



Grovedale News

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

BOOK WEEK, FAIR AND CHARACTER PARADE

Last week we sold approximately \$2500 worth of books during the Book Fair, so we would like to thank everyone who purchased books to support our school. We receive 30% of this total as book purchasing credit with Scholastic and have already planned to spend the money on resources which support our inquiry learning program. I would also like to thank all of the parents and staff who assisted with the Book Fair sales throughout the week. Finally, the Book Week Character Parade was once again an enjoyable experience for everyone involved and we had the difficult task of choosing one winner per class who received a book as recognition – see the list published on a subsequent page.

DYMOCKS CHILDREN'S CHARITIES

Recently we were contacted by Dymocks to inform us that we had been listed as the charity for their annual conference. Julie Garner, the store manager of Dymocks Waurm Ponds won a national prize to select a charity of her choice. She chose Grovedale Primary School as she has a close connection to the school and wrote the following:

"In all honesty, I have a personal link to the school so I am proud and honoured to be able to help them out. My mum was the Teacher Librarian at that school from 1980 (I think) until the day she retired. I used to help her out in the library, even when it wasn't my school. I learned to appreciate the small school environment. I remember Mum bringing home this little known book called Tomorrow When the War Began and asking me to read it to see if it was appropriate for her grade six kids. Brings a tear to my eye to know that we can help this little school get more books for their kids to read"

During the conference their General Manager, Paul, and 'lucky guest' participated in a gruesome food challenge as a fundraiser. They raised a total \$3635 and Dymocks matched this dollar-for-dollar, which means that **we will receive \$7,270 worth of books!**

We would like to **thank Dymocks** and especially **Julie Garner**, the store manager of **Dymocks Waurm Ponds** for their generosity. We can't wait to complete the order and add wonderful new titles to our library collection!!!

COME TO SCHOOL VISITS

If you know of any families with 2019 prep aged children, please encourage them to attend our next Come to School visit on Wednesday 12th September from 2:30-3:10PM. Mr Arnel will be leading the session and we hope to see a great turnout as these sessions act as a pre-transition program for the families and students.

SCHOOL CONCERT

The whole production is really coming together beautifully and our students are putting in stellar performances. Make sure you don't miss out on this spectacular event, so please ensure you have purchased tickets for all adults wishing to attend the School Concert on Tuesday 4th September at The Arena, Victoria St, North Geelong from 6:45PM well in advance. There will not be any tickets available on the door.

YEAR 3/4 CAMP

The Year 3/4 Camp is also creeping up on us this term. The students and teachers will head to Anglesea on September 10th for a two-day camp. They will be offered a number of challenging activities to participate in individually and in small groups. We hope they have an amazing time full of great memories and new friendships.

BIKE EDUCATION

We have scheduled Bike Education for the Year 3/4 cohort for the first 4 Fridays of Term 4. The program helps children develop the skills they need to ride safely and independently on roads and paths. It is important that **all students bring their bike and helmet** (where possible) to these sessions. We will have some bikes and helmets available for students to borrow, but the majority are medium to large sized bikes which makes learning to ride even more challenging.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy data has been published for all Year 3 and 5 students who participated in the testing in May. The results for Victorian schools are outstanding. In fact, they are the best results ever for reading and numeracy in both primary and secondary schools. The mean scores in years 3, 5 and 9 for reading and years 5 and 9 for numeracy achieved in 2018 were the highest recorded since NAPLAN was introduced in 2008. We will closely analyse our results in the coming weeks and use these to set future targets and evaluate the effectiveness of our programs.

SWIMMING

We are proud of our students who have participated in the Year 3-6 Swimming Program this week. The focus is on survival techniques to ensure as many Australians as possible have the skills and strategies to be safe in and around water. The program will continue next week and our Foundation to Year 2 students will be participating in weeks 3 and 4 of next term.

Have a great week!

Brad Venn Assistant Principal

eSmart Week

2nd – 8th September 2018

Cyber Safety

We encourage our parental community to be involved in what their child/ren are accessing online. As a school, we can often be placed in a difficult situation when problems arise with the student use of social media.

SOCIAL MEDIA

It is important to remember that **Facebook**, **Snapchat** and **Instagram** all recommend that users be at least 13 years of age. Furthermore, of the three platforms, Instagram has been recognised as potentially the most hazardous for young people.

If you have discussed your child's ability to navigate and use social media in an appropriate manner it is your decision but as a school, we support guidelines as set by the social media sites as they are well aware the content is at times unsuitable for a younger audience. This is often evident in conversations overheard by teachers where a student may have misinterpreted an image or acronym online.

SAFE USAGE

As a school community, we promote the use of restricted device and screen time and that all devices are charged and stored away from bedrooms at night. We suggest devices are accessed in an area that is supervised. We also recommend families access the eSafety Commissioner website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> which has wonderful resources and who accepts reports of anti-social behaviour online.

FORTNITE

We are aware as a school that many students are accessing the game **Fortnite**. This game has a rating of **M** and comes with a recommended age of **12+**. Fortnite is a strategic adventure game released in July 2017 and is now available on PC/Mac, Xbox One and Playstation4. It can be played in solo mode or in a team of up to 4 players. The premise of the game is that a storm has wiped out 98% of the earth's population, and the player's role once dropped into the zone by a battle bus, is to build structures to gain an advantage over others, gather resources and kill everyone to be the last person standing.

Fortnite utilises cartoon-like and fantasy based characters, and when "kills" are made, the characters disintegrate into thin air and disappear. There is no blood and gore or graphic scenes. The game does have an inbuilt chat function so that players operating as a team can talk to each other and discuss tactics. However, this can be turned off in settings.

For more information on the game Fortnite see <http://www.essentialkids.com.au/life/technology/what-parents-need-to-know-about-fortnite-20180410-h0ykrj>

As a school community, we support the view of cyber-psychologist and head of Digital Nutrition, Jocelyn Brewer. Brewer explains that **"there are ways to play all games in a balanced way and enjoy the benefits without negative impacts that come with excessive and unsupervised gaming"**.

Fortnite's array of weaponry and the fact that players must kill everyone to win is a concern to parents who fear that it will desensitise their children to violence. Brewer explains that children's developmental level, rather than their age, will determine how they view violence. However, she explains that "the key with all tech use is to balance it with other aspects of life – the offline interactions you have, the family culture and values, their other strengths and weaknesses".

Brewer cannot stress highly enough that the key to kids and technology is parental involvement. Parents need to understand what is being played, set limits and most importantly, have conversations with their children.

We as a school recommend conversations about the game take place within your household if you have granted access to your children to play Fortnite.

Thank you,

Kathy Wesolowski, Brad Venn and Kate Saunders (eSmart co-ordinator).

**GROVEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL CONCERT:
COSTUMES FOR EACH CLASS—Tuesday 4th September 2018**

Prep D	Cowboys and cowgirls - jeans/skirt, checked shirt, Hat (optional), boots (optional)
Prep S	Animals - onesie or animal costume
1/2A	Bright coloured clothes, if possible include some spots or stripes
1/2B	Animals - onesie or animal costume
1/2C	Cowboy, villain, casual clothes or dress (please see students diary or speak to class teacher to confirm which character your child should dress as)
3/4M	Jeans/jeggings, checked shirt
3/4R	T-shirts and jeans, jacket (optional)
3/4S	Black pants, white shirt or T-shirt, apron
5/6C	Black pants, white shirt, black tie, black jacket (optional), sunglasses
5/6R	50s style clothing - jeans/pants, shirt, skirt, dress
5/6S	Basketball clothes or shorts and T-shirt

**CHOCOLATE DRIVE—MORE
BOXES TO SELL**

We still have more chocolates to sell. If you can help out please let the office know.



If you haven't already returned money or unsold chocolates could you please do so.

Father's Day Helpers

This Friday, 31st August, children are selecting their gifts for Father's Day. If you are able to help at the Father's Day stall please come to the school office at 11.30am.

Thanks for your help!



IGA GROVEDALE EAST

Remember to bring your IGA docketts in regularly. We must have all docketts for the month in by the 14th of following month. So, all your docketts for August must be brought to school by 14th September. Keep collecting!

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



Grade 3/4 Camp—Mon 11th Sept

Reminder:

Please send your child to school with the same amount of food for a normal school day on Monday 11th Sept. They will need SNACK, LUNCH and DRINK BOTTLE on this day.

COMING EVENTS	
AUGUST 2018	
Mon 27th Aug - Fri 7th Sept	Grade 3-6 Swimming
SEPTEMBER 2018	
Mon 3rd—7th Sept	Legacy Week Pens and wristbands available
Tues 4th Sept	School Concert
Tues 11th Sept	Divisional Athletics—Selected students
Mon 10th -Tues 11th Sept	Grade 3/4 Camp
Wed 12th Sept	Come and Visit—Session 4 2.30-3.10pm
Fri 21st Sept	Last day of term: 2.30pm finish
OCTOBER 2018	
Mon 8th Oct	First day of Term 4

FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK	
Friday 31st Aug	School Choir/Lead Actors-Concert
Tues 4th Sept	Book Club Issue #6
Thurs 13th Sept	School Concert DVD orders \$25

SCHOOL SECURITY

It has been unfortunate that over the last two weeks we have experienced some unwelcome youths in our school grounds during school hours. As we are fortunate to have gates and fences around our school we will be locking all gates at 9:15am each morning and unlocking them at 3:10 each afternoon. This will mean that all people will only gain access through the front door. I hope that you all understand the reasoning behind this decision and support us in its implementation. Your child's safety is of paramount importance to us all and it is unfortunate that we have youths in our community that do not have respect for the school environment, staff or others.

Thank you all for your understanding.

Kathy Wesoloski
Principal



STUDENT AWARDS—will be presented this week at assembly Friday 31st August

Jake	PD	For being a very helpful class member.
Sharla	PD	For helping to keep the yard free of litter. Thank you!!
Ruby	12B	For demonstrating such great sportsmanship when playing the Volcano game. Well done!
Kiani	12B	For her excellent effort when challenging herself in reading. Well done!
Kiara	12C	For her excellent work with symmetry.
Raf	12C	For his great text to self connection with Pig the Star.
Seth	34M	For working cooperatively on his songlines Inquiry project.
Ella	34M	For her enthusiastic approach to learning tasks.
Ella	34R	For always trying her best to developing her comprehension and thinking skills.
Liam	34S	For always participating in discussions during guided reading.
Ava	34S	For her amazing effort in concert practice.
Jake	56R	For great use of technical vocabulary when writing an explanation text.
Leyla	56R	For producing an informative explanation text on The Great Pacific Garbage Patch.
Corey	56S	For challenging himself in Inquiry.
Tahlia	56S	For great use of dialogue in her Script.



Extend OSHC at Grovedale Primary School

Hello Grovedale Primary School Community!

This week we have been celebrating OSHC community members Indigenous Australian cultures! We painted Indigenous Australian animals, made some creative boomerangs and practiced some cultural dancing!

Next week we are celebrating all things Ukraine, to honour the OSHC families and community with Ukrainian culture.

Next week's activities are...

Monday 3rd September:	What do we know about the Ukraine?
Tuesday 4th September:	Cultural Dancing
Wednesday 5th September:	Ukrainian Landscaping Challenge
Thursday 6th September:	Cooking Ukrainian Kutia
Friday 7th September:	Decorating Eggs Ukrainian Style!

Look forward to seeing you all!

Maisie Thompson (Service coordinator) and the Extend team



BOOK FAIR HELPERS

A massive thanks goes out to all the parents, carers and staff who gave up their time to help out at the book fair last week.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Wendy Marendaz
Jackie French
Karley Reilly
Cathy Harper
Melanie Blackman
Natalia Kay
Sandra McLaren
Kate Sharp
Steph Farrar
Belinda Fletcher

LEGACY BADGE WEEK

Geelong Legacy Club Inc. is a volunteer organisation dedicated to assisting the widows and children of deceased ex-service personnel. Each year, during the first week of September, Legacy conducts a Badge Appeal to raise funds to help provide the care and assistance currently provided to around 1000 widows, twelve school children, and twelve disabled adults in the Geelong area.

For many years we have been assisting Legacy by selling Legacy Badges within the School community. During the week of 3rd September to 7th September items may be bought from the front office.

Wristbands \$2. Pens \$3. Thank you for your support.



Book Week Parade - THANK YOU!!!

A big congratulations to our Book Fair Costume winners;



PD Maddison S	1/2A Jessica E	3/4M Ella H	5/6C Adam S
PS Clemence J	1/2B Bailey G	3/4R Goldie N	5/6R Mercaedes W
	1/2C Karla W	3/4S Harley S	5/6S Jude C

