



Grovedale News

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome to everyone:

I would like to welcome back all our returning families as well as our new families to Grovedale Primary. I hope that you all had a lovely break over the holidays and we love seeing all the children here this year. If you can, welcome all our new families to our school community and answer some or all of their questions.

Welcome BBQ and Information sessions.

Some of you may have seen on our Facebook page that we have organised a Welcome BBQ and Information Sessions for next Monday the 11th of February. We will be starting the evening as follows:

Foundation Information session at 5:00pm.

Year 1/ 2's at 5:15pm

Year 3/ 4 at 5:30pm

Year 5/ 6 at 5:45pm

Whole school at 6pm in the Multi Purpose room.

The BBQ will be happening during all that time, so that when your child's session is finished, please come and join us in the Rose Garden outside the Multi Purpose room to welcome back everyone for 2019. We hope to see everyone here.

Swimming Sports:

What a perfect day today to have the Swimming Carnival. The children had a fabulous time in the pool and a huge thank you to the staff and parents that helped both at the pool and at the BBQ upon the children's return. The house captains will report at assembly this Friday on the carnival.

School Leaders:

We have a number of our senior students that have been successful in gaining leadership positions at the school for 2019. We will be presenting them with their badges at this week's assembly. This is an exciting event for the successful students and I know that they take this responsibility seriously and will wear their badges with pride.

School Council:

This year we currently have 4 vacancies for parents to join us on the School Council. We have 3 positions for 2 years and 1 position for 1 year. I hope that you seriously think about coming onto School Council to work positively with the school to improve our school community. Our current School Council parent members are Marc Robinson and Russell Read so if you have any questions please seek them out to answer any queries. I have nomination forms, so if you are at all interested then ask at the front office for a form. We will hold elections if we have more than the current vacancies. Please let me know if you are nominating for the one or two year vacancies. I look forward to working together with you. The departing parents are Sally Harper, Andrew Ball, Ann-Maree De Georgio and Trevor Lewis. I hope that they may consider renominating.

Assembly this week:

Our first assembly will take place this week on Friday at 2:50pm in the Multi Purpose Room.

Have a lovely week

Kathy Wesolowski Principal

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2019

Mon 11th Feb	Parents and Friends meeting 9am
Mon 11th Feb	Welcome BBQ & Information sessions

FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK

FEBRUARY 2019

Fri 8th Feb	Welcome BBQ attendance & sausage order due.
Mon 18th Feb	Scholastic Issue #1 due

SENTRAL

All new or unlinked parents/carers should have received an email outlining how to register for Sentral, our Student Management Tool. After registering, you should receive an email acknowledging your registration. At this point, it is vital that you login to your account and add the 'access key' (from the initial email) to your account. This will link your child/children to your account and open up all functions including attendance, messaging, booking conferences, accessing important documents and notices, the newsletter and end of semester reports.

If you have not received an email, please call Mr Brad Venn, Assistant Principal or visit him in administration. We will also assist with access during the Parent Information Sessions on Monday.

Thank you.

Brad Venn

Assistant Principal



IGA GROVEDALE EAST

Remember to bring your IGA dockets in regularly. We must have all dockets for the month in by the 14th of the following month. So for February please send all of your January, and any February dockets in by the 14th. Keep collecting!

A huge Thank You to IGA for your ongoing support and sponsorship of the school. Thank You IGA!!



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF) \$125 - CSEF APPLICATION FORMS FOR 2019.

If you hold a Centrelink Health or Pension card or if you are a foster parent, you may be eligible for the Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF).

Eligibility is subject to your card being validated with Centrelink on the first day of term 1 (January 29th 2019) or the first day of term 2 (April 23rd 2019). Application forms for the CSEF are available from the school office.

Sign & date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

The total for the CSEF in 2019 is \$125 per student. This can be used towards camps, sports and excursions only. This cannot be used for the Essential Learning Items.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

'Scholastic News'

Welcome back to school for 2019 – especially our Preps and new families! At Grovedale Primary School we offer Scholastic Book Club catalogues (issued 8 times a year/twice a term). Book Club is a fantastic way to purchase quality reading materials for your child. There is an amazing range of picture story, fiction, non fiction, craft kits, posters and colouring books – some for as little as \$2! The best thing is that Grovedale Primary receives 20% of all purchases made, which we then use to buy books for the library or for use in the classroom. We encourage you to purchase by using the LOOP function – online payments so you don't need to send cash or order forms to school! If you have any queries please don't hesitate to ask myself, or our lovely office ladies.

Belinda Fletcher

Scholastic Book Club Coordinator.



UNIFORM FOR SALE

Bomber Jackets	Size 10 & 12	\$15 each
Trackpants	Size 10	\$5
School dress	Size 8	\$5
Navy Skort	Size 8	\$5
Gingham Skort x 3	Size 8	\$8 each
Kilt x 2	Size 8 & 10	\$25 each

Please see the office if you are interested in any of the uniform. Payment is by cash only.

STUDENT AWARDS

Sofia	FD	For always following instructions.
Luna	FD	For using her manners.
Cooper	FA	For having a great first week, showing kindness to her peers.
Neya	FA	For showing respect in the classroom by following instructions and being a great helper.
Harriette	12A	For always being polite and using her manners.
Milla	12A	For making a flawless start to grade 1.
Callum	12S	For showing respect towards his fellow classmates by sitting quietly and not interrupting. What a great start to the year!
Josie	34M	For being a quiet and respectful class member.
Mason	34M	For being a helpful and respectful class member.
Olivia	34S	For sitting respectfully on the floor when she needs to.
Tully	34S	For being a quiet and respectful learner.





Welcome back for 2019. We hope everyone had a lovely break and welcome to all the new families to the school.

News from last year. We raised \$3,488.56 from our Colour Explosion. This money is going to be used to re-vamp the veggie garden behind the 5/6 OLC building. We are also using monies raised towards buying more musical instruments. The end of year raffle raised \$1,126.05.

As you know, Parents and Friends is a big part of the school and fundraising for resources for our children. Claire Hauenstein, Sandra McLaren, Nicole Read and Kristina Benson will all be stepping down from Parents and Friends committee roles this year, so all positions will be available to be filled.

There will be a meeting on Monday 11th February at 9.00am to formalise this. Please feel free to come along if you are interested in helping out on the committee or to just see what it is all about. We would love as many people as possible to come along and be a part of the Parents and Friends. You don't have to take on a committee role, it's just great to have input, meet other parents and support your children.

Thank you.

Claire Hauenstein, Sandra McLaren, Nicole Read and Kristina Benson.

Grovedale Primary School Welcome BBQ

Monday 11th February—5.00pm to 6.30pm

Please fill out the slip below to confirm your attendance at the Welcome BBQ



Family name:

Number of adults attending:

Number of children attending:

Number of sausages in bread:

BYO non alcoholic drinks.

RSVP BY FRIDAY 8TH FEBRUARY



In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school per year. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6**.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx