PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

CLASSES FOR 2016:
Children will find out their teacher and room for 2016 in their report envelope, so please ensure that you look closely for that slip of paper. Reports will be going home on Tuesday the 15th of December in a sealed envelope. Many hours of thought and discussion goes into class formations and many aspects of your child are considered throughout the process. We try to ensure that everyone will have at least one of their friends in the grade with them. If your child does not get the teacher that they had hoped for, we hope that you as parents talk to them about resiliency and acceptance as the lists will not be changed. Thank you for your help and cooperation with this.

Next year we will be offering the following specialist areas which will be fantastic:
Visual Art
Physical Education
LOTE—Italian
Performing Arts—Dance, Drama, Music.
We will also have a Speech Therapist on site one day per week to work in classrooms with teachers, doing oral language sessions and one on one therapy with children.

EARLY FINISH NEXT FRIDAY:
Friday the 18th of December is our last day of the year. On that day we will have a whole school assembly starting at 9:15am where we will have our HUGE Christmas raffle draw. Children will then return to classes to be doing some cleaning and tidying up of the rooms. If you choose to take your child home after the assembly you may do so. You will though need to sign your child out at the front office. We will NOT be having lunch at school that day, only a recess break. Children will be dismissed at 1:30pm.

THINGS HAPPENING OVER THE NEXT WEEK:
- Monday: Parents Thank You morning tea.
- Tuesday: Reports sent home
- Wednesday: Year 6 Graduation
- Thursday: Year 5/6 excursion Adventure Park.
- Thursday: Special Lunch Order Day

Have a fabulous week everyone.

Kathy Wesolowski Principal
STUDENT AWARDS!

Tamana Sangha
For working cooperatively within her group when filming their movie “The Gingerbread Man”.

Jai Mayes
For his terrific summary of the story “Double Trouble”.

Max Heyne
For his fantastic text response to “Pig the Pug”.

Jemima Di Cristoforo
For always giving her best effort to everything she does.

Krystalee Gatehouse
For an amazing start to her new school. Welcome to 1/2R.

Katelyn Easton
For fitting into Grovedale Primary School amazingly well and showing great confidence.

Ashleigh Donaghy
For showing a proactive attitude and becoming more confident in class.

Seth Plummer
For always coming to school with a positive and happy attitude.

Tia Waldron
For her very good understanding of telling the time.

Laura Hobbs
For the commitment she shows towards all of her learning.

Seth Emond
For trying his best to make good choices. Keep it up Seth.

Carlie McCrohan
For being helpful and polite to her peers.

Joey Long
For being helpful and co-operative.

NEW UNIFORMS:
Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.
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

SCHOOL KILTS:
Geelong Uniforms 164 Malop Street Geelong. Phone: 5224 2229

START OF SCHOOL 2016

Please note that although staff return to school on Wednesday January 27th 2016, the first 2 days of term are Curriculum days. ALL students return to school on Friday January 29th 2016.

1st Grovedale Scout Christmas Trees
Pre-order now so you don’t miss out. 10% from each pre-order will be donated back to the School.
Pick up 12th and 13th December from the Grovedale Hotel car park, near the nursery entrance.
Phone Dennis on 0413 488 434 to place your pre-order. Leave a message if there’s no answer. I will get back to you.
Prices: $55 small, $65 Medium, $75 Large

SCHOOL BANKING

If your child would like to order an award with 10 tokens, I will be taking orders till the end of the week. Hopefully these items will be delivered by the end of next week when school finishes. The only awards that are left to order are the Galaxy Glider, Outer Space Savers Money Box, ET DVD or the Intergalactic Rocket. Please pop your tokens and a note to say which one you would like and drop it into Mrs Jones at the office.
All tokens are carried over to next year if you would like to save them.
Well done to all the children who have been saving all year!! Amazing effort!!
Mrs Jones
Extend OSHC at Grovedale Primary School

The children had a great time in the market day event held by grade 5/6. We are nearly coming to the end of the term now. As usual OSHC is fun and filled with exciting activities.

Our Monday was colourful as we made a Skittles Rainbow and we were so amazed to see the rainbow that formed. On Tuesday, our OSHC room was set up for the Market Day, so we played indoor games and played chasing outside to release our extra energy. On Wednesday, as a part of an Aboriginal art experience, we collected sticks/twigs outdoors to paint them. The children painted them in various colours and made patterns. On Thursday, we focussed on how we were feeling; that is about Emotions. We discovered that different people have different feelings, so we made masks according to what we were feeling on that particular day. The children were quite creative and used craft materials to decorate the masks. On Friday, the children brought in dominoes with which we built towers and enjoyed watching them fall down in a row.

Also, we realised that the game Giant Marbles was nothing but big balls stuck in a fenced circle. We had to use another ball and by hitting one of the marbles in the fence, we had to try to get them out. It was tough but we like challenges, thereby we achieved it! Priya

Our Extend Superstar is… Josh Stephens for using his beautiful manners and packing up toys after play.

Next week’s activities:
Monday 14 December: Leak Proof Bags
Tuesday 15 December: Wish list for Santa
Wednesday 16 December: Let’s get messy with Goop!
Thursday 17 December: We are musical!
Friday 18 December: Free choice activities and Christmas decorations

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au
FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES AND LIGHTS
“ANGELS ON HIGH”
Friday – Saturday – Sunday Nights
18th - 19th - 20th December
7.30pm to 10.30pm
St Cuthbert’s Church Hall
83 Heyers Road, Grovedale

Children’s craft table
Christmas trees displays by School children
Handcrafted decorations
Enquiries 0407 929 986

Support refugee families this Christmas!
The Diversitat Reuniting Families Christmas Appeal has been established to provide much needed migration support to refugees trying to reunite their families.

Make your donation count! For every dollar donated to the Diversitat Reuniting Families Christmas Appeal, Deakin University will match your donation (up to a cap of $7500), thereby doubling the impact of your contribution. What a great opportunity to support others during the Festive Season!


PAYMENT AND BOOK PACK COLLECTION
The school will be open for book collection and payment on Monday 25th January 2016 between 9am and 12 noon.

Payment may be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. Again, if full payment cannot be made on the day we can organise a payment plan for you. Just come to the office and we will implement a suitable plan. Payments or payment plans for 2016 may be made prior to the end of the 2015 school year at any time.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP—JAN 19TH, 20TH AND 21ST
Have the opportunity to learn from experienced coaches in Basketball, Netball, Soccer, Dodgeball, Cricket, Football and more!

When: Tuesday 19th Jan, Wednesday 20th Jan and Thursday 21st Jan.
Time: 9am—4pm
Ages: Boys and Girls aged 5-12 years old
Cost: $40 per day or $100 per week (3 days)
Where: Geelong Basketball Netball Centre, 1 Crown St, South Geelong (formerly Life Be In It)
Book: online at www.gbnc.com.au

TOTALLY SPORT. LIVE. LOVE. SPORT.

Totally Sport will be holding two 2 day programs over the school holidays at the home of the Geelong Cats, Simonds Stadium. Delivered by experienced, qualified coaches the program suits kids of all abilities and includes Cricket, Wheelchair Basketball, Soccer, AFL, Lawn Bowls, Tennis, Swimming, Hip Hop, African Drumming and much more.

Where: Deakin Cats Community Centre, Simonds Stadium
Date and Time: January 14/15 or 21/22 January. 8.30am –4pm each day. Bookings close 8th January
BYO: Bring your own lunch. Morning and afternoon tea supplied.
Cost: $50 per day, $90 for two days. Book online at www.leisurenetworks.org
Spaces are limited. For more information please contact Michael on 5224 9140 or michael@leisurenetworks.org