
- Connor Aguila for improving on his fluency and expression in reading time.
- Erin Smyth for her terrific counting using bundles of 10.
- Matthew Windsor for his wonderful problem solving when working with numbers to 1000.
- Charlee Heyne for completing learning tasks to the best of her ability!
- Connor Harvey for persevering with tasks independently.
- Corey Fisher for his thoughtful contributions during class discussions.
- Shakira Knudson for showing great sportsmanship during games.
- Cooper Chance for his positive attitude and conscientious effort with all he undertakes.
- Jeremy Taylor for his great effort to be organised and on task at school and at home.
- Declan Novak for having a great positive attitude on camp.
- Solomon Khokhar for thinking of others and being a good role model on camp.
- Innika Hall for producing an outstanding display focusing on summarising.
- Jasper Hunt for making every moment count during numeracy activities.
- Draequin Walter for excellent concentrating during Writer’s Workshop when stretching out words.
- Tia Waldron for always putting in her best effort when publishing work.

Junior Girls Football Information Session

Wednesday 16th March at 5pm at the Grovedale Clubrooms

Are you aged between 8 – 12 and interested in playing girls football then come along to our information session to find out more.

SCHOOL CANTEEN PRICES

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GROVEDALE COLLEGE Campus Tours

Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to participate in a tour of Grovedale College.

Scheduled tours occur every Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am during March, April and May.

Please contact the Administration Office on 5245 4545 to make a booking.

INVERLEIGH & DISTRICTS GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

25TH MARCH 2016, 11AM—5PM

VICTORIA PARK, INVERLEIGH (FREE PARKING & ENTRY)

Live Major Auction, Live Entertainment, Geelong Classic Car Club, Spinning Wheel, Jumping Castle, Pony Rides, Lucky Dips & much more!!

All proceeds raised on the day go to The Royal Children’s Hospital.
Hello everyone! My name is Hannah - I will be taking over the Grovedale Primary School OSHC for the remainder of Term 1. The children I have met so far in the program have been very friendly and have warmly welcomed me into their OSHC service. So far I have seen the children playing lots of different games outside as well as enjoying some Arts and Crafts inside - I look forward to joining in on all the fun! Once again, I am excited to be a part of the program and any parents or families please feel free to drop in and say hello, I'd love to meet you! Hannah

Our Extend Superstar is... Matthew Windsor for his great efforts to find rubbish in the playground to help contribute to Clean Up Australia Day.

Next week’s activities:
Monday 14 March: PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 15 March: Treasure Hunt
Wednesday 16 March: Hacky Sacks
Thursday 17 March: Making Sliiiiiiime!
Friday 18 March: Creating our own salt dough imprints

AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!
Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates!
VIC & QLD booking deadline: Friday 18 March 2016
We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend! Create a diorama of the Amazon jungle, mould an autumn leaf dish out of clay, and participate in lots of group games including a time challenge and secret agent maze! Join in on all this and more at Extend’s Autumn 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.
PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

GEELONG'S BIG PLAY DAY
Wednesday 23rd March
10am-1pm
Johnstone Park & Geelong Library & Heritage Centre, Lt Malop St.

An exciting FREE event!
Featuring:
The Mik Maks, Animal Farm
African Drumming, Magic
Face Painting, Nature Play
Story Telling, Art and Craft
And lots more........

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HOST FAMILIES
Dear Parent/Guardian,
We are looking for host families to host one or two children or a staff member for 5 days in late July.

Please return this slip as soon as possible so that I can let our sister school know.

STUDENT NAME: ___________________________ GRADE: ___________________________

PARENT/GAURDIAN NAME: ___________________________ PHONE: ___________________________

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