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Term 4 Week 8-23rd November 2023

## '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 decisionmaking. 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.

## Dear Families,

Splatacular -- On Thursday this week (tonight) we are having a planning meeting in the staffroom. All are welcome. It commences at $5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ and concludes at $6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$, to allow those who work to join us. Please come through the Staff Carpark to the staffroom door as the front of the school will be locked.
On December $1^{\text {st }}$ we are having our Splatacular! Fundraising closed on the $17^{\text {th }}$ of Nov, so I hope you ordered the prize you had your eye on. The Grovedale Parents and Friends Group is planning some great activities to enjoy on the day. More will be published about this shortly so watch this space! This one is a combination of a colour run, with the added joy (!) of slime. Children will need an old white shirt, old pants and shoes to participate in. Children won't be returning to classrooms afterwards, so we recommend bringing a blanket for the car seat, it's going to be messy!

LOTE - Schools are mandated to teach a language, however the amount of time and the organisation of this program is based on the contextual needs of the school. Research around the effective teaching of a second language shows it takes 480 hours to reach fluency in a group 1 language (Italian is group 1). Given that one hour per week for a child from Prep to 6 equates to 280 hours, we have considered alternatives that we believe are more engaging, more relevant to the Victorian Curriculum and more relevant to our children's community. For these reasons we will be replacing Italian with Aboriginal Languages in 2024. We will be working with Wadawurrung to employ a Traditional Owner one day per fortnight. This person will work with a cohort level each term, to teach Aboriginal Languages. The classroom teacher will stay in the class to learn alongside the students, thereby supporting our capacity to embed Aboriginal Perspectives into the curriculum, which is a requirement of the Victorian Curriculum. I am very excited by the opportunity for our students to experience and explore this content, particularly our First Nations students.

Transition - Over the next weeks we are running transition sessions to help our students become increasingly familiar with their new year levels. In the last week of term on Tuesday we will be moving lots of the rooms around so additional support for moving furniture would be helpful. We will only need a couple of extra people. Please let the office know if you can assist.
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| COMING EVENTS-also on Sentral Calendar |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| LUNCH ORDERS—EACH TUES \& FRI (Fri start Term 4) |  |
| Order by 8pm Mon for Tues and 8pm Thurs for Friday |  |
| NOV 2023 |  |
| 21st/22nd/23rd | 3/4 cohort BIKE ED |
| Thurs 23rd | Parent Club Meeting 5.30pm |
| Fri 24th | Year 4 only-BIG BIKE RIDE |
| Fri 24th | Assembly starting at 2.50pm (Week 8) |
| Thurs 30th | Transition Day No: 2 |
| DEC 2023 |  |
| Fri 1st | Colour Splatacular |
| Mon 4th | Wide Smiles Dental Visit ( $\mathrm{P}-1$ ) |
| Mon 4th | School Council Meeting (final meeting for 2023) |
| Wed 6th | Newsletter Published |
| Fri 8th | Assembly starting at 2.50pm (Week 10) |
| Fri 8th | Foundation \& Year 1 BBQ after school Year 2-SLEEPOVER (including BBQ) |
| Sat 9th | Working Bee (if required) |
| Tues 12th | STATEWIDE Transition Day (GPS No: 3) |
| Wed 13th | Year 6 Graduation Day |
| Fri 15th | 5/6 Adventure Park Excursion |
| Fri 15th | Reports Published |
| Wed 20th | LAST DAY TERM 4-1.30PM FINISH |
| Early Dejoarture for <br> Last Doty of Term <br> Wed 20th Dec at 1.30pm |  |



## Principal Report continued......

Helping children with transition - Moving into a new class is exciting for some and somewhat challenging for others. Facing these challenges teaches our students the skills required to manage change when they are older. In school we learn the skills to navigate obstacles. If your child finds transition a little intimidating, there is so much you can do to help them. Coming to the school over the holidays, reminding them of all of the challenges they have overcome before (including starting new years at school), staying in touch with their learning through reading and daily activities, and having them talk or draw about the things they are looking forward to, all help.

A social story is a personalised booklet where new ideas or activities are explained in really clear terms. Feeling anxious is almost always about the 'unknown' so when we fill in the gaps of knowledge for our children, they feel more comfortable. We will be posting a Social Story on Sentral for all families to be able to use over the holidays, to help children with the transition into the next year level, so keep an eye out for that!

There are some excellent ideas online if you search 'How to help my child with transitions', including this simple one: https://www.savethechildren.org/us/charity-stories/how-to-help-children-transition-school-closurescoronavirus\#:~:text=Encourage\ positive\ thinking.,Bring\ on\ the\ fun!

Playground Upgrades - Next week some temporary fencing will go up on the Junior Playground while some new pieces of equipment are installed. This should only take a day or two. We have selected some pretty cool sensory equipment and we're excited to see our children enjoying these new types of play. Please remember that all funds raised over the last two years have been used (with additional school funding) to purchase this equipment. Thank you so much for your efforts in this area.

Have the most wonderful weekend.

Tina


Thank you so much for supporting our school to be the best it can be, especially through fundraising. Later this term, our junior playground is being updated and the fundraising from the Colour Splatacular School Fun Run will go towards this project.
' The Colour Splatacular School Fun Run will be on Friday $1^{\text {st }}$ December 2023 around 2pm from to '3.15pm. Final details are being discussed at a Parent Meeting tonight (23.11.23 at 5.30pm in our , staffroom)

- Please make sure students wear a WHITE shirt and closed in shoes.
- Students will be given free sunglasses and a rainbow headband for the event.
- Students will be covered in non-toxic, biodegradable colour powder from head to toe.
- Students will also be covered in non-toxic water-based slime as well!
- Colour Powder is made of high-quality corn starch and permitted food colours. Safety data sheet is available upon request for Colour and Slime.
Please note: ALL fundraising closed 17th November 2023.
Further information about how the day will be run will be communicated via SENTRAL.|-It is recommended that staff members, students or visitors who have symptoms of cold, influenza or COVID- I19 undergo testing for COVID-19.Parents of symptomatic students will be asked to collect their child from school and keep themhome until they are no longer symptomatic.
Students should not attend school until their symptoms resolve.
I Most people are still infectious after 5 days and you should stay home if you are still experiencing symptomslike a runny nose, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, or sweats.A negative RAT result is a helpful tool to determine whether you are still infectious. If you're unsure about| ending your isolation, you should contact a GP or a GP Respiratory Clinic.

At school we will continue to use strong hygiene measures including sanitising, handwashing, air filters, open Idoors and supporting those students who wish to wear a mask.


## SAFE TO SCHOOL-

Keeping our children safe
FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN AND ALL PEDESTRIANS AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL, PLEASE DO NOT LET YOUR CHILDREN OUT OF THE CAR ON THE ROAD SIDE. PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY GET OUT ON THE KERB. ALSO PARKING WITHIN THE FLAG AREA IS ILLEGAL AND FINES WILL BE GIVEN IF YOU ARE FOUND IN THESE AREAS.


## Tom's Marketplace

Tom's Marketplace donated fruit to our school. If your family can support his business you will find Tom att:
Shop 12/40 Main St, ARMSTRONG CREEK.


## DID YOU KNOW TO KEEP YOUR IGA DOCKETS FOR OUR SCHOOL FUNDRAISER????

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 November dockets in by the 14th of December. 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!!

## STUDENT AWARDS:

| Urwah A | FC | For always making sure you are playing safely with your friends. |
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| Jonathon O | FC | For keeping our classroom safe by packing up equipment. |
| Charlotte H | FS | For using our iPads responsibly and taking care to return them safely. You're a great role |
|  |  | model. |
| Hamish K | FS | For playing safely in the yard and letting a teacher know if problems arise. |
| Tayla O | 12A | For always being mindful of others and setting a great example to the class. jobl |
| Dasha M | 12A | For caring about the safety of others and setting a wonderful example to the class. |
| Nicholas L | 12B | For always waiting patiently and following instructions given to him by his teachers. Well done Nicholas! |
| Skylah T | 12B | For moving around the room with consideration for others. Well done Skylah! |
| Levi M | 12R | For respecting the personal space of others. You are a great role model Levi! |
| Alex P | 12R | For being calm and considerate of others and their learning in the class room and respecting their personal space. |
| Lexi J | 12 T | For respecting the personal space of others. |
| Clarke C | 12T | For following teacher instructions and seeking help when he is unsure. |
| Emily M | 34L | For respecting other's personal space. |
| Imanjot B | 34L | For using equipment and resources respectfully. |
| Liam A | 34P | For using digital devices appropriately. |
| Katie S | 34 P | For respecting the personal space of others. |
| Kayleigh W | 34R | For always modelling safe behaviour in the classroom and school yard. |
| Aishveen K | 34R | For the kind and respectful way you treat other people. |
| Milly M | 34W | For working hard and making positive choices during activities. Keep it up! |
| Arianna V | 34W | For always making choices that keep yourself and others ready to learn. |
| Charlie T | 56C | For being safe when moving around the classroom and OLC. |
| Hayden C | 56C | For safely using and packing away equipment when finished. |
| Ed M | 56M | For always being a kind and respectful learner and showing safety in the way he uses resources and plays games. |
| Rushil P | 56M | For always being a safe and focused learner and a valuable member of 56M. |
| Zoe O | 56W | For always demonstrating safety at school, and being a role model for others. |
| Zahrlie J | 56W | For being a safety conscious student who cares greatly for our school community. |

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS:

| Sophie D | 56 | For always demonstrating safety in the classroom and consideration for others. |
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| Noah M | 34 | For using different strategies so he is ready to learn. |
| Ariel Y | 12 | For seeking adult help when she has concerns or is unsure. |
| Luke A | Prep | For always being ready to learn. You are kind and considerate and an excellent role model to <br> others. |

## Entertainment

Grovedale Primary School

https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/113g119

## Need ideas for Christmas Presents?

Every order placed via the QR code or ordering online directly deposits $20 \%$ into your school's fundraising account.




How to Enrol (for free) and Book
VillageOSHC is a new provider at the school. Therefore, you must enrol your child at VillageOSHC in order to book into Before or After School Care. To enrol, visit at VillageOSHC in order to book into Before or After School Care. To enrol, visit
villageOSHC.com.au and click Book Now. You will be directed to our booking platform, villageosh.a.lookedafter.com. Click Loogin/Enrol in the top right corner and follow the prompts. After you've enrolled your child, you can book your sessions. Operating Days, Hours and Fees

| Before School Care | After School Care |
| :---: | :---: |
| Monday - Friday | Monday - Friday |
| $7: 00 a m-8: 45 a m$ | $3: 15 \mathrm{pm}-6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| Session Fee: $\$ 19.95$ | Session Fee: $\$ 25.95$ |

Book 24 hours in advance to receive the permanant rate. Bookings made within 24 hours receive the casual rate. Cancel free of charge, 24 hours in advance.

Enrol and book today for the start of Term 4!

## 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.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM IS NAMED, SO THEY CAN BE RETURNED TO THE


## HATS

We are a SunSmart school. Hats need to be worn from September to the end of April 2024.

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.

Bellarine Uniforms will have more sizes if you prefer to have a logo on the hat or try Kmart or Best n Less.

## PLEASE ENSURE THE HAT IS NAMED SO WE CAN RE-

 TURN IT WHEN IT IS LOST IN THE YARD.

Book now at VillageOSHC.com.au


## WORKING BEE DATES:

Please consider helping us to keep our school clean and tidy.

9am-12pm


## December 9th

Calling all parents and care givers! We're seeking helping hands to spruce up our site, tidying gardens, clearing drains, installing garden edging - all sorts of activities. No experience needed! Every contribution helps to improve our school grounds.


See Sentral newsfeed for more information


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## PARENT EDUCATION EVENTS

## GEELONG and BARWON

 SOUTHWEST REGION

TERM 1, 2024
All Regional Parenting Service programs along with MELI (formerly Barwon Child Youth \& Family (BCYF) and Bethany), Family Relationship Centre, Drummond St Services and Barwon Southwest Region programs will be offered face to face or online. Bookings are essential. For details of dates, times and venues please see below.

## BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

## The First 1000 Days

The first 1,000 days of life is a program for parents with children aged under 2 years and designed to nurture parents as they embark on their joumey. It provides parents with knowledge about brain development and an understanding of how children grow and what they need. The centrality of family relationships and opportunities for parents to reflect on their own childhood and how to connect with their children are all explored.

## BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

Bringing up Great Kids is a 6 -week supportive program for parents of children aged 12 months to 9 years.
The program aims to:

- develop parents' skills to enhance communication with their children;
- promote positive interactions between parents and their child/ren;
- encourage the development of a child's positive selfidentity.


## CIRCLE OF SECURITY

Circle of Security is an 8-week supportive program for parents of children aged birth to 5 years.
The program aims to:

- help parents understand how to build feelings of security for children in their early years;
- assist parents with skills to build on the positive relationship with their child;
- develop confidence in parents to respond to their child in a way which builds a secure foundation for children.


## TUNING IN TO KIDS

Tuning in to kids is a 6-week supportive program for parents of children aged 4 to 10 years.

The program aims to:

- help parents teach and support their child/ren to understand and manage their emotions;
- support parents in encouraging children to express emotions appropriately;
- maximise children's social, behavioural and learning outcomes.


## BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

## Parenting Adolescents

The program builds on maintaining positive relationships and interactions between parents and adolescents during the ages of 10 to 17 years. This 6 -week program will look at having a better understanding and being able to support your adolescent.

- Finding meaningful ways to stay connected with you adolescent;
- Understand that all behaviour and interaction have a meaning attached to it;
- Develop an increased understanding about the messages that they communicate to their adolescent through their behaviour, actions and attitudes;
- Develop skills to identify and manage their stress associated with parenting.


## OUR KIDS - Parenting After Separation

Our Kids is a 6-week course on parenting after separation and the impact of parental conflict on children. The course encourages parents to focus on the needs of their children and develop helpful communication strategies following separation. Courses run weekly for 6 weeks during school terms. Morning and evening sessions are available.

## THE DAD WORKSHOP

This 6-week program will focus on giving you the tools you need to create a better life for your entire family.
We will look at simple things you can do to improve:

- your relationship with yourself;
- your relationship with your partner;
- your relationship with your kids.


## FLOURISHING FAMILIES

A 5-week program for parents with children of all ages to discover how you can help your family to flourish.

Learn about:

- how you can promote resilience;
- increase awareness of your family's strengths;
- create and nurture positive family relationships;
- give feedback to support individual growth.


## BUBS TO TOTS

Bubs to Tots brings mothers (up to 24 years) of children in the 1 to 2 year age group together for support and education.

## NO MORE SCAREDY CATS

Reducing Anxiety and Building Resilience in Children
A 4-week program for parents of children 5 to 12 years to gain an understanding of the increasing levels of anxiety in a child and strategies to help manage the "traps and tripwires" with strengthening sayings, questioning strategies and mindful exercises.

## TUNING IN TO TEENS

Tuning in to teens is a 6 -week supportive program for parents of teens aged 12 to 18 years.

The program aims to:

- support parents to connect and communicate with their teens;
- assist parents with understanding adolescent development;
- help parents to assist their teen to develop emotional intelligence;
- remain empathetic and stay connected.


## LIVING WITH TEENS

A model for building strong, secure connections. Living with Teens is a 3-week program.

The program aims to cover:

- what parents need to be able to meet teen's needs;
- what teens need from parents;
- adolescent development.


## BUMPS TO BUBS

Bumps to Bubs brings young mothers and mothers-tobe (up to 23 years) with babies 0 to 1 year, together to support the journey of parenting.

## DADS TUNING INTO KIDS

Dads Tuning into Kids is a 6-week supportive program specifically for Dads of children aged 3 to 12 years.
The program aims to:

- help dads to effectively tune in to their child's emotions:
- encourage dads to strengthen their emotional connection with their child;
- support dads to build skills in emotion coaching to assist their child's individual needs.


## POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

Available online via the Triple P website
www.triplep-parenting.net.au/vic-uken/triple-p/

## STRENGHTENING FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Strengthening Family Connections is a free 8 -week program for parents and their children aged 8 to 12 years. The program aims to build a positive family culture and strengthen family connections.

## STEPPING STONES

Stepping Stones is a 5 -week program for families with a child who has a disability. The program aims to help parents use Positive Parenting to acquire new skills and knowledge. Skills are practiced and parents receive constructive feedback about their use of skills.
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Parent Education Events
Term 1, 2024

| Program | Location / Venue | Days / Dates | Time | Bookings |
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| Tuning in to Kids | Kurrambee Myaring Community Centre, 12 Merrijig Drive, Torquay | Thursdays 15 Feb-21 Mar | $\begin{aligned} & 12.30 \mathrm{pm}- \\ & 2.30 \mathrm{pm} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Circle of Security | Poa Banyul Community Hub 110-122 Unity Drive, Mount Duneed | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Tuesday } \\ & 13 \text { Feb - } 19 \mathrm{Mar} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9.30am - } \\ & \text { 11.30am } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Strengthening Family Connections | Lethbridge Primary School 2 Stephenson St, Lethbridge | Wednesday <br> 7 Feb-27 Mar | TBA | www.bcyf.org.au |
| Bringing Up Great Kids | Leopold Child \& Family Centre 31-39 Kensington Rd, Leopold | Thursday 15 Feb-21 Mar | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9.30am - } \\ & \text { 11.30am } \end{aligned}$ | Ph: 52268900 |
| Tuning in to Teens | Meli <br> 16 Ballarat Road, Hamlyn Heights | Tuesdays 13 Feb-19 Mar | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 12.30pm - } \\ & 2.30 \mathrm{pm} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| To express your interest for the following programs please contact MELI |  |  |  |  |
| Baby College $\quad$ Bumps to Bubs |  | Bubs to Tots |  |  |
| Circle of Security (Abbreviated) | Childrens Services Building | Wednesdays <br> 21 Feb-27 Mar | $\begin{aligned} & 6.30 \mathrm{pm}- \\ & 8.30 \mathrm{pm} \end{aligned}$ | (1) CatholicCare |
| Circle of Security | Moyne Shire - Location TBC | Tuesdays 20 Feb-26 Mar | $\begin{aligned} & 5.30 \mathrm{pm}- \\ & 7.00 \mathrm{pm} \end{aligned}$ | CatholicCare Victoria - Warrnambool www.catholiccarevic.org.au |
| Living with Teens | Online via Zoom | Thursdays 8 Feb-22 Feb | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 6.30pm - } \\ & 8.30 \mathrm{pm} \end{aligned}$ | Ph: 43444588 <br> E: helen.diamond@catholiccarevic.org.au |

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