PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

WELCOME to 2016:

I would love to welcome everyone to Grovedale Primary for 2016. It has been wonderful to see staff, students and parents come to school with such enthusiasm and excitement. Our Prep students have started and have begun with eagerness and excitement and it is great to see. They have come eager to learn and start school. We have had a very smooth start and all classes are settled and ready for work. Even though we have had to relocate four classes, things have gone smoothly. Thank you everyone for your understanding during this time.

I would love to welcome the new staff to our school: Ms Shannon Harmer is teaching Year 1/2; Ms Airlie Penny is teaching Year 5/6 and Mrs Jessica Novak is our Primary Welfare Officer. We welcome back Ms Jodie Mantach who is teaching Year 3/4 and Mrs Kate Saunders is teaching Performing Arts. I am sure that parents will make them feel welcome to our school community.

MAINTENANCE WORKS:

As you will have noticed, they are painting rooms 1 to 4 this week which is very exciting. They should be finished this next week and then they will move onto the rooms 5 & 6 and multi purpose room. Then they will move onto the Library and Art Room. We are going to have to pack some of the library books up during this time. If you are able to help us do this, it will very much appreciated. We will do this WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY from 9 am. If you can help box any of the library books this would help us heaps. Belinda Fletcher will be in the library to coordinate this huge job

SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

Today we held our annual swimming carnival at Kardinia Pool. Even though the weather wasn’t the greatest, the children had a fabulous time. A huge thank you to Arron Gardiner for organising this event and the wonderful parents that did the Barbeque for lunch.

STAFFING:

Mr Dan Lowther will be going on long service leave from Friday the 5th February and return Monday 15th. We wish him all the very best for his leave. Mr Graeme Hardy will be replacing him during this time.

Mrs Nicole Walker will be with us until the end of this month and then will be going on Family leave.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:

I would like to inform our school community that we have 3 parent vacancies on school council for a 2 year period. I would like to sincerely thank Mr Tim Berris, Ms Tori Sorenson and Mr Russell Read who have filled these positions over the last few years.

Mrs Karen Wilson, Mr Colin Sharp and Mr Trevor Lewis have 1 year to serve on school council

I now call for nominations to fill these places. Nomination forms are available from myself or the front office. Nominations will close on Monday 8th February at 4pm. If we then get more nominations than vacancies, we will proceed on to an election process.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK:

From this year onwards ALL parents that help in our classrooms will require a Working With Children Check. This process is done online, then lodged at Australia Post. When you receive your card a copy is required to be filed in the office. This check should not cost you anything as you are a volunteer however it gives the children and school an added extra safety measure. Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding with this matter.


CAPTAINS FOR 2016:

I would like to congratulate the following students who have been chosen as our school leaders for 2016.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS: Lachlan Read and Eden Holdsworth
SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS: Lucy Sharp and Xavier Lewis
BARWON HOUSE CAPTAINS: Christian Barsic-McDonald and Emily Raeck
FRASER HOUSE CAPTAINS: Ella King and Jamie Ryan
ROSSACK HOUSE CAPTAINS: Morghan Crouch and Makaila Kennedy
GRIFFITH HOUSE CAPTAINS: Tane Berends and Innika Hall

Have a great week!
Kathy Wesolowski Principal
## NEW UNIFORMS
Deal directly with Coastal Uniforms.

Phone: 5255 4897

Anne-Marie will be here tomorrow **THURSDAY 4TH FEB 9AM**
Order forms may be picked up from the school office.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM
We are in need of larger sizes for our second hand uniform shop as well as our spare clothing cupboard.
In particular, if your older children have grown out of their uniform, please consider donating them to the school.

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISING
Welcome back everyone!! And welcome to all Prep families and new families to the school. We had a great year of fundraising last year raising about $24,000!! Well done and Thankyou to all the students and their families for their contribution to these fundraisers.

We hope all students enjoyed the swimming sports today and the BBQ afterwards, our first P & F event for the year.
We will hold our AGM and fill committee positions on Thursday 11th Feb at 9am. Everybody is welcome to attend even if you do not wish to fill a position- the more the merrier!!
Our first major fundraiser for the year will be our Fun Run to be held on Wednesday 23rd March. Sponsorship forms and more details to come next week.
Enjoy your week.
Gab Lewis
President P & F

## WEETBIX TRYATHLON
Weetbix Tryathlon will be held on Sunday 20th March 2016 in Geelong at Eastern Beach. We have a few children in the school that have already entered. If we put a school team in, there is a chance to win a great prize.

If you are interested, can you please come and see Mr Gardiner.

## MARCH 2016

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## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for four years and will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.
Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Parents or legal guardians are required to submit a new CSEF application form each year.

### Eligibility
To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:
- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
  - a) Be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  - b) Be a temporary foster parent.

### Eligibility date
CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card successfully validating with Centrelink on either the first day of term one or term two.

### Parents or legal guardians
Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools by **29th February 2016**, as payments are made from March. However schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year. Application forms are available from the school office.
Extend OSHC at Grovedale Primary School

Welcome back!
We hope you have had a fantastic summer holiday and are looking forward to the exciting opportunities that 2016 will bring.
We are looking forward to seeing lots of familiar faces at After School Care and to welcoming lots of new faces as well.

Existing Families
Don’t forget to manage your 2016 bookings.
Last year’s bookings do not roll over so log on to the parent portal NOW to secure your bookings for 2016. You can book for the entire term or year or even book specific dates.

New Families
Enrol online – allow 24 hours
Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via the Parent Portal. Please note it is government regulation that all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service. For information on operating hours and fees for your school, visit your After School Care venue or school website.
Enrol now, pay later
The annual enrolment fee per family of $20 is NOT payable until you first use the service. So why not enrol now so you can access the service later? It doesn’t matter if you don’t end up using the service, because you won’t be charged.

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

ASTHMA CARE PLAN
If you have an asthma plan at the school for your child please note that this needs to be updated annually.
The Asthma Foundation Victoria’s Asthma Care Plan for Schools should be provided annually by the student’s medical/health practitioner in consultation with the parents/guardians.
The plan must include the prescribed medication taken:
- on a regular basis
- as premedication to exercise
- if the student is experiencing symptoms.

- emergency contact details.

- business contact details of the student’s doctor.

If your child has asthma and you have not provided the school with a plan, please do so as soon as possible.

REMEMBER: Your child cannot hold their medication in their bag. It must be kept at the office along with the asthma plan.

SCHOOL BANKING 2016
Welcome back to another year of saving with school banking.
We have a new theme this year, Outback Savers. This includes new rewards for each term and great competitions.
Please be aware that the rewards redemption cards include all the rewards for the year but there are only two new rewards each term. This is noted on the card under each item. As each child provides their bank book for banking I will send a rewards card home.
If you have any questions, please see Mrs Jones at the office.
GEELONG HOCKEY CLUB is running a Hook in2 Hockey (Hin2H) Session in Term 1 TWO OPTIONS Option 1: GROVEDALE Primary School (Grass)
Date: Tuesday: Feb 23rd, Mar 1st, 8th, 15th with the last session at Stead Park
COST: FREE
Who For: Primary Children at Grovedale P.S. and Mandama P.S.
What to wear: Runners, Long Socks (if you have them. Mouthguard recommended.
Participant Pack: (optional) $40 – order on 1st session. Contains: stick, stick bag, ball, shin guards, mouthguard, reversible singlet, umpire cards and whistle.
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED FOR THE Hin2H sessions
To Register: Call ALISON on 0430 118 330 or; Email: geelonghockeyclub@hotmail.com

WANT TO PLAY BASKETBALL?
Are you turning 6, 7, 8 or 9 this year?
You’re invited
COME & TRY BASKETBALL EXTRAVAGANZA!!

SHOOT WITH THE STARS
LEARN BASIC SKILLS
A CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES
FREE
Sausage Sizzle After

WHEN: Saturday 6th February
WHERE: The Geelong Arena
110 Victoria Street, Nth Geelong
TIME: 8am – 9:30am

REGISTER NOW @ WWW.SUPERCATS.COM.AU