



Grovedale News

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Term 1 Week 6—6th March 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,

Easter Raffle Donations

Just a reminder to send in any donations you have for our annual Easter Raffle – a much loved tradition here at GPS! Donations are due by the 25th of March, when parents will come in and package them up into prizes of varying size. We are seeking any kind of Easter prizes, including but not limited to things like chocolates, stickers, toys, books and the like.

If you have sold your raffle tickets already, please don't hesitate to come and get another book. The more the merrier!

School Council will decide where these funds are allocated to.

Naplan – Year 3 and 5

The National Assessment Program is conducted annually for students in year 3 and 5. It assesses Literacy and Numeracy skills at a point in time. This year the NAPLAN testing window opens on the 13th of March. All students will participate in the assessments unless you, as a parent, complete an official 'Withdrawal Form prior to the commencement of the assessment. These forms are available by contacting Tina or Graham. If you have concerns about your child participating in Naplan please speak with their class teacher, Graham or I. Children who are absent will be given chances to complete assessments when they return to school where possible.

Assembly

We love for families to attend our assembly each fortnight, and have scheduled for each class to present their learning at assembly at least once this year. There are a couple of things that will make it easier for us to ensure on-site safety, and that we start and finish on time that we ask you to be aware of:

1. Only the gate near the administration building is unlocked to enter the school for assembly. This is opened at approximately 2:45pm. No other gates will be unlocked.
2. Classes must be given priority to enter the assembly and be seated so that assembly can begin on time.

We really appreciate your assistance in this.

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COMING EVENTS—also on Sentral Calendar

LUNCH ORDERS—EACH TUES & FRI

Order by 8am Tues and 8am for Friday

March 2024

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
Mon 25th	School Council
Thurs 28th	School Cross Country
Thurs 28th	Easter Raffle Drawn at a special Assembly 2.10pm
Thurs 28th	LAST DAY TERM 4—2.30PM FINISH

APRIL 2024

15th—26th	Foundation Level—Nurse Visit
Mon 15th	Start of Term 2
Fri 19th	Curriculum Day
Wed 24th	Newsletter
Fri 26th	Assembly
Fri 26th	District Cross Country

MAY 2024

6th—17th	Swimming Lessons Program
Wed 8th	Newsletter
Fri 10th	Assembly
Sun 12th	MOTHER'S DAY
13th—17th	Education Week
Fri 17th	Walk to school day
Wed 22nd	Newsletter
Fri 24th	Assembly
Sun 26th	NATIONAL SORRY DAY
27th—31st	Reconciliation Week
Tue 28th	Foundation/Year 1—Dental Program visitation



Student Health

Please ensure that you have provided the office with updated medical plans if your child has any on-going condition (anaphylaxis or asthma for example).

If your child has any new diagnosis, please provide the office with copies of their assessments/reports so that we can appropriately cater for and support every child.

DET Policy on Personal Items

I remind families that DET does not hold insurance, nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors.

Staff also cannot be responsible for items that have low value but are precious, so toys, collectibles and the like must stay at home as children can be distressed when these types of items are lost, broken or taken.

I hope you've enjoyed the warmth, and you have a terrific weekend. Tina

Parking Safety Reminder

While there has been improvement in the speeds we are seeing from local traffic due to the Bailey St/Marshalltown Road intersection, we are still seeing considerable illegal and unsafe parking practices.

Please park only in legal parking bays, to allow the School Crossing Guard to have full visibility of the road in both directions.

Also, please do not park in NIDO's carpark if you are not collecting a child from the centre, this is not public parking and causes issues for families who are trying to pick up toddlers.

Please arrive earlier for collection if you need to be close to the gates, or park further away and walk up to the meeting point you have set up with your child.

As always, our aim is not inconvenience families, but to keep children safe, and your assistance in this is both necessary and deeply appreciated.

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Best Life

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SCHOOL BUILDING
AUTHORITY

PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear school community,

04.03.24

I am thrilled to announce that a new kindergarten will be built at our school.

This new centre will provide additional kindergarten places for the local community, while making drop-off time simpler and more convenient for some families.

We are working closely with the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA), who will oversee construction works. We expect the kinder to be completed and open Term 1, 2026. The kinder will be operated by an external organisation with experience in running kinders. Once appointed, they will manage all enrolment, staffing and program enquiries.

We're mindful of any impact construction might have on our community, and we're working with the VSBA to minimise this. The VSBA will create a dedicated webpage for the project so that you can track its progress and get updates.

This is an exciting time for our school, and I look forward to sharing further updates and the design of the building once they become available.

Thank you for your patience,

Principal

More information

If you have any questions about the works you can contact the VSBA by phone at 1800 896 950, email vsba@education.vic.gov.au or visit their website: <https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au>

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

40km/h

22m



50km/h

28m



60km/h

33m



80km/h

44m



100km/h

56m



vicroads

Safe to school

How to drop off and pick up children safely



keeping victorians connected

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:

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| * 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 mobile 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

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.



SCHOOL BEANIES—

School beanies can be purchased. Forms have been sent via Sentral (check the Resource tab in the App)

and there are hard copies in the office. \$20—can be paid via EFT, Cash or BPay.

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 for NEW STUDENTS (even if you are an existing family) or CHANGED FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES

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 have been taken by Arthur Reed Photos.

To view the images of your child and order photos, you will need to first register online.

Go to <https://order.arphotos.com.au> and enter the 2024 image code for your child (from their personalized flyer)

Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings

Fill in your email and mobile details and then review all details before confirming your registration

That's it! When 2024 photos are ready, you will be notified by email and SMS.

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

To ensure you are ordering school photos for the current year, please wait for notifications that 2024 images are online before placing orders.

In the webshop you can view photos and customize your photo package; Choose ANY layout, ANY image and purchase multiple digital image downloads.

All photo orders will be sent directly to the address you provide when ordering.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW to be notified when 2024 school photos can be viewed and ordered.

**Register online now to be notified
when images are ready to view!**

School Photos - easy as 1 2 3

1 Go to 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*



That's it! You'll receive an email and/or SMS when images are ready to view in our secure webshop
Registration is required each year to link student images for the current year with your contact details.

• View photos online & customise your photo package • Any layout, pose or image • Multi Image Digital Downloads

TO ENSURE YOU ARE ORDERING 2024 PHOTO PACKAGES, please wait to receive notifications to view 2024 images before placing orders

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Telephone: (03) 5243 4390 • Enquiries: customerservice@arphotos.com.au

Students enjoyed being 'on the tools' last week at gardening club



STUDENT AWARDS:

Lexi S	FR	For being a kind member of Prep R and finding ways to help others.
Rosie C	FR	For being a kind member of Prep R and finding ways to help others.
Hannah D	FP	For always showing kindness to her peers when they need help. Well done!
Jordan R	FP	For helping others with their work. Great job!
Ella S	FS	For being a lovely friend to your classmates. You are kind and caring and always help others.
Fletcher W	FS	For being kind to your fellow classmates by giving them compliments.
Aadav G	12A	For showing kindness by always offering a helping hand to others.
Arlo S	12A	For showing kindness by thinking about how he can support others and their learning.
Sam N	12C	For being kind by helping others.
Sofia T	12C	For being kind by helping others.
Poppy A	12T	For checking in on others to see if they are ok.
Atticus J	12T	For always using kind words and manners.
Teijin B	34B	For demonstrating kind and respectful behaviour.
Kai P	34B	For being a kind and helpful friend in class.
Levi M	34D	For showing kindness by considering the feelings of others. Well done!
Oliver J	34D	For being kind and helpful to his classmates. Well done!
Abby D	34F	For always taking turns and being patient. Thank you for your kindness.
Willoughby B	34F	For always using manners when collecting work from the teacher.
Kaydence D	34R	For always being kind to others. Well done, you are a star!
Flynn W	34R	For being a kind and helpful member of our class.
Ebony K	56B	For showing kindness by helping others in class at all times.
Addie W	56B	For making sure that people are always included in activities during class time.
Imogen S	56M	For the kindness and assistance shown towards students while coordinating classes for school photo day. You did an amazing job.
Lani R	56M	For the kindness shown towards members of the public during our school excursion and offering to give up her seat on the train for an elderly passenger.
Behram J	56N	For joining Grovedale Primary School with such a friendly and kind attitude. Welcome to 56N, Berham!
Pranish R	56W	For being a caring friend and including others in games.
Isaac S	56W	For being a thoughtful and caring friend.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS:

Clemence J	56	For consistently showing the value of kindness by including others and always being willing to help her classmates.
Ariel Y	34	For always being kind. Ariel consistently uses kind words and her manners, and is a wonderful classmate who helps others when required. You are a superstar!
Monique B	12	For supporting her classmates and celebrating the kindness of others.
Ellie S	Prep	For being a kind member of Prep R and finding ways to help her peers.



Foundation Level Responsible Pet Ownership



Responsible Pet Ownership

Last Friday the Preps had a special visit from Rebecca and Wilfred, the chocolate Labrador. Students did lots of listening, singing and dancing and learnt how to safely say hello to a dog. Some of the students got to meet Wilfred up close and give him a special pat.

It was lots of fun and the students did a great job following instructions.



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
Infinity at Sydney Tower
25% off. Up to \$50

2 for 1
Musica Viva - Sydney
One A reserve admission

Special Rate
Travelodge Hotels
Special rate

What are you waiting for?
Buy your Membership and we receive 20% for our fundraising

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1/2 Practical & Social Learning

This term in PSL selected Year 1 & 2 students enjoyed cooking, making new friends and learning new skills. This week we created sleeping teddies



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!!



JOIN VillageOSHC FOR A NEW YEAR OF SUPER FUN OSHC!
2024 BOOKINGS OPEN AT 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 and click Book Now. You will be directed to our booking platform, villageoshc.lockedafter.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!

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.

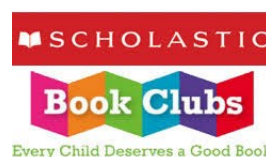
PLEASE ENSURE THE HAT IS NAMED SO WE CAN RETURN IT WHEN IT IS LOST IN THE YARD.

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 orders have been received by the school however our Librarian has been ill this week and will do her best to get them to families on Wed 28th 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.

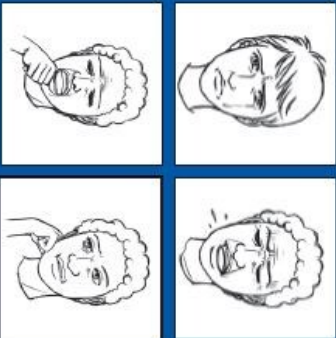
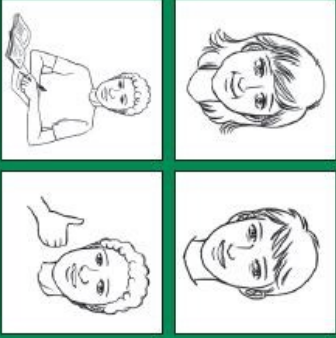
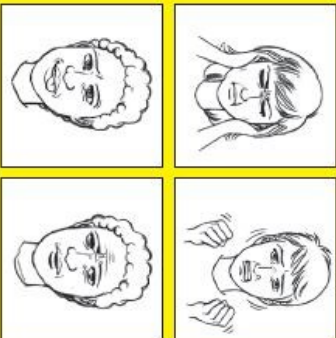
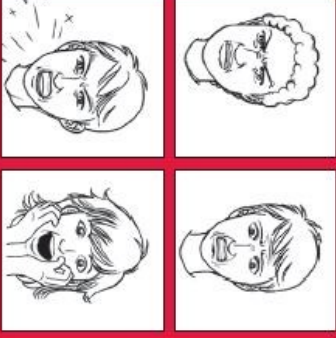


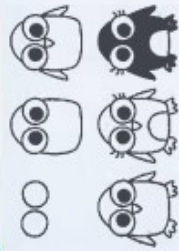
By law parents/carers are required to provide the school an explanation for their child's absence.

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

Lunch