Grovedale News

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Term 1 Week 8 — 16th March 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,

Year 5/6 Camp – On Wednesday 2 March to Friday 4 March, 51 students and 5 staff caught a bus to Melbourne to CYC Camp. For our Year 5 students, it was their first opportunity to attend a camp and our Year 6 students hadn't had the chance for two years too. The staff were incredibly proud of the efforts of the students as they walked around the city and inner suburbs to locations including the MCG, Melbourne Museum, Old Melbourne Gaol, Melbourne Aquarium and Yarra River Cruise. We would like to congratulate all the students who attended and thank the staff for giving up their time to lead this fantastic event.

School Photos – Prep to Year 6 class, individual and family photos will be held tomorrow (Thursday 17 March). Further information is on page 6 of the newsletter.

Curriculum Day – Friday 18 March is a STUDENT FREE DAY and all staff will be participating in the second day of the Berry Street Education Model professional learning. The second trauma informed practice module is all about relationships and we are excited to learn from a new perspective and continue to put practices and processes in place to support our learning community. *Please note;* **the office will be closed all day too.** Please leave a phone message or send an email to the school if you need to pass on any information on Friday.

Speaking respectfully – In the recent weeks we have had several students across the school speak to staff in a manner which is not demonstrating our school values. This has resulted in negative consequences for these students including missing break times, special activities and even suspension. Overwhelmingly students at Grovedale PS speak respectfully to each other, staff, and community members and this promotes the school and an inclusive environment. We will continue to reinforce positive behaviours with positive consequences and antisocial behaviour with negative consequences. If you have concerns, please discuss these with your child/ren and the classroom teacher.

COMING EVENTS—also on your Sentral Calendar

MARCH 2022	
Thurs 17th	School Photos (refer to page 6)
Fri 18th	Curriculum Day—NO STUDENTS ATTEND
Fri 25th	Years 5/6—Summer Lightning Premiership Day
Fri 25th	National Ride2School Day
APRIL 2022	
Sat 2nd	Working Bee
Tues 5th	Years 5/6 visit Grovedale College
Wed 6th	Hot Cross Buns anticipated delivery
Fri 8th	Special Assembly at 2pm—Easter Raffle prizes drawn
Fri 8th	Last Day of Term 1—2.30pm finish

FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK

Fri 18th March	Years 5/6—Summer Lightning Prem Permission Note and $7 due back.
Thur 31st March	Bakers Delight Fundraiser—Hot Cross Buns order forms and $$ to be returned
Fri 1st April	• Return Easter Raffle tickets and $$ • Donations

See Page 2 for WORKING BEE AND COVID information

Working Bee – On Saturday 2 April from 9am-12noon we are seeking your help to make further improvements to our school grounds. We will be focussing on the following areas:

1. Trees overhanging on the fence line facing Bailey Street.
2. Out the back behind the shed. Remove all couches, branches lying around, trim trees right back and pick up all dead leaves, trees etc.
3. Bike shed area on the fence continuing to remove trees, branches, cut back trees etc.
4. Remove Basketball rings that are broken.
5. Out the front of Tina's office, just a slight trim to keep this area looking neat.

Equipment Required:

• Chainsaws (competent users only)	• Rakes	• Sunscreen
• PPE	• Saws	• Water
• Hedgers	• Wheelbarrow	• Snack
• Sheers	• Gloves	• Hat

Special request:

- Large trailers or tandem trailers to be used for furniture and green waste removal.
- Please notify the school if you are willing and able to bring a trailer and tow it to North Geelong Resource Recovery Centre & Transfer Station to be emptied (we will pay the fees). If you are able to assist for an hour or two, we would greatly appreciate it and reward all helpers with 1000 House Points. Registrations will once again occur at the tables, under the shade sails between the Junior Playground and toilets on Saturday 2 April from 9am-12noon.

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.

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 **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:

Luke C	FA	For helping and showing kindness to his classmates.
Axton S	FA	For always trying his best and working hard on tasks given to him.
Fizza F	FS	For being a quiet achiever and always doing your best. Your work is beautifully presented. Congratulations on a great start to primary school.
Murphy J	FS	For being a dedicated and conscientious student and for always trying your best and challenging yourself.
Tessie O	12A	For always showing kindness and going out of her way to help others.
Lee P	12A	For coming to school with a positive attitude and a smile.
Mayla A	12B	For working hard on your writing goal in class.
Harley M	12B	For being respectful and always using your manners.
Alannah B	12R	For always being kind and caring and demonstrating our school values.
Alex P	12R	For an excellent attitude towards your learning.
Darcy B	34P	For always being a respectful and responsible learner!
Ethan M	34P	For being a responsible learner by always listening and completing tasks.
Dylan K	34R	For trying his absolute best all of the time!
Shivani G	34R	For always being so friendly to everyone in our class!

Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday the 2nd of February, the year 1-6s of Grovedale Primary School went to Kardinia Swimming Pool.

The students packed up their bags at 9:00 to go to the Swimming Carnival! Unfortunately, some of the students were kept waiting by a bus that arrived 10 minutes late. After the bus arrived, some of our students went to the time trials, in the time trials, the students needed to swim in less than a minute, sadly, no one got through to the division. Meanwhile, the other students were swimming, diving and jumping in the pool. The grade 1-2's were making a whirlpool. It was very fun. Then the grade 3-6s started racing. Everyone who participated scored house points for their house.

The Student VS Teachers race ended with the teachers winning by 1 meter! It was very close. Hopefully the students can win next year!
The students then went back to GPS. We had sausages and icy poles. We then went out to lunch, and the swimming carnival came to an end. By Tully Curren.

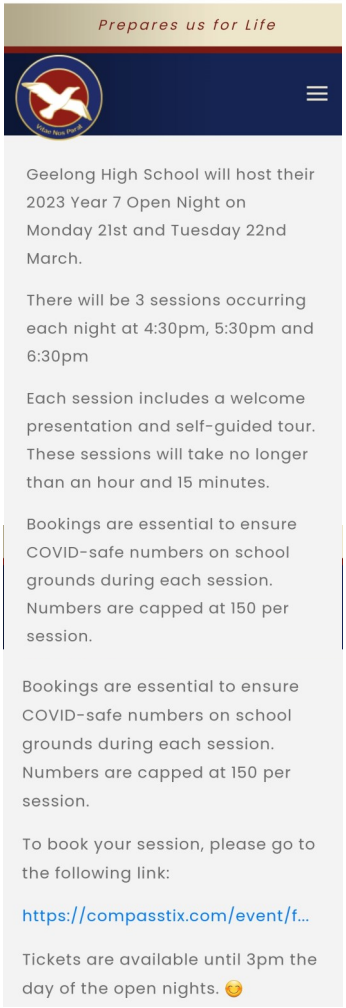
In 2022 many parents will still need to make decisions regarding their child's education for 2023 and beyond.
To assist in your decision making and as the Victorian Schools Guide is environmentally conscious and mindful of being contact free during this current health crisis they have provided below a direct link to the **March 2022** edition of the **Geelong Schools Guide.** To assist your decision making in relation to your child's education for 2023 and beyond, please find below a link to the 76 page 2022 edition of the **Geelong Schools Guide**.
CLICK HERE: https://victoriaschoolguides.starcommunity.com.au/geelong-education/A list

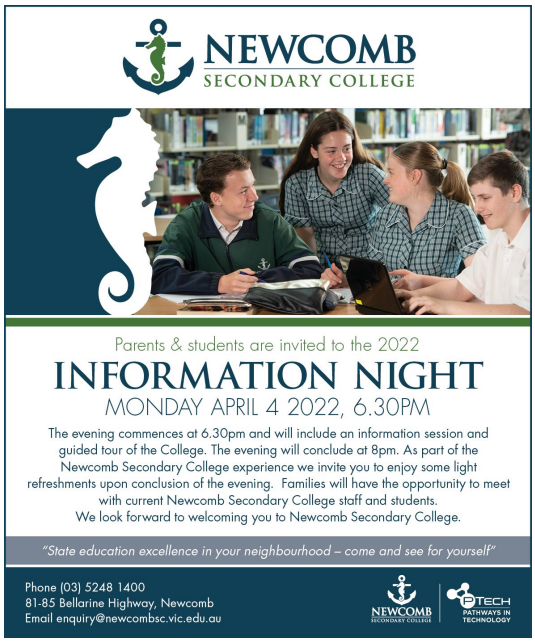
Privacy reminder for 2022

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.

Parent Open Evenings - Year 5/6 families

Secondary Schools for 2023 Enrolments





Bannockburn P-12 College would like to invite you to our 2023 Year 7 Information Evening and College Tours

Information Night:

Date: Wednesday, 30 March **Time:** 6.15pm

Who: New 2023 Year 7 Students

Online Zoom Meeting: Please download or log into the Zoom App & use the following codes

Meeting ID: 937 8598 8769

Passcode: wP0WEp

College Tours:

Date: Thursday, 7 April **Time:** 5pm - 6pm
Who: New 2023 Year 7 Students

Date: Friday, 8 April **Time:** 9:30am - 10:30am
Who: New 2023 Year 7 Students

Please complete and return Expression of Interest forms to book. These have been provided to the school office.

EXTEND OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

School is back and we can't wait for the year ahead!

Our safe, fun, educational programs and amazing educators will enrich your children's lives, support, and encourage your children's aspirations.

We think big so your children can dream big!

Enrolments are easy and free!
Book 14 days in advance to receive the ealy bird rate.

What are you waiting for? Secure your place today!

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.

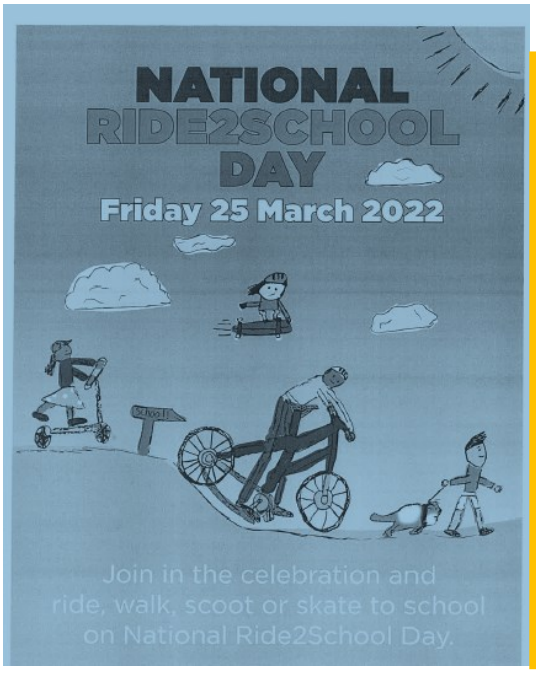
Example: Please send all of your February dockets in by the 14th of March. We have to have them to IGA on the 15th of each month. Keep collecting!

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.



RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Teachers will give out stickers to those who ride, scoot, or walk to school once they are back in their classrooms.

There will be teachers on the below corners on Friday the 25th of March at 8.30am:

- The corner of Reserve Road/Bailey Street.
- The corner of Grove Road/Bailey Street.
- The corner of Barwarree road/ Marshalltown road.

School Photos 2022 –Parent/Carer Information

Annual school photos **including sibling photos** will be taken at Grovedale Primary School by Arthur Reed Photos on Thursday 17th March 2022.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the web shop. These views will be for individual and sibling photos (if you have registered ALL the codes for your children, see below.)

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2022 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the web shop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email. **Once registered, please wait for notification that 2022 images are online to view before making your purchase.**

For those families isolating/away: Arthur Reed will either book in a "make up day" at the school or they will allow families to go to their studio to take the individual/family photos. More information to come as Arthur Reed has not confirmed any details yet. Class photos will still be taken on the 17th March.