PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

BUSHWAHZEE:
On Monday we will have the band Bushwahzee return to our school. They will start the day with a concert for the children, then break up with workshops with the children during the day and then we will have a Country Music Dance at night from 6:00pm. This event has been hugely successful in the past with students, staff and parents having a wonderful time. The children thoroughly enjoy learning and taking part in the dance workshops during the day. We plan to have a picnic tea and then the Dance with parents and children at night at the school. This is a great family event and one where we welcome all of our new families to our school. The cost for the whole day is $8 per child. There is no cost for families at night.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:
I have received eight nominations from parents for four vacancies. It is great to see such enthusiasm from parents who want to be involved in the school at this level. Ballot papers will be sent out next Monday with a short narrative from each of the candidates. The ballot will close at 4pm on Friday 27th February. I encourage ALL parents to vote for who you would like to represent you on school council. For accountability purposes, it is important that you write on the back of the envelope your name so that the office staff can check off your name. A ballot box will be placed in the front foyer.

MODIFIED SCHOOL DAY MONDAY 2ND MARCH
On Monday the 2nd March we will be having a modified school day, with students undertaking student led interviews so that the students, parents and teachers can set learning goals for the semester. These will take place from 12noon until 7pm. Students are only required to come to their interview on this day and a normal school day will not be running. I will give more information regarding this in the near future.

STAFF VISIT TO LOCAL SCHOOL:
Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to postpone our visit to a local school to next Wednesday the 25th of February. I sincerely apologise if this has inconvenienced any of you but it was not in my control. So next Wednesday staff will be leaving the school grounds by 3:30 so that we can travel to the school and arrive by 3:45pm. I appreciate your understanding.

Kathy Wesolowski
Principal

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2015

Monday 23rd
Bushwahzee Whole School

Friday 27th
Schools Clean Up Day

MARCH 2015

Monday 2nd
Modified School Day Student Led Conferences

Wednesday 4th
Responsible Pet Ownership Grade Prep

Friday 6th
Division Swimming Championships

Monday 9th
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th
Parents and Friends Meeting 9:00am

Friday 13th
Summer Lightning Premierships Grade 5/6

Friday 13th
Ride 2 School Day

Tuesday 17th
RACV Street Scene Program Incursion Grade P-2

Thursday 19th
Bio Lab Grade 5/6

Friday 20th
Bio Lab Grade 5/6

Tuesday 24th
Fun Run/House Cross Country Whole School

Monday 23rd—
Cottage By The Sea Camp

Wednesday 25th

Friday 27th
Last Day Of School 2:30pm finish

MAY 2015

Wednesday 6th-8th
Camp Grade 5/6

FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK

IGA Dockets
Anytime

Division Swimming Championships $8
19th February

Travel Surveys
20th February

Responsible Pet Ownership No Cost
25th February

School Council Ballot Closes
27th February 4:00pm

Summer Lightning Premierships Grade 5/6
6th March

Grade 5/6 Camp Deposit $90
11th March

Cottage By The Sea
13th March

Fun Run Sponsorship Money
17th April

Grade 5/6 Camp Final Payment
22nd April

‘A Path to Success’
PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Committee positions for this year are as follows:
President - Gab Lewis
Vice President - Kristina Benson
Secretary - Lea Novak
Treasurer - Cheryl Berris

We welcome all parents/grandparents/guardians to all meetings so if you are interested in helping out with any of our fundraisers or have some great fundraising ideas, please come along to any of our meetings. A huge thank you to all in the school community who were involved in our fundraising efforts last year. We raised $15,267.81.

FUN RUN - Tuesday 24th March
All students should have received their sponsorship booklet and instructions for obtaining sponsors. Students have the opportunity to redeem some great prizes again! Money and sponsorship forms are due back at the office by Wednesday 15th April. Once all money is in incentive prizes will be ordered! All sponsorship forms MUST be returned to the office even if no sponsors were obtained. All money raised from the fun run will be used within the PE/Sports department to provide new and upgraded equipment for all of the students to enjoy!

TWILIGHT FAIR
This year we will hold our Twilight Fair again. The date is Friday 6th November, 4-8pm at the school. The fair takes a lot of organising and a lot of help and input from the school community. Karen Wilson will be our Fair Coordinator this year, so if you have any ideas or would like to help in any way, please come along to our next meeting where we will discuss the fair or contact Karen directly on 0419984132.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday 10th March, 9am in the meeting room, all welcome.
Have a great week. Gab Lewis

Grade 5/6 News - February 2015

* All students have made an excellent start to the 2015 year. It is particularly pleasing to see all students interacting in a positive and respectful manner towards each other and to their teachers. Their behaviour and attitude has been excellent and we are very proud of their efforts so far.
* Camp this year is at Lady Northcote. This camp is run by YMCA and is an adventure camp. Notes with more details, including the date and the cost were sent out last week. The final cost of the camp depends on how many children attend. The cost at the actual camp is per head, but costing of other aspects (eg. buses) is divided by the number of students attending. Please return the note by Wednesday the 11th whether your child is attending or not.
* All of the students will be attending a 2 hour science experience in the Bio Lab this coming week. Each grade will attend 1 of the 3 sessions. The sessions are on Thursday 19th Feb. from 1:00 until 3:00 and on Friday 20th Feb from 10:00 until 12:00 or 1:00 until 3:00. There is NO COST to students.
* Any Grade 6 students who are interested in participating in the Rotary Junior Community Award this year should collect a leaflet from Mrs Sheridan. The leaflet explains what the program is about and the activities that are involved. It is a fantastic program that involves students participating in activities in the broader community. Highton Rotary Club runs the program in conjunction with the school. G.P.S. is one of the only 2 schools in Geelong participating in the program.
* All students have spelling homework each week. Each student has their own set of words to learn at home each week. It is expected that all students also set aside time to read each night and practise their times tables and number facts so they become automatic.
* Our Inquiry Unit at the moment is about ‘Who has impacted Australian culture?’ Encourage conversation related to this topic and ask your child what they have learned so far!

EXTEND OSHC AT GROVEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECAP: Last week we did painting, drawing, played cricket and introduced our newest members to our favourite ball game, Spud. We made fruit kebabs and showed off our maths skills when making jelly. The kids did a great job at making hanging bugs, spy-glass habitats, and paper art, which are on our display board in the multi-purpose room. We are continuing to welcome new faces to the OSHC team. Our funny moment for the week was when Josh kept hiding under the bush during our game of chasey, and coming out with countless snail shells in his hands! Our Extend Superstar is…. Eathan Farr for always offering his help to serve food, and cleaning up after everyone. Next week’s activities; Monday 23 February; Playdough sculptures, Tuesday 24 February: Sand Castle competition, Wednesday 25 February: Jewellery Making, Thursday 26 February; Paper Mache, Friday 27 February: Paper Mache. Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!
**STUDENT AWARDS!**

- Madison Harvey For being a respectful listener on the mat.
- Mason Van Dort For answering questions about our class graph.
- Seth Plummer For trying his best when writing in his ‘special book’.
- Liam Martin For being a responsible member of our school community, looking after our yard.
- Kobi Davis For his commitment to his learning and helpfulness around the classroom.
- Laura Hobbs For applying her best learning during class time.
- Indee O’Neil For carefully presenting her work.
- Jai Mayes For being an attentive listener.
- Jayme-Lee Black For trying her best in all class activities.
- Jeremy Taylor For being a good sport at the swimming carnival.
- Josh Todd For being responsible for his learning by attending school all week!
- Asha Milnes For being responsible in our class by trying her best and helping others.
- Natasha Berry For being a responsible learner and staying focused.
- Corey Fisher For listening attentively and being respectful of others.
- Ella Hauenstein For always being a respectful listener and using beautiful manners.
- Hayden Southey For working so hard in mathematics when working with bundles of 10.
- Sarah Hobbs For a fantastic story about life on the goldfields.
- Richard Wylie For a great story about life on the goldfields.
- Joseph Marendaz For his excellent research of Australian history information in our inquiry unit.
- Deklan Murray For being a responsible, hard working member of 5/6S.
- Jemma Di Cristoforo For always being a kind and respectful member of 1/2R.
- Jason Watson For his excellent “maths” thinking when ordering number plates.

---

**FOUND**

A gold necklace, if you have lost this please come into the office, thank you.

---

**BANANA AND ROLLED OAT MUFFINS**

**INGREDIENTS**

- 2 cups (260g) self-raising flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 1 cup (100g) rolled oats
- 1/2 cup (100g) brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup (185g) plain low-fat yoghurt
- 1/4 cup (60ml) canola oil
- 2 Bananas, mashed (250g)

**Step 1** - Preheat oven to 200°C. Line a 12 cup muffin pan with paper cases.
**Step 2** - Sift flour, cinnamon and soda into a bowl. Empty the flour husks from the sifter back into the bowl along with the oats and brown sugar, and stir to combine.
**Step 3** - Whisk eggs, yoghurt and oil together. Add banana and stir to combine. Pour into dry ingredients and mix together using a wooden spoon until just combined. Mixture may be lumpy and does not have to be evenly mixed.
**Step 4** - Spoon mixture into paper cases. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden and cooked through. Cool for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

---

**LOST**

A student from 1/2K has lost their reading glasses. They are navy blue and were last seen on the oval. Please return if found to the office or to Mrs Baltetsch. Thank you.

---

**SWIM PROGRAM/FUN RUN**

Unfortunately due to the lack of numbers we are unable to run the swimming program for the p-4 children in term 3. Due to the smaller than anticipated numbers it means that the cost will just become too great. Sorry for the inconvenience this may cause.

We are spending time in PE getting the children prepared for the cross country/fun run that will be run in the last week of the term. I hope the children are having some luck with finding sponsors. Remember that the money raised from this will go towards buying new sports equipment for the children.

Well done Daniel Fuller for completing a children’s triathlon last weekend. Remember that the weetbix triathlon for children will be run in Geelong in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you, Mr Gardiner
PROGRAM ACHIEVE – STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLBEING TRAVEL SURVEYS.

As a registered member of the Healthy Together Achievement Program we are working towards being recognised as a ‘Health Promoting School’. One of the health areas we are working on is ‘physical activity’. Active Travel is great for health and wellbeing and improves traffic and parking congestion around schools. We would like to encourage and support more students and families to choose more active travel alternatives such as walking, riding, scooting or skating to and from school. Thank you to all the parents who have already returned the “Travel Survey”. Any remaining surveys need to be returned to school by Friday 20th February. Your input is greatly appreciated and will be a guide for the action we take in implementing a ‘Safe Routes to School’ initiative with the support of Healthy Together Geelong.

DON'T FORGET TO BE SUNSMART

Sunscreen is one of the most common methods of sun protection. SunSmart recommends SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen. In laboratory conditions, when used as directed, SPF30 sunscreen filters 96.7% of UV radiation and SPF 50 filters 98%. Both provide excellent protection as long as they are applied properly. ‘Broad-spectrum’ means that the sunscreen filters both UVA and UVB radiation. When using sunscreen, remember: No sunscreen provides full protection so never rely on sunscreen alone for sun protection. During the daily sun protection times (when the UV Index is 3 and above), combine sunscreen with sun-protective clothing, a broad-brimmed hat that protects the face, head, neck and ears, shade and sunglasses. Apply sunscreen 20 minutes before you go outside and again every two hours (whether or not the label tells you to do this). Use a generous amount of sunscreen.

At times it can be hard to get a good conversation from your kids about how their day was. These are handy conversation starters to get the ball rolling, perfect for the walk or car ride home!

- What was your favourite subject at school today? Why?
- What was your favourite part of school today? Why?
- What did you do during lunchtime today? What was the most interesting thing your teacher said today? Did anything funny happen at school today? How much homework did you get today? What was your favourite food in your lunchbox today? Which friends did you play with today? Which kids did you sit with at lunchtime?

Megan Hay-Smith
Social Worker
Monday and Tuesdays.
Fortnightly Wednesday

Please come in and see me if you have any concerns.

UNIFORMS

NEW UNIFORMS
Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.
Phone: 5255 4897
Ann-Marie will visit Grovedale Primary School again on: Thursday 19th February

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

JOKE OF THE WEEK!!

Q: Why do bicycles fall over?
A: Because they’re two-tired!

FORWARD YOUR JOKE OF THE WEEK TO THE OFFICE AND HAVE IT PRINTED IN THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER....