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#### **PRINCIPAL'S NEWS**

#### **Bunnings BBQ:**

What a fantastic day we had. I would like to thank all of the enthusiastic and hard working parents who helped out on the day. A special thank you to Gab and Trevor Lewis for their wonderful organisation of this event and hard work they both put in. We raised over \$3000. Well done!

#### Italian Day :

What a huge success the day was. The children and teachers enthusiastically got dressed for the day and did some fun activities. The children made some great masks, colosseums, pasta creations just to name a few. I am sure you will see by the photos in this newsletter, that fun was had by all involved. A huge thank you to Senora Falcone and the teachers for making this day so successful.

#### Curriculum Day- Monday 5th of October.

At our last school council meeting our next Curriculum Day for 2015 was approved. We will be having the first day of Term 4 as our fourth and last Curriculum Day. Teachers will be looking at the curriculum and doing an audit of the areas that they have taught so far this year. They will also start planning for 2016. Please make sure that you put this date in your diaries.

#### Our Father of the Year:

I was very privileged to have been invited to the Bethany and Geelong Advertiser breakfast last Friday at Skilled Stadium where they announced this years Father of the Year. Some of our students nominated their father for this very special award and David Khokhar in Year 5/6T was the winner. He wrote a piece explaining why he thought his dad, Ayub, should win this award. It was a fantastic event to have attended with David and his family. Many of you would recognise his big sisters Rachel and Easter as being past students of our school. Their story was also featured in Saturdays Geelong Advertiser.



## Term 3 Week 9 9 September 2015

#### Year 3/ 4 Camp next week:

**Grovedale News** 

The children in Years 3/4 are getting very excited about going to Camp Wyuna in Queenscliff next Monday and Tuesday. This is a fabulous camp with lots of beach activities organised. Let's hope that the weather is fine for them. I look forward to hearing about their adventures.

#### Junior School Council fundraiser- Odd Shoe Day:

The Students in the school raised \$262.50 for the Aussie Helpers Drought Relief. The money raised will go to Queensland farmers who are going though drought. A wonderful effort and well done to everyone who participated on the day.

#### Farewell to Megan Hay-Smith

It is unfortunate that we are saying farewell to Megan Hay-Smith next Friday as she has been offered a full time position at Whittington Primary School. Megan has been an invaluable member of our school. Good Luck Megan!

#### Early finish next Friday for end of Term 3:

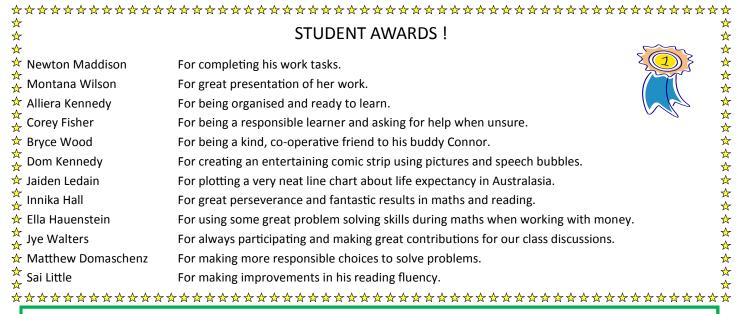
Next Friday the 18th of September, we will be **finishing for Term 3 at 2:30pm.** Please make sure that you make arrangements for this time to pick up your child/ren.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ENROLLED YOUR PREP CHILD FOR 2016 PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. OUR ORIENTATION PRO-GRAM BEGINS EARLY TERM 4.

Kathy Wesolowski

Principal

COMING EVENTS			
SEPTEMBER 2015			
Mon 14 & Tues 15	Grade 3/4 Camp		
Tues 15 Sept	Geelong North Division Athletics		
Wed 16 Sept	Parent's & Friends Fair Meeting 9am		
Wed 16 Sept	Grade 6 Graduation Photos 10am		
Fri 18 Sept	End of term—2.30pm finish		
OCTOBER 2015			
Mon 5th Oct	Curriculum Day—no school		
Tues 6th Oct	Back to school—Term 4		
Fri 9th Oct	Grades P-2 GPAC—Cranky Bear		
Wed 21st Oct	Geelong Cup Day—no school		
FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK			
Tues 8 September		Woolworths Earn & Learn	
Wed 16 September		CSEF Applications close	



#### WALK TO SCHOOL THIS OCTOBER

Grovedale Primary School is excited to be taking part in VicHealth's Walk to School from  $5^{th}$  - $31^{st}$  October.

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: <a href="https://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au">www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au</a>

#### 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!

#### TOUCAN APPEAL

Just a reminder that we have our box for the Toucan Appeal at the front office.

Any donations are greatly appreciated.

Items are being collected next week so if you would like to donate, please drop items into the office this week.





# Come along 8 in on u

New Items, Demonstrators, Businesses, Well Presented Second Hand Clothing. Second Hand Goods Outside Only.

Indoor & Outdoor Sites \$25 With Raffle Prize Donation **Contact The School Office** To Book Your Site ASAP



Please keep sending in those IGA dockets. We receive a commission of 1% on the total of all our dockets. Ask family and friends to keep collecting—it is surprising how much they add up, even the smallest dockets count. So far this year we have received \$889.52 from Grovedale East IGA and we thank them for their continued support.

**IGA DOCKETS** 

# **DONATING UNIFORMS**

If anyone is able to donate uniform to the school for us to use as spares it would be greatly appreciated!! We are in need of larger sizes in jumpers, track pants and polo tops. Thank you!!



## Woolworths Earn and Learn is now closed.

Please send any stickers or sheets (even if they are incomplete) to the office as soon as possible so that we can collate them and return to redeem resources and equipment for our school.

Thank you for your support.

Kerry Reid

# 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 some small hats available at the office at a cost of \$12 and will be getting more medium and large sizes in.

## HUNGER FOR KNOWLEDGE GEELONG FOODBANK

## AND THRIFT SHOP— Now Open!

37 Essington Street, Grovedale (just around the corner from the school)

Open Wednesday/Thursday/Friday from 9am-4pm and Saturday 9am-1pm. Come in for bargains galore!

Free and low cost food and grocery items are available.

Well done everyone, our Term 3 fundraiser for **<u>Buy a Bale</u>** raised \$262.50 Thanks for wearing Odd Shoes on the day! Your money will help many Queensland Farmers keep their cattle alive throughout the drought period.



## **NEW UNIFORMS**

Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms. Ann-Maree will be at the school this Thursday 10th September from

8.40 am to 9.00 am.

**Phone:** 5255 4897—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



1<sup>st</sup> Grovedale Scouts is holding a scrap metal collection to raise funds to send their scouts (including a number of GPS students) to the upcoming Australian Jamboree in January 2016.

If you have any scrap metal at home that you no longer need, please drop it off in the bin at the rear of the 1<sup>st</sup> Grovedale Scout Hall in Perrett St, Grovedale. If you have any large items that you are unable to get to the hall, please speak with Colin Sharp on 0408 319 565 to discuss possible pick up. 100% of funds raised will go to helping our Scouts to get to the Jamboree. Thanks for your support.

## CAMPS, SPORTS AND

## **EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

Do you have a Centrelink Benefits Card or are you a Foster Parent? Please come in and fill out a CSEF Application Form. This provides \$125 for your child towards Camps, Excursions and Sports. Applications close Wednesday 16 September.



# PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISING

## Bunnings BBQ

The Bunnings BBQ was a great success on the weekend. It was very busy and we have made a profit of approximately \$3000 (exact figure next week).

I would like to say a huge thankyou to the following people for giving up their time to help out on Saturday:

Kristina Benson

Trevor Lewis	Caz Hutchison
TIEVOI LEWIS	Caz Hutchison
Sherwin Rivas	Ann Sansom
Lea Novak	Leon Blackley
Nicole Read	Keith Smyth
Lyn Raeck	Rachelle Bendle
Pete VanDort	Cameron Tonlin
Kelli Caldow	Kathy Wesolow

Wendy Marendaz Carolyn Smyth е Leanne Donovan nson vski

Matt Harper **Dorothy Tolhurst** Bernadette Hontarigo Donna Crouch Colin Sharp AnnMaree De Giorgio **Claire Hauenstein** Leonie Lucas

and some of the students who came and helped with their parents.

We couldn't have run this fundraiser without your help, so again THANKYOU!!!!

Also, thanks to IGA for donation of some of the sausages and to Just Onions in Breakwater for the donation of the onions.

## Chocolates

We unfortunately still have some chocolate money outstanding. We need to finalise this fundraiser so could all families who are yet to return their money, please do so this week. If you haven't sold the chocolates could you please return the chocolates to school.

Next meeting Wed 16th September, 9 am. Have a great week. Gab Lewis



South Barwon Little Athletics Club provides a safe, fun and family friendly environment for children to participate and learn regardless of their athletic capability. We are celebrating our 50th Anniversary this year and have some great fun activities and prizes in store for season 2015/2016.

Come down and meet us, try on and purchase your uniform and register online at our

## Information Day: Saturday September 26.

## 10am-12pm Landy Field, Sth Geelong

Come along and find out more, we would love to see you there!

**Competition commences Saturday 3 October 2015** 

Visit our web site: www.southbarwonathletics.com call Nyree Mathe: on 0414 935 000

# Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any 'Cosmic Light Beam Torches' their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.





Last week we celebrated our Italian learning with an Italian day. The whole school rotated through various fun and exciting activities, such as, making a Colosseum using Nutrigrain, mosaic flags, venetian masks, pasta art and even Michelangelo drawings. It was lovely to see the children with smiling faces and having so much fun. Many made the effort to come dressed up for the occasion either in Italian colours or as an Italian character. Well done everyone.

Thank you to all the teachers and support staff for your contribution on the day, you helped make it such a success. **BRAVI!!!** 

Also thank you to IGA for your generous donation of pasta and Nutrigrain which enabled us to have such interesting activities.

GRAZIE. Signora Falcone

