



# Grovedale News

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**Term 1 Week 2—7th February 2024**

## '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.

Dear Families,

A very special welcome to the many families new to our school. We are delighted to have you join the GPS community. While we have many new Prep families, we also have a number of new students throughout the school. Welcome also to our existing families! Please ensure that when you see a new person, say hello and introduce yourself!

A couple of important reminders:

- DET doesn't allow students to access their mobile phones while at school. Students are required to bring their mobile phone to the administration area where it will be secured for the day.
- The school grounds are supervised from 8:45am daily. Students should not arrive at school prior to this time. Before School Care is available for families requiring earlier attendance.

We are looking forward to getting to know families at the Family/Teacher interviews on Thursday the 15th of Feb. This meeting will focus on getting to know the student, their unique abilities, and their needs. Students are required to attend the interview. Students are to be picked up from school at 1:30pm on the day to allow the teachers to conduct the interviews. Please book through Sentral.

This year we are aiming high for our students, and one of the things families can do is to make sure your child is at school on time, and at school every day (unless they are unwell). The first hour of the school day is critically important academically and in terms of the child's ability to settle in and feel a sense of belonging in the classroom. Regular attendance improves academic achievement (as we can't teach students who aren't here). While the occasional necessary absence is unlikely to have a significant impact on learning, regular absence is going to make progressing at the child's capacity challenging.

If being on time, or daily attendance is an issue for your family, please contact the school so that we can assist.

Finally, thank you to all of the staff, students and families for such a smooth and calm start to the year. It has been wonderful to walk around the school and watch children learning and working hard so quickly.

## COMING EVENTS—also on Sentral Calendar

### LUNCH ORDERS—EACH TUES & FRI

**Order by 8am Tues and 8am for Friday**

#### Feb 2024

Fri 9th	Assembly—starts at 2.50pm
Tues 13th	Scholastic Catalogue Online Order due date
Wed 13th	No Preps—Assessment Day
Thurs 15th	School finishes at 1.30pm Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews start 2pm—6.30pm (Book through Sentral App)
Wed 21st	No Preps—Assessment Day
Wed 21st	Newsletter Published—Fortnightly
Fri 23rd	SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Fri 23rd	Assembly—starts at 2.50pm
Wed 28th	No Preps—Last Assessment Day
Wed 28th— Fri 1st March	5/6 Camp at CYC in Melbourne

#### March 2024

Fri 1st Mar	5/6 return from camp
Wed 6th	Newsletter published
Fri 8th	Assembly—starts at 2.50pm
Mon 11th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY—LABOUR DAY
Tues 12th	Divisional Swimming—Selected students only
Wed 20th	Newsletter Published
Thurs 21st	HARMONY DAY
Fri 22nd	Assembly
Fri 22nd	Ride to School Day
Thurs 28th	School Cross Country
Thurs 28th	LAST DAY TERM 4—2.30PM FINISH

## FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK

5/6 Camp 28/2—01/03	\$140 deposit due Fri 15th Dec '23 \$200 due by 20th February 2024
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The preparation that families and staff put in to a great first week is evident in the smiles and behaviours of all.

Have the most wonderful weekend. **Tina**

*'A Path to Success'*

## Annual privacy reminder for our school community

The School's Privacy Policy informs the school community that information about students can be shared to fulfil the schools' core functions of educating and supporting our students.

The Schools' privacy policy establishes a clarified 'need to know' framework, where school staff share information about students with other staff who need to know as part of their role. This is consistent with Victorian privacy law

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

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

- |              |            |          |
|--------------|------------|----------|
| * Amharic    | * Arabic   | * Dari   |
| * Gujarati   | * Mandarin | * Somali |
| * Sudanese   | * Turkish  | * Urdu   |
| * Vietnamese |            |          |

### MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobiles phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year. The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state.

This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions.

By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.

**Exceptions:** For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss this.

**Emergencies:** In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.

**School mobile phone policy:** A copy of our school's local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context, is available [here](#). (if you cannot get the link, it is on the school's website)

**Parent support:** The Mobile phones in schools webpage provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones.

If you have further questions, please contact the administration office.

Regards, Tina Barnett

## Health Update for our GPS community

Good afternoon GPS families

This is a timely reminder to be vigilant with cold/flu symptoms.

Whilst school attendance is critically important, this does not include unwell children.

To minimise the spread of sickness in our school please do not send your child to school if they have any cold/flu symptoms.

### Department of Education & Training – Management of Covid-19 in schools

It is recommended that staff members, students or visitors who have symptoms of cold, influenza or COVID-19 undergo testing for COVID-19.

**Parents of symptomatic students will be asked to collect their child from school and keep them home until they are no longer symptomatic.**

Students should not attend school until their symptoms resolve.

Most people are still infectious after 5 days and you should stay home if you are still experiencing symptoms like 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 doors 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.**

**Safety** is a high priority at our school. Please ensure you are continuing to model safety when driving around the school, particularly at pick up and drop off.

Touching your mobile phone whilst driving can result in a loss of points and 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. 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>

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



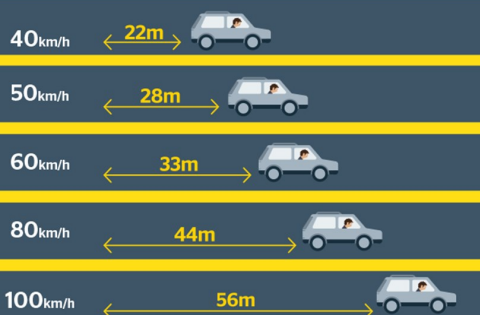
**IGA GROVEDALE EAST—Dockets  
Marshalltown Road.**

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 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!!

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



### Grovedale Primary School is a Sun Smart School.

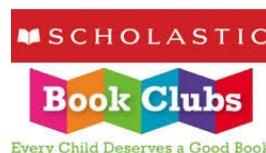
Being outdoors in Victoria means we're exposed to some of the harshest and most dangerous levels of ultraviolet radiation (UV) in the world.

Please remember that your children will need their hats to be able to play outside without any cover.



### SCHOLASTIC

Welcome back to another year of Scholastic books at Grovedale Primary. For those new to our school this year, Scholastic offers an easy way of purchasing wonderful books for your children at great prices, and at the same time supporting the school. We receive 15% of your orders back to purchase books for the library and classrooms.



Issue 1 will have been distributed via the classroom teacher and is due back on Tuesday 13th Feb.

A reminder that the school office takes no money for book club, all orders are processed online using the LOOP payment portal (instructions in the catalogue). Thanks again for your support.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

**\*\*If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.** A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below. If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

**If you are eligible, 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 to Grovedale PS this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year (eg: This includes an existing family who has a **NEW** student starting at Grovedale Primary School)

**Check with the school office if you are unsure if you have completed a CSEF form or if we have applied on your behalf due to the fact that you received the funding in 2023.**

**More information can be found at this link:**

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/submitting-application>

## School Photos 2024 – Grovedale Primary School

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on **Friday 23rd February 2024**.

**There is no need to return any forms or money to school. You register ONLY when you receive your child's unique code that Arthur Reed give to them on or after the photo day.**

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 webshop.

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 2024 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

**Once registered, please wait for notification that 2024 images are online to view before making your purchase.**

The below registration process has also been sent out on a SENTRAL message.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024 - Important Registration Information



*School Photographs will be taken at*  
**Grovedale Primary School**  
Friday 23rd February 2024

**There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day**

**Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day**

**When you receive your child's 2024 image code**  
*Follow these 3 simple steps -*

- 1** Go to [order.arphotos.com.au](https://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your child's **2024 image code**
- 2** Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings
- 3** Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration\*




\*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

**That's it!**

**It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details**  
**When 2024 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

**• Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images • Multiple Image Downloads**  
**• Order on any mobile device • Share the images with family & friends for FREE**

**\*\* Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2024\*\***



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## STUDENT AWARDS:

Scarlett V	FR	For an awesome start to prep and showing great listening skills. Keep it up!
Jordan J	FR	For a fantastic start to prep and always helping others. Keep it up!
Louis P-G	FP	For a wonderful start to school and following teacher instructions. Keep up the great work!
Sam W-C	FP	For a wonderful start to prep by being safe in and outside the classroom. Well done!
Tommie M	FS	For a fantastic start to prep and for listening carefully to instructions. Well done Tommie!
Eadie G	FS	For a fantastic start to school life. Keep up the great work Eadie!
Millie C	12A	For being a helpful and positive member of the class.
Ava S	12A	For using kind words and encouraging others.
Hannah W	12C	For being kind and inclusive when working with your classmates.
Piper C	12C	For looking after our classroom property and keeping our classroom clean.
Dasha M	12T	For always using kind words and her manners.
Izzy S	12T	For taking turns and waiting patiently for her turn.
Kyla R	12W	For being kind to others when they are in the blue zone.
Tarlei-Rey S	12W	For always offering to help out around the classroom.
Milly M	34B	For always treating other people with kindness and respect. Well done on a great start Milly!
Kolette E	34B	For helping others in class and always using her manners. Well done Kolette!
Ariel Y	34D	For being kind and supportive to her classmate as we were labelling books and equipment.
Clarke C	34D	For being kind by taking turns and waiting patiently.
Shaia B	34F	For always using her manners.
Ari F	34F	For including others without being asked.
Ashton K-W	34R	For demonstrating kind and respectful behaviour.
Chloe A	34R	For being a kind and helpful friend.
Harlem C	56B	For joining Grovedale PS with such a friendly and kind attitude. Welcome to 5/6B.
Aiden P	56B	For bringing his enthusiastic and kind personality to Grovedale PS this year. Welcome to 5/6B.
Blue P	56M	For an amazing start to the school year, following classroom expectations and taking pride in his work.
Lily P	56M	For showing the value of kindness by including others and always being willing to work with all of her classmates.
Sofia P	56N	For having a positive start to the year and being inclusive of everyone she interacts with.
Ryan F	56N	For his kind and inclusive nature towards his classmates. Well done on a wonderful start to Year 6!
Cooper H	56W	For being a polite and respectful friend in class and when playing sport.
Angelina B	56W	For her polite and respectful attitude to her classmates.



## PRINCIPAL AWARDS:

Madi S	56	For always being kind and respectful to teachers and students.
Ava W	34	For being kind to your classmates and inclusive of everyone in games and learning activities.
Stevie M	12	For always being a welcoming and caring member of the class.
Cooper W	Prep	For a confident start to his school life. Well done for being a great listener and for following instructions carefully.

# Entertainment

Grovedale Primary School



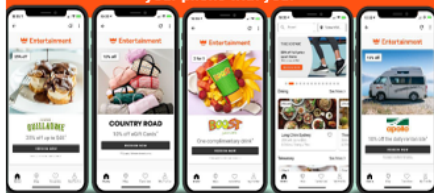
<https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/113g119>

## Entertainment Ideas

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


The Entertainment App discounts now work all year round.

More convenient than the coupon book – you always have your phone with you!



Support our fundraising - 20% comes directly to us


Check out the discounts in your city - Click here



**25% off**

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What are you waiting for?

Buy your Membership and we receive 20% for our fundraising

**Join now!**



Foundation Level and Year 5/6 cohort—BUDDY LUNCH DAY



On Monday, 5/6M and Prep P shared library time together. The 5/6s read picture story books to the preps. Everyone enjoyed this so much.





**JOIN VillageOSHC FOR A NEW YEAR OF SUPER FUN OSHC!**  
2024 BOOKINGS OPEN AT [VillageOSHC.COM.AU](http://VillageOSHC.COM.AU)

### 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 [villageOSHC.com.au](http://villageOSHC.com.au) and click Book Now. You will be directed to our booking platform, [villageoshc.lookedafter.com](http://villageoshc.lookedafter.com). Click Login/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
7:00am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 6:00pm
Session Fee: \$19.95	Session Fee: \$25.95

Book 24 hours in advance to receive the permanent 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!**



**Book for Term 4 2024 with Before and After School Care provided by VillageOSHC!**



Plan ahead for the new year. Book for Term 1 or the whole year! Whether you work, study or have personal commitments, VillageOSHC is here for you.

2024 bookings are now open!



**Book now at [VillageOSHC.com.au](http://VillageOSHC.com.au)!**

## 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 OWNER.**



### 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 RETURN IT WHEN IT IS LOST IN THE YARD.**

**Tom's Marketplace Fruit Shop is on board again delivering fruit when they can to the school. Thank you Tom (with Ms Marshall 56M)**



### [Tom's Marketplace](#)

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

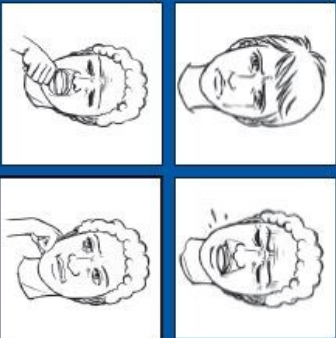
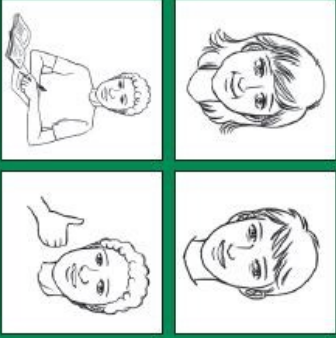
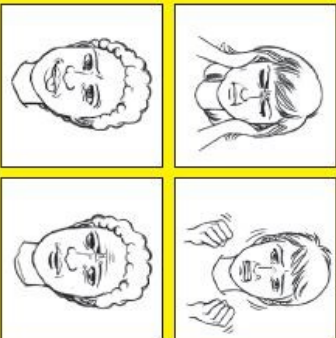
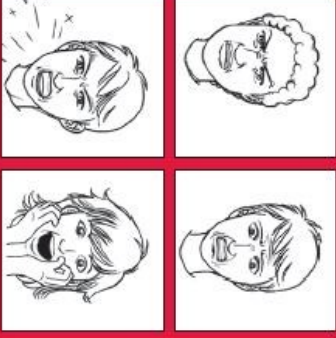


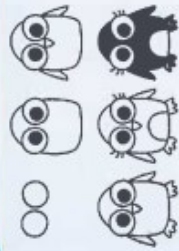
By law parents/carers are required to provide the school an explanation for their child's absence.

Please remember to log your child's absence into the Sentral for Parents APP before 9.30am using the ABSENCE button and commenting on the reason behind the absence. ie: Medical: Cold Symptoms, Vomiting etc At 9.30am, SENTRAL automatically will send an SMS to your phone to ask the reason for an UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE.



# The **ZONES** of Regulation™

			
<p><b>BLUE ZONE</b></p> <p>Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly</p>	<p><b>GREEN ZONE</b></p> <p>Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn</p>	<p><b>YELLOW ZONE</b></p> <p>Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control</p>	<p><b>RED ZONE</b></p> <p>Mad/Angry Terrified Elated/Ecstatic Devastated Out of Control</p>



## Guided Drawing

Mrs Saunders  
Mrs Anderson

OLC Room 10

# LUNCH CLUBS

*Recess*

**MON**



## Sport & Games

Multipurpose Room

Mr Blake & Mr Shiell

**TUE**

## Dancing

12W Room 5

Ms Woods



**WED**

## Grade 1&2 Choir



Mrs Waldron  
Art Room



Library Mrs Clarke

**THU**

## Grade 3-6 Choir



Mrs Waldron  
Art Room

Mrs Armstrong  
Renzow



**FRI**

OLC Room 9

Ms Pantelimon  
Mrs Carter



## Mindful Colouring



## Gardening

Veggie Patch  
Ms Marshall

## Community Page



**AUSTRALIA'S LEADING CHILDREN'S SOCCER PROGRAM**

Term 1 starting in 09/02/2024  
Geelong East Primary School,  
Armstrong Creek School, Bellarine  
Aquatic centre - Ocean Grove  
**Weekend Classes**



**Australia's leading childhood development sports program**

<b>MINIS</b> For boys and girls aged 2.5 - 3 years	<b>PRESCHOOL</b> For boys and girls aged 3 - 5 years	<b>JUNIOR</b> For boys and girls aged 6 - 8 years
<b>PREMIER</b> For boys and girls aged 9 - 11 years	<b>HOLIDAYS</b> Exciting school holiday programs	<b>BIRTHDAYS</b> Soccer themed birthday parties

**REGISTER NOW**  
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### COMMUNITY WORKSHOP- WAURN PONDS LIBRARY

FOR PARENTS/CARERS & GRANDPARENTS OF  
PRIMARY SCHOOL THROUGH TO YR 8 STUDENTS

## Digital Tattoo

BATForce is excited to be partnering with Geelong Regional Libraries and Geelong Connected Communities to deliver a community-based Digital Tattoo workshop, a family approach to supporting Young People online.

As school returns this is a great opportunity to come together with your friends and discuss how you can best support your children as they explore their online worlds. Technology has changed our lives in so many ways in that time, yet one thing remains constant, parents and carers are still Young Peoples primary educators and their actions matter.

Leigh Bartlett has 30+ years' experience in education and has been delivering Digital Tattoo for over 15 years.


This session aims to explore how families/communities can create safe and supportive environments for their Young People to explore technology, build healthy relationships and increase protective factors as they grow.

- Boundary setting
- Navigating social media
- Strategies for introducing new platforms
- Health relationships
- Online representation
- Consent & ethics
- Managing mistakes
- Teaching consent
- APPs gaming & gambling
- Managing friendship groups online

**When: Tuesday, 20th February**  
**Time: 6.30 - 8pm**  
Cost: Free  
Limited places!

**Book via the link below or at the Waurn Ponds Library**

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
BOOK ONLINE OR SCAN THE QR CODE -  
[WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/COVYI](http://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/COVYI)



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**Geelong Connected Communities**  
**GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARIES**

**COME AND TRY**

**ARMSTRONG UNITED FC**

**SUNDAY 11TH FEB 11AM- 1PM**

**WELCOMING MINIROOS AND JUNIORS**

**SOVEREIGN DRIVE, MOUNT DUNEED**

**FREE BBQ**

**CONTACT.ARMSTRONGUNITEDFC@GMAIL.COM**

**GROVEDALE TIGERS FEMALE FOOTBALL**

**COME AND TRY SESSION**

**UNDER 19'S AND SENIOR WOMEN: TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 6-7PM @ GROVEDALE COLLEGE OVAL**

**UNDER 10, 12, 14, AND 16'S GIRLS: WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 5-6PM @ GROVEDALE COLLEGE OVAL**

**REGISTER NOW**

