



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.

Buildings and Grounds – Working Bee

As you might have noticed, a significant amount of work was conducted over the weekend with a number of parents, staff and students all putting in a fantastic effort. There are still some minor finishing touches ahead including the oval being mowed before the Christmas Carnival, and new 'soft-fall' mulch being added to all the playgrounds. (If anyone is able to help spread the mulch, please go ahead!!!) The garden beds have all been weeded and the removal of imposing vegetation has made many spaces safer, with our entire campus now looking cleaner and more inviting for our students and community. **A big thank you to everyone who came and assisted us in making our special school even better!** I cannot sufficiently express the importance of school pride, and when kids have ownership of the environment in which they learn, they certainly will look after it and treat it better than something they don't have a personal connection with.

Reporting

We welcome any feedback surrounding our reporting system. This semester you will once again receive formal progress and achievement reports detailing how your child is learning and socialising at school. A lot of work goes into writing reports and teachers try and make them as meaningful as possible. I would like to thank the entire staff for their contributions in completing all the diverse assessment tasks that inform the Semester Two reports. Please remember that the final report is a culmination of formal and informal assessment, and complements the parent / teacher interviews held earlier in the year. I also encourage you to monitor your child's progress in an ongoing manner by regularly communicating with the teacher and accessing apps like 'seesaw' that enable us to share daily learning between the school and home.

Digital Learning

At Grovedale PS we encourage and teach our students to be cyber safe, use digital technologies for learning in a meaningful manner and to be good digital citizens. Digital citizenship is about confident and positive engagement with digital technology. A digital citizen is a person with the skills and knowledge to effectively use digital technologies to participate in society, communicate with others and create and consume digital content. The link below offers some fantastic resources and tips on digital citizenship for home and school.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/classroom-resources/digital-citizenship>

As parents and teachers we are also continually having to remain abreast of how we can best promote safe and constructive use of digital technology. I have included some tips for parents surrounding the use of social media, which may be of benefit to those parents who feel their children might not adequately be managing all the exposure to social platforms they are being confronted with. The tips are provided in an article I found by Jeana Lee, of Screen Play. Additional tips can be found at: <http://www.parenting.com/gallery/social-media-monitoring-kids>

Monitoring Kids' Social Media Internet safety tips for kids and their parents.

No Underage Facebooking

Did you know that no one under the age of 13 is permitted to join Facebook? However, there is no real way for Facebook to truly enforce it, because anyone can lie about their year of birth. You need to make sure that your child stays away from Facebook until 13 AND until you are comfortable with him or her having an account. There are measures put in place, such as reporting an underage child, but ultimately, it should be the parent who has the say on when and if that account gets created.
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I look forward to a very successful Christmas Carnival on Friday evening, so please spread the word and let's make it an enjoyable and successful event. It seems the weather will be fine, so come along and enjoy the rides, raffles, entertainment and fine food on offer! Our 'Parents and Friends' have done a superb job with all their preparation and hard work, so let's offer them all the support we can and enjoy a fun filled evening. Special thanks to Cathy Harper for her overall coordination of the event, and thanks once again to everyone else who has assisted her. Adrian

'A Path to Success'

Digital Learning....continued

Check Privacy Settings

Check that your privacy settings for the Internet and Facebook are set to the strictest levels. Depending on which browser you are using, you can adjust the settings directly from the options tab and adjust levels around cookies, third party sites and more. This not only protects the computer user, but also the computer from the threat of viruses.

Create Ground Rules

If your kids are old enough to be using the computer on their own, they are old enough to understand that there are rules they need to abide by. Breaking them should not have a lesser consequence than if they broke a rule in the offline world. The best way for families to agree on ground rules is to create a contract that all parties must sign. The Family Online Safety Institute (FOSI) encourages parents and kids to have an open discussion about what these rules mean.

Get To Know What Your Child's Habits Are

You don't need to be a super sleuth and spy on your kid's every online move, but it is important to be aware of the kinds of sites he is frequenting and the people he is associating with. You get to know the friends he's hanging out with at school, and his online friends shouldn't be any different. One of the contract rules should be that you have full access to his or her Facebook friends and can take a look whenever you wish.

Monitor the Pictures Your Child Posts Online

In an ideal world, your child would never post a photo of herself online, but that might not be entirely realistic. If she wants to share photos with her friends via email or a social networking site, be sure you know exactly which pictures are being posted. Make sure the content of the photo is completely innocuous and that no identifiable locales in the background are noticeable.

Be a Good Example of How to Use Social Media

If you are tweeting and updating your Facebook page at a stop light and taking every opportunity to "just check something," you're setting a poor precedent for social media usage that your child will surely follow. Always remember to ask yourself if you're setting a good example and demonstrating proper technology etiquette as well.

Get to Know the Technology

Kids have gained a mastery of technology so quickly and can easily pick up on the nuances that any new gadget has, far more easily than we can in some cases. It is every parent's responsibility to know exactly which key features are included in the gadgets our kids are using. Stephen Balkam, founding CEO of the Family Online Safety Institute, says, "This can be a humbling experience. You may find that you had no idea that the Sony Playstation Portable that you bought your 11-year-old last Christmas had a web browser. Or that your 5-year-old son (with the help of his older brother) has managed to create an avatar on Club Penguin and regularly goes for in-world pizzas with his other penguin friends."

Respectful Relationships

We are proud to announce that we have become a Respectful Relationships Partner School. This initiative is being implemented state-wide and is formally incorporated into the curriculum. This week I thought we would provide some background as to why this program is so important, not only at Grovedale PS, but also throughout our community. Although it has a strong focus on preventing family violence, it goes beyond that and essentially promotes 'respectful behaviour and attitudes' by everyone of all ages.

The evidence for Respectful Relationships - Primary prevention of family violence

In the family violence prevention space, the term 'Respectful Relationships' has a very specific meaning – the building and promotion of gender equity in relationships, and the challenging of gender stereotypes and attitudes that allow violence to occur. Respectful Relationships is informed by a public health model. The public health model takes a population approach to management of disease and injury and health promotion. The aim of conceptualising family violence within this model is one of prevention. In prevention there are three tiers of activity – primary prevention, secondary prevention (also known as early intervention), and tertiary prevention (also known as intervention). Respectful Relationships is defined as 'primary prevention' according to the public health model. Primary prevention focuses on preventing issues from occurring in the first place by targeting risk factors and social determinants of health through education and legislation. In the example of family violence, this involves looking at the things that contribute to family violence occurring, and preventing them from happening.

Key underlying determinants and contributing factors in the perpetration of violence against women include:

- *lack of gender equality - e.g., rigid gender roles and identities, weak support for gender equality, masculine organisational cultures and masculine sense of entitlement*
- *cultural norms around violence - e.g., social norms and practices that are violence-supportive, weak sanctions against violence/violence against women, and previous exposure to violence*
- *lack of access to resources and support systems - e.g., support for the privacy and autonomy of the family, unequal distribution of material resources, limited access to systems of support (VicHealth, 2007).*

Primary prevention of violence against women therefore includes any program, campaign, policy or other measure that sets out to address these underlying factors and reduce the likelihood that violence against women will take place. Such actions may include strategies that:

- *promote equal and respectful relations between men and women*
- *promote non-violent social norms and reduce the effects of prior exposure to violence*
- *promote access to resources and systems of support (VicHealth, 2007).*

As we continue with our involvement in the initiative, we will regularly provide updates and keep the community informed of our progress.



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GROVEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Extend offers after school care programs which are fun, exciting, inclusive and safe. Extend has qualified and dedicated Educators who have chosen to work exclusively for Extend. These Educators make a difference by spending time getting to know the children and families so they can provide a variety of tailored programs to engage and stimulate the children every day.

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.

The Grovedale Primary School Christmas Carnival is a major fundraiser and community gathering.

Held on a biennial basis, the committee and school have been working hard to deliver a great evening of fun, food and entertainment!

So what's exactly happening on at the Christmas Carnival?

Oval

Well, you will enter the school grounds full of Christmas Cheer, with The Whizzer, Tea Cups and Slides as part of the rides area on the oval, this area will sure spin you around!

There will also be activities from Grovedale Scouts, Shiryodo Karate, Basketball and Giant Games on the oval near the courts to keep you sporty.

Multi-Purpose Room

Near the Multipurpose room we will be selling plants, potted plants and other items great for special gifts. There may also be a dunking area ready for the teachers!

The Craft Stall will be a creative hub of hanging ornaments to make and drawings to create.

The Multipurpose room will be hosting our Silent Auction, with auctions held throughout the night, be sure to visit this area early to secure some great items. These include vouchers from restaurants, massages, photography, Christmas hampers, collectable items, framed prints, toys, wine, fitness the list goes on!

We are lucky to have many local businesses supporting the school with over 60 items, there is something for everyone.

Within the Rose Garden area will sit our ever-popular Cake Stall, popcorn and snow cones.

Near the Senior Playground will be the Games Alley where you can try out your skills and score a prize. The Treasure Hunt will also be here to start your search for the clues around the school and to win a prize when completed.

The OLC (5/6 Classrooms) will be transformed into a Christmas market area with over 20 stalls with items from crochet toys, candles, earrings, and plenty more.

And where is the food I hear? Head near to the Junior Playground where you will find our School BBQ and Lemonade Stand, Food Trucks and an evening full of entertainment with the Grovedale College Band, Wingrove Calisthenics and our very own Grovedale PS Choir. Seating will be available and the Raffle will be drawn at 7.00pm

As you can see, it really takes a whole school community effort to put on such an amazing event for our school and we need your help! **Over 50 volunteer shifts of 1 hour each need to be filled in. If you haven't already put your name down, please do so ASAP.**

Without filling these valuable rolls, we may need to say NO to having the Snow Globe, Popcorn, Lemonade Stall, Treasure Hunt and even the Dunking Machine if we cannot fill these rolls!

Thank you to the parents that have already put their names down.



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DEC 2019

Fri 6th Dec	Christmas Carnival 4—8pm	
Tue 10th Dec	Prep 2020 orientation morning 9.30am—12pm (BBQ supplied for Prep 2020/parents)	
Tue 10th Dec	Whole School Transition 9.25am—12.05pm	
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 - \$220 Full fees inclusive of Book Pack
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 26th to 28th February	Years 5 & 6—School Camp to CYC City Camp
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FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK

Thurs 5th December	Term 4 Sticker Competition sketches to be handed in at the office.
Thursday 5th December (up until this date)	\$30 Christmas Carnival Unlimited Funpass wrist bands can be purchased. If they are purchased on Friday 6th December, the cost increases to \$35
Friday 6th December	Year 5 and 6 students for 2020—Camp and Medical Note to be returned. Deposit \$135 You must complete the note whether or not your child is attending...
Monday 9th December	Year 6 Graduation permission notes and payment is due. \$15

SWIMMING—2020

Could parents keep an eye out for the swimming note that will be coming home very shortly. As this event is early in Term 1, 2020—we are required to get the note out within the next week or so.

**Uniform**

Grovedale PS has purchased what was left from Coastal Uniforms and we have the following listed items for sale:

Please visit **Bellarine Uniforms** in 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	




Montpellier

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL PAST AND PRESENT MONTPELLIER STUDENTS, STAFF AND FAMILIES TO

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration Day and Picnic!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1ST, 2019 | 12-4 PM
OFFICIAL WELCOME AT 1PM

JOIN US AT MONTPELLIER PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR A COMMUNITY PICNIC ON SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2019

TAKE A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE WHILE YOU'RE VISITING OUR CLASSROOMS AND CONNECT WITH STAFF AND STUDENTS. PAST AND PRESENT AND JOIN US FOR WHAT PROMISES TO BE A WONDERFUL DAY!

BYO BLANKET, BASKET AND FOOD!

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50 YEARS
1969 - 2019

Student Awards

There will be no assembly this Friday (6th Dec) due to the Christmas Carnival event.

The Student Awards will be presented the following Friday.



Just 2 Days To Go!



LOST: SCOOTER

Last week 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.

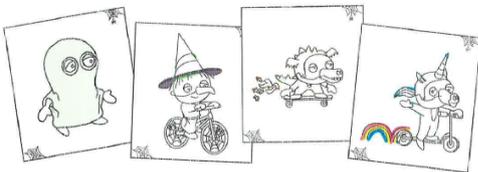
If anyone knows the whereabouts of a **BLACK SCOOTER WITH ORANGE HANDLES** please let the office know.



Wrist bands for unlimited rides are now available! Purchase your wrist band for the pre-purchase price of \$30 from the school office and don't forget to bring it to the event. Wrist bands will be for sale at the event for \$35.

The logo for Ride2School, featuring a bicycle icon and the text 'RIDE2 SCHOOL BICYCLE NETWORK'.

TERM 4 STICKER COMPETITION



WIN A NEW BYK BIKE AND A HEALTHY BREAKFAST FOR YOUR SCHOOL.

Do you love to draw or design? Well this is your chance to show off those skills. Ride2School are looking for new National Ride2School Day stickers and need your help!

We want new stickers that celebrate the fun of walking, riding, scooting and skating to school and inspires even more students to get active. The winning sticker design will become Ride2School's official stickers and be shared in schools across Australia in time for National Ride2School Day on *Freaky* Friday 13 March 2020.

Plus - if your design is chosen, you'll win a brand new BYK bike and a healthy breakfast for your school!

HOW TO ENTER:

1. Simply draw us your favourite way to get to school (ride, walk, scoot or skate) - don't forget to add a freaky twist like our characters above.
2. Entry Forms are available from the school's office.
3. Entries need to be returned to the office by no later than Thursday 5th December 2019.
4. Competition closes Friday 6th December.
5. Winners will be notified by Friday 20 December 2019 via the contact details on your entry form.



Screen Actors Australia HOLIDAY PROGRAM



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KIDS & TEENS HOLIDAY PROGRAM GEELONG & NORTH MELBOURNE

Over the course of this 3-day workshop students will continue to develop their acting technique and learn the key elements in acting for camera. They will also have the opportunity to film scenes on set and work with blue screen special effects!

PRICE: \$270

DATES: 13TH - 15TH JAN 2020

TIME: 10AM - 3PM

We offer small class sizes to give each student quality time with our professional instructors so book now to secure your spot using the links below.

NORTH MELBOURNE: [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BGYCJ](https://www.trybooking.com/BGYCJ)
GEELONG: [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BGYBD](https://www.trybooking.com/BGYBD)

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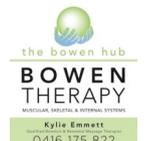


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