



Grovedale News

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Term 1 Week 4 — 16th Feb 2022

'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

Dear Families,

After a very busy start to the year with our ever-changing covid environment, it is wonderful to be settled in and to have all students and staff together.

I would like to formally welcome our new Foundation families, and a number of new families into other year levels of the school. Our Foundies have been absolute superstars, with many taking to school like ducks to water. The Foundation classes have already been doing some terrific learning, and are progressing superbly. Well done!

We are so excited to be having a **working bee** for the first time in what feels like forever. We will be hoping for a large turnout so that we can clean up the grounds – with the focus being on tidying up the gardens. If you can come for some or all of the time, it will help. We have such spacious and beautiful grounds and it will be exciting to see the school after we have given it some much needed TLC.

All are welcome – including children and relatives. A list of tools and materials, and further information is included in this newsletter further on.



COMING EVENTS—also on your Sentral Calendar

FEBRUARY 2022

Sat 19th	Working Bee at school 9—12
Thurs 24th	Student Led Conferences via Phone Call No students at school

MARCH 2022

Wed 2nd	Preps come to school on all Wednesdays now
Wed 2 – Fri 4	Years 5 / 6 Camp in Melbourne
Mon 14th	LABOUR DAY—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thurs 17th	School Photos
Fri 18th	Curriculum Day—NO STUDENTS ATTEND
Fri 25th	Years 5/6—Summer Lightning Premiership Day

APRIL 2022

Sat 2nd	Working Bee
Fri 8th	Last Day of Term 1—2.30pm finish

Just a reminder to always check Sentral and read the newsletter to stay up to date with the most current information. You can also access the Parent Calendar on Sentral to see when the school has planned upcoming events. These dates and times may change, however we like to give you as much advance notice as possible.

Warmest wishes,

Tina Barnett

 See Page 2 for more information

WORKING BEE

This SATURDAY

9 AM TO 12 NOON



COVID Contact Information

Please notify us if your child has been to an exposure site, or is a close contact of a positive case. It is essential that we are able to respond quickly as a school, to ensure we follow protocols and minimise risk.

Masks are still mandatory inside school buildings for Years 3-6 and adults. P-2 students are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Please provide your child with a mask, as we are rapidly running out of supplies.



PRINCIPAL NEWS

Covid Safe Practices

In order to minimise the risk of any transmission occurring, we have a number of protocols in place:

- We adhere to the DET Covid Safe Management Plan.
- **Masks are mandatory for students from years 3-6 when indoors, unless a medical exemption is provided.**
- **Masks are highly recommended for students from years P-2, when indoors, unless a medical exemption is provided.**
- **All staff wear masks unless face-to-face teaching.**
- The school continues additional cleaning and sanitising daily.
- Every student is required to adhere to strict hand sanitising protocols, including sanitising upon entering the class.
- Class materials are not shared unless absolutely necessary and are cleaned before and after each use.
- Non-essential visitors are not allowed on school grounds, further reducing chances of infection.
- All visitors to the office are required to sign in, **show evidence of vaccination status**, and adhere to covid safe practices including wearing a mask, hand sanitising and maintaining 1.5m distance between themselves and others.
- Where possible, ventilation is increased through open doors and/or windows.
- All staff have been trained in and are using Infection Control measures.
- All spaces in the school are marked with density limits and signage must be observed.
- The school is not conducting assemblies or gatherings that mix cohorts.
- Any student who is unwell should not attend school, and will be sent home if displaying signs of illness consistent with Covid-19.

Vaccination and School Visitors:

Please be aware of the requirement to show your vaccination status in order to enter school buildings under most circumstances, unless you can show a medical exemption. Please be prepared to show this upon entry to the administration building. Visitors to other school buildings are still restricted.

If you are unvaccinated, without an exemption, and you need to have a meeting with the school (a Student Support Group Meeting, or a meeting with the teacher for example) we will provide you with a video link to hold the meeting virtually. This will ensure that you do not miss out on the ability to communicate with professionals at the school about your child's needs, learning and wellbeing.

STUDENT AWARDS:

Hendrix L	FA	For a wonderful start to Prep. Hendrix is a kind and considerate member of our class
Monique B	FA	For a positive start to Prep. Monique is eager to learn and show what she can do.
Dasha M	FS	For a fantastic start to Prep. You're a wonderful little leader.
Jameson S	FS	For a fantastic start to Prep. You are a very responsible classroom helper. Well done!
Arlo J	12A	For the amazing effort he has put into his learning this term. Keep up the great work!
Leslie M	12A	For always showing kindness to others and always offering a helping hand.
Freya D	12B	For a positive start to Grade 12B. Freya is eager to learn and show what she can do.
Milly M	12D	For working so hard on her writing goal to write a letter for eh sounds she hears in words. Well done Milly!
Spencer M	12R	For having a positive attitude towards your learning.
Shaia B	12R	For being an excellent role model in our class.
Zaiden K	34M	For being super helpful to his peers and teachers.
Madison S	34M	For always participating in class and encouraging her peers.
Cooper C	34P	For always being a respectful classmate and a responsible learner. You're a superstar!
Rushil P	34R	For demonstrating safety by assisting others when stacking our chairs.
Ned S	34R	For taking responsibility for his learning and being organised.
Zeke M	56C	For showing his leadership by modelling correct behaviours to his peers.
Isabelle P	56C	For making good choices to make sure she is in the best place to learn.
Grace H	56M	For an amazing start to the school year. You are showing great leadership in class and around the school. Well done!
Amaya L	56M	For always contributing to class discussions in a respectful and thoughtful way. Keep up the good work.
Jayden A	56S	For enthusiasm in class and his positive attitude.
Cambell B	56S	For great contributions to class discussion.



EXERCISE BIKES

We have been very fortunate to have received the donation of an exercise bike from the Alderton family.

Thank you so much Leigh, Jessica, Oliver and Poppy.

The exercise bike is being used for brain breaks for a number of students and this assists them to regulate their behaviour.

Another bike was also donated by a family who is not formally connected to the school, so we thank them too.

Pictured; Oliver and Poppy with the exercise bike their family donated.

Brad Venn



**IGA GROVEDALE EAST—Dockets
Marshalltown Road.**

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



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

Example: Please send all of your February dockets in by the 14th of March. 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!!

**LOST PROPERTY—ALL ITEMS AT
THE FRONT OFFICE**

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

At the end of TERM 1—ALL LOST PROPERTY including toys/containers/drink bottles will be sent to the charity shop.



PARENTS CAN YOU HELP US OUT?

Special events and Fundraising???

If you have time to assist us organise a few fundraising efforts please let us know. You might not be able to help with all but some, even so your assistance would be appreciated.

Coming up: Easter Raffle
Mother's Day

Working Bee—This SATURDAY February 19 9am—12noon

This **Saturday 19 February from 9am to 12noon**, we will be having our first **Working Bee** in a VERY long time! We would love to see families attend for as long as they can to help us make our wonderful school look even better. **Enter through the staff carpark** on Bailey Street and **sign in at the tables under the shade sails**. The sorts of jobs that need to be completed are trimming, pruning, hedging, weeding, sweeping and picking up rubbish. **1000 House Points** will be given to everyone in attendance i.e. mum, dad, brother and student = 4000 House Points.

Equipment you may choose to bring:

Hat	Sunscreen	Water bottle
Gloves	Hedgers	Plastic Tubs/buckets
Dustpan/Shovels	Secateurs	Brooms
Extension cords	Pruners	Axes
Wheelbarrows	Chainsaws (certified users only)	Blower

Privacy reminder for 2022

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:

Amharic * Arabic * Dari * Gujarati * Mandarin * Somali * Sudanese
* Turkish * Urdu * Vietnamese.