



Grovedale News

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

TERM 2

Welcome back to school for Term 2! It was wonderful to see everyone's smiling faces on Monday morning, rested and ready for a very busy and exciting Term 2. As usual, we have a lot of special learning events planned, with opportunities for our students to develop their knowledge and skills across academic, social and sporting areas. Our learning focus this year is Numeracy and our teachers are also refining their skills in the teaching of Mathematics – learning doesn't stop when you are an adult! On **Friday 1st May**, we will be having a **Curriculum Day** where teachers will work with Mick Ymer, a Maths specialist, to plan for effective teaching that meets every child's needs. Children will not be at school on this day.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES

On Friday 24th April, Miss Hay-Smith and I will be taking the School Captains to the **Anzac ceremonies** at both Johnstone Park and Rice Village. These will be very special ceremonies this year, as we commemorate 100 years since the Anzacs landed at Gallipoli on April 25th, 1915. I am always very proud to take our school captains to these events as they learn more about our history and represent our school very responsibly and respectfully. We will also be discussing the centenary in our classrooms.

INQUIRY UNIT

Our Inquiry this term addresses the big question '**What is the effect of force and energy?**' and our students will be investigating the science behind how toys work, how things move and how we source and use energy. Look out for a pom-pom push-and-pull snake, some rainbow beads, a 'marble run', and a 'solar pizza oven' among other exciting adventures!

SPORT ACTIVITIES

Term 2 is also a very busy time for **sporting activities** and we have many students participating in the District Cross Country coming up at Barwon Valley Park on April 24th. This term we will be offering Gymnastics for the Prep-2 students, Hockey for the Grade 1-4 students, footy clinics for all students and preparing for the Grade 3-6 Athletics Sports with Belmont PS on Thursday, 28th May. Mr. Gardiner will keep you informed with more details as the term progresses.

PARENT HELPERS PROGRAM

We are also offering our **Parent Helpers program** again for those parents who would like to come into the classroom as a helper, or would like to help their children at home. The first session will be held on Tuesday 28th April at 9am in the Meeting Room (near the Office) with the lovely Mrs. Brough who will be explaining how to best assist your child with developing their reading skills. Have a great first week of term!

Tracy Doherty

Term 2 Week 1 Wednesday 15th April 2015

COMING EVENTS



APRIL 2015

Friday 24th	District Cross Country
Tuesday 28th	School Photos Grade P-4
Tuesday 28th	Recognition Excursion Grade 5/6
Tuesday 28th	Parent Helper Program First Day
Thursday 30th	Family Photos & Grade 5/6 Photos

MAY 2015

Friday 1st	Pupil Free Day
Monday 4th	Gymnastics Program Grade P-2
Wednesday 6th-8th	Camp Grade 5/6
Monday 11th	Gymnastics Program Grade P-2
Monday 18th	Gymnastics Program Grade P-2
Monday 25th	Gymnastics Program Grade P-2
Thursday 28th	Athletics Sports Grades 3-6

FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK

IGA Dockets	Anytime
Fun Run Money Due (Absolute Last Day) Counting Money at 1:45pm	17th April
Grade 5/6 Camp Final Payment \$170.00	22nd April
Gymnastics Program P-2 \$14.00	23rd April
Lets Talk Recognition Grade 5/6	24th April
Mothers Day Gifts Form	5th May

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED:

I have had contact from our sister school in China and they have asked if they are able to bring 12 students and 2 teachers to us in July this year. Thank you so much to those families who have already offered, however we need more families in our school community that would be willing to host a child or adult for a total of 6 nights. They will arrive in Geelong on Thursday the 23rd July, until Wednesday the 29th July. They will come to school with your own child on the school days and it is hoped that you would show them some of the sights around Geelong over the weekend that you would have them. Because of the short time line if you are interested could you please fill out the expression of interest form in this newsletter and return to school.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

FUN RUN

Well done to everyone who participated in the GPS Fun Run!! All money raised and sponsorship forms are due back at school today. If you haven't already please return money and forms to the office by this Friday at the latest. Incentive prizes will be ordered Friday and arrive within a couple of weeks. Please return sponsor forms even if no money was raised. We will be counting sponsor money this Friday at 1:45pm.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and donated items for our Easter Raffle. It was a huge success raising \$950.

MOTHERS DAY GIFTS

Students will receive an order form for Mothers Day Gifts today. Gifts are \$5 each and students will be able to choose from a great range of gifts. Forms are due back Tuesday 5th May with students selecting and bringing home gifts Friday 8th May.

TWILIGHT FAIR

Save the date- Friday 6th November 4-8pm.
Gab Lewis.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Due to a clash of dates, School Photos will still be taken on Tuesday April 28th of the grades Prep-4 students, but grades 5/6 and Family Photos will now be taken on **Thursday April 30th. Photo order forms and family envelopes have been sent home with your children today.**

COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL EARLY

It is occasionally unavoidable to need to collect your children prior to the end of the school day. To avoid disruption to classrooms and learning environments we do ask that where possible you collect your child at the start or end of morning recess or lunch time. Please advise your child and their teacher before school of an early pick up time where possible.

EXTEND OSHC AT GROVEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECAP: I hope everyone had a great break over the holidays. We have many new kids attending after school care this term, and we can't wait to show them how much fun we have each day. Hopefully we will see many more of you attending our program this term as well. **Important Reminder:** We have a PUPIL FREE DAY on Friday 1st May. If you would like to book your child in for a full day service with Extend please book online ASAP as this program is subject to numbers. **Next week's activities: Monday 20 April-ASC Banner, Tuesday 21 April-Name Windows, Wednesday 22 April-Bookmarks, Thursday 23 April-Pasta Art, Friday 24 April-Splatter Painting. Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!**
PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au



Please note there will be a Pupil Free Day on May 1st, 2015 at Grovedale Primary School. Extend will offer a full day service on this day subject to minimum bookings of 12.

Operating hours: 8.00am - 6.00pm

Fees: \$60.00

After child care entitlements are applied, including the non-income tested 50% Child Care Rebate you pay between \$12.58 and \$30.00.

If you would like to book in for this full day service please book online at extend.com.au. As we require minimum bookings for the service to run there are strictly no refunds or cancellations on Pupil Free Day bookings.

Booking close: 24th April. Parents who book in will be notified on this day by close of business.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HOST FAMILIES

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are looking for host families to host either a child or a staff member for 6 nights from Thursday 23rd July—Wednesday 29th July. **Please return this slip as soon as possible.**

STUDENT NAME: _____ **GRADE:** _____

PARENT/GAURDIAN NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

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STUDENT AWARDS!



★ Madison Kennedy	For the hard work she put into finding information for her suitcase on china.
★ Zaide Mayes	For his efforts at Cross Country, well done Zaide.
★ Lucy Sharp	For her well chosen topic for her persuasive writing introduction!!
★ Richard Wylie	For continuing to share his ideas in a caring and respectful manner!!
★ Hamish McLaren	For always being a respectful member of our 1/2 team and using beautiful manners.
★ Luke Harper	For creating a wonderful dreamtime scene with seeds.
★ Zac Berris	For being more resilient and willing to take risks with his learning.
★ Joey Long	For being responsible and helping others with their learning.
★ Morghan Crouch	For being a thoughtful , hardworking member of 5/6S.
★ Aspen McGovern	For being a hardworking, thoughtful member of 5/6S.
★ Christian Barsic-McDonald	For his fantastic use of paragraphs in his narrative writing.
★ Taleisha Grace	For becoming an increasingly confident public speaker.
★ Jordan Hopper	For showing respect by using good manners, and holding the door open for our class!
★ Leyla Ball-Manzur	For being a respectful listener and sharing great ideas in class discussions.
★ Molly Black	For being a responsible learner by always looking for ways to improve!

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS FOR SALE

Kilt Size 8 \$25.00

Contact: Kristine 0409 706 801

4 x Long sleeve polo tops near new size 8 \$10.00 each

Contact: Donna 0438 539 667

UNIFORMS

NEW UNIFORMS

Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.

Phone: 5255 4897

Ann-Marie will visit Grovedale Primary School again on:

Thursday 30th April

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

Discover Grovedale College

Information Evening 2015

Tuesday 28th April

Activities commence at 6.00pm

Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to attend our Information Evening 2015.

The night begins with displays of students' work and a sausage sizzle at 6.00pm. Guests are invited to tour the College in small conducted groups during this time.

Formal activities commence at 7.00pm with a musical performance followed by an address from the Principal.

Teaching staff and Team Leaders will provide information on Transition Programs, Curriculum Options, the eLearning Program, Musical Opportunities and our Sports Academy Program.

Enquire about our excellent scholarship opportunities available for students commencing in 2016.



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Student accident insurance / ambulance cover arrangements.

Schools are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.



Come and Visit us

@Grovedale PS in Term 2

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents and their children to come along and take part in fun and engaging activities with all the team at Grovedale Primary School.

Activity sessions are planned for:

Thursday 30th April, Thursday 21st May & Tuesday 9th June.

All run from 2:30 – 3:10pm @ Grovedale PS

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PAYMENT OPTIONS NOW AVAILABLE BPay/DIRECT DEPOSIT/CASH/CHEQUE/EFTPOS

Payments may now be made to school by BPay. Each family has a unique biller code which is on your statement. If you have not already received a statement and would like one, please contact the office so that you have your code for future use.

Payments may also be made by Direct Deposit to:

Grovedale P.S Council

CBA Belmont

BSB: 063 504

Account No: 1012 2641

Please use the name of your student as the reference. Payments can still be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

CLASSROOM HELPERS PROGRAM

The Classroom Helpers Program offers an opportunity for you to learn about what your child is doing at school and how you can support them at school and at home. The program runs for 4 weeks for an hour at a time.

During the course we will look at –

- What it means to be a classroom helper
- How children learn
- Support for speaking and listening
- Learning to read
- Learning to write
- Working with numbers

When – Tuesday April 28th, at 8:50 for a 9:00 start

Where – In the meeting room

For planning purposes please fill in the slip below and return it with your child or send it straight to the office.

With kind regards,

Sonya Brough

Literacy Coordinator

FUN FACT OF THE WEEK!!

The first hint that dinosaurs may have been feathered came from fossils of **Archaeopteryx**.



Archaeopteryx is a species believed to be between dinosaurs and modern day birds. Its name means 'original bird'. Most of the 11 fossils found show feathers. It is not known if it glided, or flapped its wings to fly.

But it gave an important clue that dinosaurs may have had feathers too.



MOTHERS DAY GIFTS



Name _____

I would like to purchase _____ gifts at \$5.00 each. ☐ Please find a total of \$_____ enclosed.

The following children are to collect gift/s

Name	Grade	Classroom	Number of Gifts
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Please return this form by Tuesday 5th May. Gifts will be sent home with students on Friday 8th May.

CLASSROOM HELPERS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION SLIP

STUDENT NAME: _____ **GRADE:** _____

PARENT/GAURDIAN NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____