



Grovedale News

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Term 1 Week 2 — 3rd February 2021

'Our commitment to Child Safety'

Grovedale Primary School is committed to the 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.

PRINCIPAL NEWS

We have had a wonderful start to the term with our preps settling beautifully into school, despite their disrupted transition program last year. **Congratulations Preps!** The whole school is calm and orderly, with students settling straight into their learning programs. I must comment on how pleased I am that we can start the school year together, with a sense of normalcy, despite now wearing masks again. It's a small price to be able to stay learning on-site. It was a joy to have family members at our Swimming Carnival. What a great day!

Before School Care has started! This is a trial for term 1 to determine if there are enough families using the program for it to be sustainable. I strongly encourage you to use Before School Care as a first resort if you are not home in the mornings, so that we can have a long term program for everyone's benefit.

COVID precautions are still in place to ensure we minimise risk of community transmission. Please remain 1.5m away from others, when waiting at the school gate.

Use **Sentral** to notify us of absences. The student diary isn't always checked first thing in the morning, which sometimes leads to us calling you about your child's attendance. We have had some issues this week, and when that happens, the diary or a phone call to the school are both good options.

Masks are again mandatory indoors. Please also remember not to enter classrooms due to Covid19 restrictions.

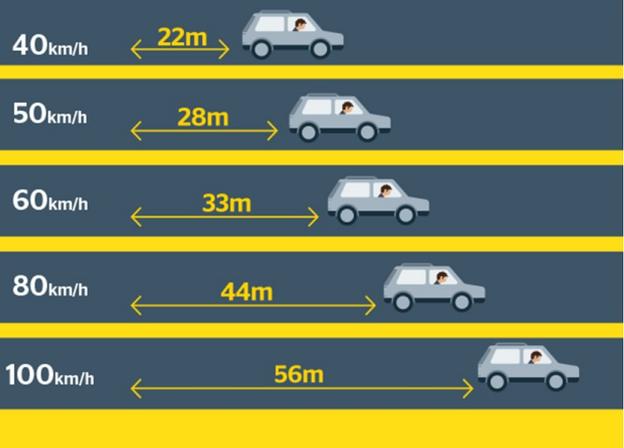
Safety is a number one priority at our school, and it is even one of our values: Respect, Responsibility, Safety. Please ensure you are continuing to model safety when driving around the school, particularly at pick up and drop off. Touching your mobile phone while driving costs 4 demerit points significant fines! The reason for this is the danger posed to other road users (in our case this includes young children crossing the road) when drivers are distracted.

See the attached image attached to learn how much you miss, when you check your phone. **For example, when you look at your phone for 2 seconds, at only 40km per hour, you are not looking at the road for 22 meters!** It's quite scary.

For more information on phone safety while driving click on the link: <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/driver-safety/mobile-phones-and-driving>

Welcome back to school, we are delighted to have community members back on site and we look forward to a terrific term together!

FOMO? You're missing the road when looking at your phone for 2 seconds



Warmest wishes,

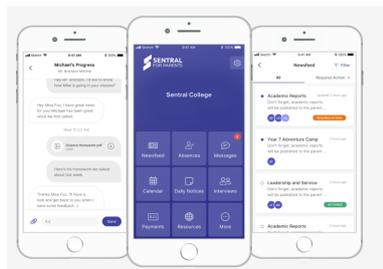
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FEBRUARY 2021	
Thurs 18th Feb	Student Led Conferences
Mon 22nd Feb	Curriculum Day—No students at school
MARCH 2021	
Thurs 18th March	School Photo Day
APRIL 2021	
Friday 1st April	End of Term 1—2.30pm Finish
Wed 21st April—23rd April	Years 5 & 6 Camp—YMCA Lady Northcote Camp in Bacchus Marsh

FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK	
Thurs 16th Feb	Scholastic Book Club Due #1 (ONLY ONLINE PAYMENTS—No cash will be taken)
Tues 23rd Feb	Years 5 & 6—Camp Deposit to be paid \$130— (or IN FULL \$300) Notes going home 4th Feb 2021
Wed 24th March	Years 5 & 6—Final Instalment of Camp \$170 to be paid

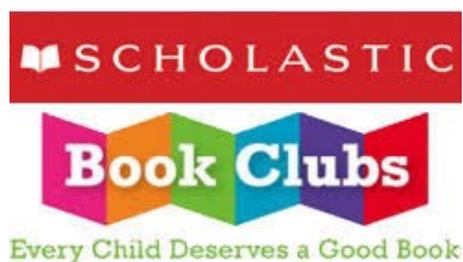
Sentral App for Parents

We would like our parent/ carer community to download the app for **Sentral**.



The app allows you to (but is not limited to):

- get notifications when a message comes through from their teacher or a general message from the school
- Record your child's absence
- Read the newsletters
- Book Student Led Conferences
- Calendar of Events



NO LONGER ACCEPTING CASH

Welcome back to Scholastic Book Club for 2021. Issue #1 is being distributed to families this week. For our Foundation students and other new students and families throughout the school – Scholastic Book Club is a fantastic program. Eight issues a year are filled with a range of fun and educational items, plus the school receives 20% back from each order to then purchase books for the library and classrooms. One important change to note this year is that orders can only be made via the LOOP ordering system. **We will no longer be accepting cash payments.** The LOOP system is easy to use with an app available to download or simply via the Scholastic website and there is no need to return forms to school. Wishing everyone a wonderful start to the school year and Happy Reading!

HATS

We are a SunSmart school. Hats need to be worn from 1st September to the end of April. Please make sure your child is wearing a wide brimmed hat from this date, otherwise they will only be able to play in areas of shade. We have **Small** sized hats available at the office at a cost of \$13.



Bellarine Uniforms will have more sizes.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we cannot give out spare hats to borrow for the day.

Privacy reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website <http://grovedaleps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Schools-Privacy-Policy.pdf>

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in nine community languages:

FOUND!

At the office there is a boy's watch which has been found. Please call the office to describe the watch if you are missing one.



IGA GROVEDALE EAST—Dockets Marshalltown Road.

Remember if you shop at IGA in Marshalltown Road, to bring your IGA docket in regularly—there is a box in the office to place them into.

We must have all docket for the month in by the 15th of the following month.

Example: Please send all of your Jan docket in by the 14th of February. We have to have them to IGA on the 15th of each month. Keep collecting!



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

2nd Hand Uniform

The office tubs of clothing ranging from Size 4—Size 16. Gold Coin donation per item except for kilts, which will vary from \$15 to \$25 depending on the quality of the kilt. If you are in need of more uniform, please contact the office to let us know when you are likely to come in.



LOST PROPERTY

Please **don't forget to name your child's school garments so we can return them when they leave them lying around the school.**

Thank you!



EXTEND OSHC A PLACE FOR CURIOSITY, IMAGINATION AND LAUGHTER.

You can be confident that **extend** is the place for your children to thrive, learn, laugh and play.



BOOK AT EXTEND FOR 2021!

Come along to Extend and enjoy an engaging program of activities with your Extend team!

Enjoy an indoor and outdoor program of high and low energy activities, plus healthy food to fuel healthy bodies.

At all times our COVIDsafe practices are in place. If you see us cleaning our surfaces, or the children and Educators washing their hands regularly, don't be surprised!

We look forward to welcoming your children to our program and encouraging them to embrace existing friendships and make new ones.

To enrol and book, head to <https://www.extend.com.au/families/enrolments-and-bookings/>
For more information on your school's program, visit <https://www.extend.com.au/families/find-my-school/>

For further assistance contact us at support@extend.com.au



Enquiries 1300 366 437 Book online today [extend.com.au](https://www.extend.com.au)

DON'T FORGET, EXTEND WILL BE TRIALLING A BEFORE SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM FOR TERM 1, 2021.

THE MORE FAMILIES THAT UTILISE THIS FACILITY THE HIGHER THE CHANCE THAT EXTEND WILL MAKE THIS A PERMANENT PROGRAM.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The CSEF provides payments to assist eligible families to cover the costs of camps, sporting activities and excursions.

Payments are made directly to an eligible student's school. Schools must use a CSEF payment only for the eligible student and not for that student's siblings or any other student (except where the eligible student leaves the Victorian education system and there are remaining and unspent funds).

Some common examples of school-organised programs for which a CSEF payment may be used include:

- school camps/trips
- swimming and other school-organised sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions/incursions

Applications for CSEF payments must be submitted prior to the last day of Term 2.



ALL FAMILIES THAT WERE IN RECEIPT OF CSEF IN 2020 will automatically be rolled over to see if you are eligible for 2021. ** if you have a new sibling starting please keep reading!!!

Please get your applications in ASAP to allow for early processing. The cut off date for applications for CSEF payments must be submitted prior to the last day of Term 2, 2021.

However, a parent/carer WILL only be required to submit an application form to the school in the following circumstances:

- the parent/carer is applying for the CSEF payment for the **first time** — i.e. an application form was not lodged with the school in the previous year, or;
- circumstances have changed — for example, there has been a change in the care arrangement of the student, a change of name or CRN, or a ****new sibling** has started at the school and the parent/carer wishes to apply for the CSEF payment for the new sibling also

Further information can be found on the Department of Education's website:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

Application Forms can be collected from the office. Please bring in your Concession/Health Care card for verification too.

If you are unsure whether you were in receipt of the funding in 2020 or have completed a form already for 2021 please contact the office.