



Grovedale News

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'Our commitment to Child Safety'

Grovedale Primary School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Grovedale Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Grovedale Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability. Every person involved in Grovedale Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

Thank you to everyone for making our Christmas Carnival such a huge success.

There is an incredible amount of work that goes into both the organisation and actual running of an event such as this. There are countless meetings and a significant amount of time spent on seeking donations, preparing the school grounds and coordinating personnel to manage different responsibilities. Besides the preparation, a lot of hard work also goes into packing and cleaning up afterwards, and follow up activities such as tracking down prize and auction winners! A big thank you goes out to everyone who assisted, the community and staff who attended, and a special thanks to Cathy Harper and her helpers who made the evening possible.

STEM

Next year we will be increasing our emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). As a community you were all exposed to some of our student involvement in the Deakin STEM Awards this year, which showcased some of the amazing learning in this area that our kids are doing. We recognise that STEM skills are vitally important in everyday life, education and future jobs, and as such we need to equip our students with these skills from an early age. Not only will we be focussing on aspects such as coding, robotics and learning technologies, but we will also be exploring how these subject areas all link together across the curriculum. An example of one of the learning technologies we are already using is the 'SPHERO,' that Mr Waldron has been utilising as part of his 'Digitech' program. The robotic spheres allow students to learn and explore robotics, while developing increasingly important coding and STEM principles. These resources build skills that will be vital to our future in an ever evolving digital world. If you are curious or you would like more information about Spheros, please visit <http://www.sphero.com/sphero>.

Student health and wellbeing

The importance of a 'healthy body and healthy mind' cannot be understated, especially its close links to engagement at school. Put simply, if a student is not feeling positive emotionally, or suffering from a physical ailment, their chances of success and engagement and success at school are diminished. As parents and teachers we need to look for signs that might tell us more about the emotional health of our kids. (For example, sometimes a child might complain of a tummy ache, whereas it might be related to anxiety.)

I came across a fantastic website that offers parents the following tips to better promote the emotional health of children and it can be accessed at:

<http://www.creativitypost.com/education/childrens-emotional-well-being-eight-practical-tips-for-parents>

Perhaps one of the most practical tips I came across was about the importance of communication. In general it suggests that 'talking about emotions with others can be an effective way to deal with them. So be available to chat with kids. Listen carefully to what they have to say. Offer comfort. Rephrase what they tell you so you can be sure you're on the same wavelength. Share your own experiences (within reason) with feelings like shame, sadness, or disappointment, including how you managed them. Be patient. Don't rush, or attempt to diminish children's concerns, or gloss over them. Sometimes children's venting, crying, silence, or quarreling represent their first steps toward coming to terms with their emotions. Give them the time and space they need to put their feelings in perspective, and to then learn to regulate them.'

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News from the Principal

Principal's Report continued.....

Transition Day

Yesterday we held a highly successful Transition Day where we welcomed our new 2020 Prep students to school, and also gave our existing students a 'taste' of what to expect in their new grade level for next year. We were also lucky enough to have our new teachers attend and meet the staff and students. Maddie Notley will be joining the Grade 5/6 teaching team together with Ben Geer, while Hayley Martin will be in the Grade 1/2s. We wish them all the best in their time at our fantastic school. Also on a staffing note, we would like to wish Alison Semianiw all the best as she starts Family Leave as she expects her first child. She has done an amazing job as both a class teacher and mathematics coach, and we will all certainly miss her. We also wish Tim Arnel a great year off....watch out England, here he comes!!!

Assembly

This Friday we will be holding our final Assembly for the year. It will be a very special event as we will announce the School Captains and other leaders for 2020. These positions are based on merit, and certainly aren't achieved through 'popularity votes.' I'm certain the new leaders will do a fantastic job next year and their selection is a testament and reflection of the support and guidance they have received in the home environment.

Enjoy what's left of the term and what is effectively the last weekend of the school year. I'm certain you will all join me in thanking our staff, the School Council, the Parents and Friends, as well as all the other volunteers for the fantastic job they have all done over the course of the year. Without their support and commitment, Grovedale PS would not be the special school it is. Have a great weekend and *keep your feet on the ground and reach for the stars!*

**Acting Principal
Adrian**



- On behalf of the Grovedale P&F Committee, we would like to shout out a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone involved in the success of running the Christmas Carnival.
- We are proud to be a part of such an amazing school community and this is all thanks to parents, staff and students who assisted to the lead up and on the event day.
- A extra thank-you goes out to Kathee, Alison, Mr Venn and Mr Waters who have assisted us in many ways.
- To the MC, Bernice, you were perfect for the job!
- To Mrs Waldron and the school choir, thank you for sharing your talent with the school. We cannot wait to see what's in stall for next year's school concert!
- To Mr Venn and Mr Waldron, thank you for continuously getting dunked, just to raise money for the school.
- The Committee have some great events planned for 2020 and we welcome new members to the committee.
- You don't have to attend every meeting and you can contribute via our Facebook page.
- If you are interested, please get in touch with the school office for details.

Thank you.

- Cathy Harper, Rebecca Baker, Krissy Kelly, Ann-Maree De Giorgio, Sally Harper, Kelly Barritt, Roxanne Curren, Cheryl Berris, Kate Sharp, Karen Wilson and Erica Manser.



STUDENT AWARDS

Abigail B	FA	For being a responsible member of the classroom as she consistently shows the initiative when jobs need to be done.
Neya M	FA	For being a helpful and respectful member of our classroom. She is always happy and willing to assist her teachers.
Ruby J	12C	For demonstrating excellent listening skills.
Braxton W	12C	For always using his manners.
Koby C	12S	For taking responsibility for his learning and having a growth mind-set.
Erin S	34M	For always trying your hardest in class.
Jessica E	34M	For consistently working hard in all subject areas.
Dakota E	34S	For taking on new challenges and always having a smile on your face.
Raf H	34S	For always having a positive attitude towards your learning.
Sophia K	56C	For continuing to persist in all areas of her learning, well done!
Mia M	56C	For taking charge of her learning during Mathematics.
Noah W	56C	For always sharing his work and being open to feedback.
Guillan K	56K	For always trying his best in class.
Jai M	56K	For his persistence and growth in his writing and maths. Well Done!
Ethan H	56K	For his incredible resilience in challenging situations this year.
Immie B	56K	For being an amazing helper at our Christmas carnival.
Lynette C-S	56S	For making accurate predictions when reading.
Evy W	56S	For always aiming to achieve her personal best.
Alicia B	56S	For always being polite to others.



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After School Care

Time: 3.15pm – 6.00pm (Healthy snack provided)

Session fee: \$29.50*

Pay approximately \$5.45 – \$29.50 after Child Care Subsidy entitlements.

*Fees are per child per session. For a full list of fees and charges including late notice and walk-ins, see Terms and Conditions at extend.com.au.

CSEF—Financial Assistance for Parents

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to CAMPS, EXCURSIONS or SPORTING ACTIVITIES for the benefit of your child.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the office to obtain a CSEF application or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

IF you applied and received the CSEF at this school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 UNLESS there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **New student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **Changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

LOST: SCOOTER

A student had left his scooter in the bike rack area and when he went to retrieve it (on a different day) the helmet was there but NO scooter.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of a

BLACK SCOOTER WITH ORANGE HANDLES please let the office know.



Positive Parenting Program

There is no one right way to be a parent, but the PPP program offers information, support and practical answers to everyday parenting concerns, for Parents of children aged 2-8 years. Groups run for **4 weeks**, followed by up to two weekly telephone sessions.

Dates: Monday 10 February – 2 March

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Location: Ariston House 245-249 Pakington St, Newtown

Cost: Free

To attend a Regional Parenting Service program please register your expression of interest online: www.geelongaustralia.com.au/parenting, or contact Regional Parenting Service on 5272 4741

DEC 2019	
Fri 13th Dec	Last Assembly for 2019
Mon 16th Dec	Year 6 Graduation Evening at Grovedale Secondary College Theatre Room
Wed 18th Dec	Years 5 & 6 Adventure Park Excursion
Fri 20th Dec	Last day of Term 4—1.30pm finish
JAN 2020	
24th January 9—12pm	Book Pack Selling Day - Set up Payment Plans if required \$60 for a Book Pack - \$230 Full fees inclusive of Book Pack (Fee amended at December meeting of School Council)
28th January	Curriculum Day (no students at school)
29th January	Curriculum Day (no students at school)
30th January	1st Day of school for students (Prep's 9am—1pm on 30th and 31st Jan only)
FEB 2020	
Wed 5th February	Swimming Carnival for Years 1—6
Wed 26th to 28th February	Years 5 & 6—School Camp to CYC City Camp

FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK	
Thursday 19th Dec 2019	Swimming Carnival Note (for 5/2/2020) and Payment of \$10

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Uniform

Grovedale PS has purchased what was left from Coastal Uniforms and we have the following listed items for sale: Please visit **Bellarine Uniforms** at 162 Moorabool St.
There are samples of the new uniform at the office.

Rugby Jumper \$15	Zip Front Windcheater \$15
2 x Size 4	1 x Size 5
1 x Size 5	