Grovedale News

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Term 4 Week 11 19th December 2018

SIMON AND CHARLIE SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Wow, it is hard to believe that the end of another year has come around so quickly. It has been a very busy year but also a rewarding one for all of our students. It was lovely to attend Graduation on Monday night and reflect on all of the accomplishments that those students have made during their time at Grovedale Primary.

We very proudly awarded the following students: ***Dux- Tilly Lewis, English – Chaise Mayson, Maths – Nathan Harper, ICT- Lex Di Cristoforo, P.E. – Jesse Ombega, LOTE- Corey Fisher, Arts- Leyla Ball-Manzur, Path to Success- Molly Black, Path to Success- Mercaedes Wise, Civics & Citizenship- Tahlia Brown, Civics & Citizenship - Montana Wilson***

We also will be saying farewell to the following families this year:

Black, Bone, Broad, Brown, Curtis, Fisher, Fowkes, Hutchins, Knudson, Leddin, Lewis, Ombega, Peralta, Williams, Wilson and Smith. We wish all of the departing Year 6 students and their families all the very best for the future.

School Captains 2019:

At last weeks' assembly it was my great pleasure to announce our School Captains for 2019. They are as follows:

School Captains: Mia Thompson & Adam Sharp **Vice Captains**: Jemma Di Cristoforo & Sam Langridge.

Our House Captains will be announced tomorrow, Thursday at our final assembly which will start promptly at **2:30pm**.

Staffing 2019:

We will be saying farewell to Chris Robinson on Friday as he has gained a Team Leader role at Montpellier Primary School. We wish him all the very best in this role and thank him for his contribution to Grovedale Primary School.

We have also been successful in gaining funding for the next two years to implement the Primary Maths Specialist initiative which means that 2 of our staff will be undergoing professional learning, going into classrooms doing coaching and improving our knowledge and skills with Maths teaching. This is a fabulous opportunity and one that only 3 Geelong schools are doing. The successful teachers that will be our specialists are Kerry Reid and Alison Semianiw. Both these teachers will be teaching a class for half the week and doing the specialist role the other half. Sonya Brough has made the decision to teach on a part time basis from 2019 onwards.

Your child will bring home a letter TOMORROW that will tell you who they will have as a teacher next year as well as their room number. Reports will also be uploaded onto Sentral tomorrow in the Parent Portal.

School Council:

I would sincerely like to thank Trevor Lewis, Andrew Ball, Ann-Maree De Giorgio and Sally Harper whose time on School council ends at the end of this year. Their contributions have been very much appreciated and worthwhile. I will call for nominations for School Council in February for parents that may be interested in joining our School council.

Reminders:

The last assembly is TOMORROW, Thursday at 2:30pm sharp!! Our Christmas raffle will be drawn at that time

On Friday we will be finishing at 1:30pm. Please note that we will not be having any formal instruction on that day. We also will be cleaning, moving furniture and tidying up our environment.

Students return on Thursday 31st January 2019. TEACHERS WILL HAVE THE FIRST 2 DAYS AS CURRICULUM DAYS.

I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope that you all have a very enjoyable break over this holiday season and I look forward to seeing most of you on **THURSDAY 24TH JANUARY 2019** for our Book Pick up day and paying of fees.

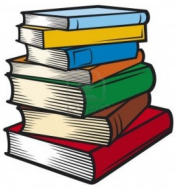
BOOK PACK COLLECTION & MATERIALS CHARGE PAYMENT 2019

The school will be open for book collection and payment on: ***Thursday January 24th 2019 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.***

Payment *of $220 per student may be made by* ***CASH*** *or* ***EFTPOS*** *on this day.*

A minimum of $60 per student *will be required on this day if you wish to implement a payment plan. To assist families that may like to pay off the difference of $160 we are able to set up an agreed Payment Plan whereby the* ***SCHOOL*** *will deduct a set amount out of your Credit / Debit Card. Payment can also be made via BPAY.*

Please contact the office for more information.



SCHOOL CHOIR

On Thursday 20th December the school choir will be going to Luson - The Vue nursing home on Reserve Road to sing a selection of songs that they have been rehearsing. They will be walking to the venue and will leave school at 10am, returning at recess. The residents are looking forward to hearing our choir sing.

COLOUR RUN EXPLOSION

The Colour Run raised $3,460. Well done to all the families and students who did an amazing job at collecting donations for this wonderful fundraiser!

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. Could you please bring all your dockets for November to school by tomorrow, Thursday. If you have any dockets over the holidays please hang on to them for the start of Term 1, 2019. Keep collecting!

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Junior School Council News

Congratulations and well done! We raised $309.75 from our casual day, held earlier in the term. This money will be used to purchase new board games for our library.

HOUSE POINTS REWARD DAY—Thursday 20th December

All students in Rossack House can celebrate their win by wearing casual dress, playing sport for an hour and have an icypole at lunch.

Any members of the choir can still wear casual dress but will need to bring uniform to change into for their visit to the Vue.

(polo shirt will be fine)

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CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF) $125 - CSEF APPLICATION FORMS FOR 2019 MAY BE FILLED OUT NOW!

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 now 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 Materials Charge.

THE EDUCATION STATE

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Extend OSHC at Grovedale Primary School

We have reached our final week for 2018!

A massive thank you to all the children, families and Grovedale Primary School community for a fantastic term 4! It has been a legendary term, packed with loads of activities, laughs and precious memories.

I wish you all a safe and happy holidays and hope we have all made it on to Santa's nice list this year!

Our Extend Superstar for the 15th of December is **Ashton Scholes**, for his brilliant work on his named snowflake!

Parents and families please note : Friday the 21st of December is an early release day. OSHC will be running at an earlier time to accommodate this change of timetable.

Happy Holidays to you all and look forward to seeing you in 2019,

Maisie Thompson (Service coordinator) and the Extend team.

extend BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

GRATITUDE TO PARENTS & FRIENDS

We would like to say an enormous Thank You to our incredibly hard working core of Parents & Friends.

Every year they work tirelessly for improved outcomes for the whole school.

Events such as the Colour Run, Mothers and Fathers Day gifts, chocolate drives, raffles and barbeques don't happen by themselves. They take a huge amount of organising and our Parents & Friends put in hundreds of hours between them to make these happen.

Over the years they have enabled the school to purchase fantastic resources for the school including our gorgeous, colourful shade sails, sports shirts, new barbeques, Lego, books, maths equipment, the latest IT equipment and many other specialist resources for classroom teachers.

They are great to work with and we are very grateful to them all!

The Administration/ Finance Team

Kerryn McCoombe and Kathee Kelleher-Jones