



# Grovedale News

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**Term 3 Week 8 — 4th Sept 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,

### Father's Day

We hope – despite the extreme weather conditions – that all of the Dad's and the amazing male role models who help our children to become such terrific people, had a very special day on Sunday and that you enjoyed all of the goodies from the Father's Day Stall! I would like to thank all of the volunteers who organised and staffed the stall to ensure children could have this chance to celebrate Dad by independently selecting something special to bring home. We couldn't do these great activities without our active parent/carer helpers!



### 2025 Enrolments

We have headed into our 2025 planning and request that if you have an intention to enroll or leave the school, you let us know as soon as possible. This information makes an enormous difference when we are making staffing decisions.

Please let any friends or family that you think may be hoping to enroll with us, to give the office a call.

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## COMING EVENTS—also on Sentral Calendar

### LUNCH ORDERS—EACH TUES & FRI

Order by 8am Tues and 8am for Friday

#### SEPTEMBER 2024

Fri 6th	3-6 Assembly
Wed 11	Years 5/6 families—Parent Webinar DIGITAL TATTOO
Thurs 12th	RU OK Day
Fri 13th	Prep, Year 1—BBQ and Year 2 BBQ & Sleepover
Fri 13th	P—2 Assembly
Fri 20th	Footy Colours Day—Wear your favourite footy colours
Fri 20th	Last day of Term 3—2.30pm Finish

#### OCTOBER 2024

Mon 7th	Term 4—Commences
Mon 7th	Curriculum Day
Wed 9—10	Year 3/4 Camp
Fri 11	P—2 Assembly
Fri 18th	3—6 Assembly
Mon 21st	School Council Meeting
Wed 23	Geelong Cup Holiday—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Fri 25th	P—2 Assembly
Thurs 31	Evacuation Drill—Offsite Evacuation

#### NOVEMBER 2024

Fri 1	3—6 Assembly
Fri 8	P—2 Assembly
Mon 11	Years 3/4 Bike Ed commences
Fri 15th	3—6 Assembly
Fri 22	P—2 Assembly
Fri 29	3—6 Assembly

#### DECEMBER 2024

Mon 2	Year 4 only—Bik Bike Ride
Mon 2	School Council Meeting 5.30—7pm
Fri 6	P—2 Assembly
Friday 6th	TWILIGHT FAIR
Tues 10th	STATEWIDE Orientation/Transition Day
Fri 13th	3—6 Assembly
Mon 16	Year 6 Graduation—More details to come -5pm on-
Wed 18	Years 5/6—Adventure Park
Fri 20th	Last Day of Term 4—1.30pm finish

## School Council

Last week we had a School Council meeting where we discussed a range of topics including 2025 planning, early discussions about the location and design of the kinder, the Parent/Carers Opinion Survey data, the School Uniform Code, school finances, buildings and grounds reports and a general conversation about school communication.

Our school has an Enrolment Management Plan for 2025 which means that due to our growth in recent years, we cannot accept students outside our zone who are not siblings. There is an appeals process families can use if they are wishing to enrol and believe that there is grounds for an appeal based on the Department of Education Enrolment Policy. <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/enrolment/policy>

Discussions around communications included developing a deeper understanding of what systems and processes are working well and where we could make some adjustments to continually improve our communications with families. This ties in well with our earlier sharing of the Parent/Carer's Survey data in which we recognised that parents would like more information on how to help your child at home, and how your child is going at school.

The School Uniform Code was discussed and Council was satisfied with the current policy, however we did discuss the transition period and ensuring that families have time to replace non-uniform items such as leggings, as the season changes.

Please also remember that we are available to talk to directly if you have questions or concerns. I am on duty out the front on most days, you can catch me there, you can come into the office and ask to see me, you can book an appointment through the office (Alison and Kathee have access to my calendar) and you can send an email to [Grovedale.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Grovedale.ps@education.vic.gov.au) with the heading 'Attention Tina' and it will be forwarded to me.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Parents and Caregivers,

*The purpose of this communication is to address the recent discussions regarding our school uniform policy, specifically the topic of leggings. I want to assure you that the School Council has carefully considered this matter and has made a conscious decision to uphold the existing policy, which does not - and did not - include leggings as part of the approved uniform.*

*While we acknowledge that some students may prefer leggings due to their comfort and versatility, there are many alternative options available, including tracksuit pants and other comfortable bottoms that adhere to the uniform policy. We have provided resources in our newsletter to assist you in finding suitable replacements and if you encounter financial difficulties in purchasing new uniform items, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school for assistance.*

*The enforcement of the policy is based on several factors, including:*

○ **Durability:** Leggings are often worn frequently and tend to wear out quickly, becoming thin, discolored, or developing holes. This can create a less polished and untidy appearance for our students.

○ **Fit:** As children grow, leggings can become too small, leading to discomfort and a less than ideal fit.

**Enforcement Challenges:** Asking school staff to enforce a policy that requires subjective judgments about the appropriateness of leggings is not a reasonable expectation.

*We understand that some parents have mentioned sensory issues as a reason why their child needs to wear leggings, and while we acknowledge individual preferences, it's important to distinguish between preference and medical conditions. If your child has a diagnosed condition that necessitates specific clothing accommodations, we strongly encourage you to speak to the school to discuss appropriate solutions.*

*We appreciate the feedback and concerns raised by our community, and we want to emphasise our commitment to working together to ensure a positive and productive learning environment for all students that promotes our school values and behaviours.*

Ben, on behalf of the School Council



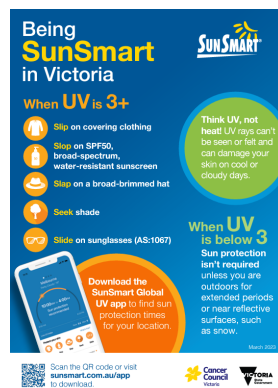
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When UV is 3+

- Slip on covering clothing
- Slip on SPF50, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen
- Slip on a broad-brimmed hat
- Seek shade
- Slip on sunglasses (AS:1067)

When UV is below 3

Sun protection isn't required unless you are outdoors for extended periods or near reflective surfaces, such as snow.

Download the SunSmart Global UV app to find sure protection times for your location.

Scan the QR code or visit [sunsmart.com.au/app](http://sunsmart.com.au/app) to download.

Cancer Council Victoria

Friday 20th September,  
Term 3 finishes  
at 2.30pm

Monday 7th October Term  
4 commences BUT it is a  
**CURRICULUM DAY**—no  
students at school

## HATS

We are a SunSmart school. Wide brimmed hats need to be worn from September to the end of April 2025.

**This will be enforced as of Monday 9th September.**

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 logo'd hats or try Kmart or Best n Less for a Navy Blue wide brimmed hat.

**PLEASE ENSURE THE HAT IS NAMED SO WE CAN**

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



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The Year 3/4 students have been learning how to tell the time on analogue and digital clocks.

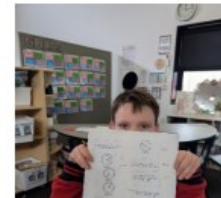
During the activate phase, students worked out elapsed time.



Students were given clocks where the hour hand was missing. They had to read the clues and match them to the correct time.



Here are some of their results.



**Friday 20th September**

# Footy Colours Day



Footy Colours Day will be held on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of September (Last day Of Term). Students are encouraged to wear the colours of their favourite sports team. Students will join in a range of football related activities between the start of the day and recess.

Phyllis, our friendly School Crossing Supervisor in Bailey Street, would like to present the following students with an Achievement Award for using their manners when crossing the road:

\*\* Zoe R ( Prep S)

\*\* Isla J ( Prep S)

\*\* Skye H (56W)

\*\* Maisie S ( 12W)

\*\* Henry S ( Prep S)

\*\* Yethuli S (Prep S)

\*\* Teghbir S ( 34R)

# School Saving Bonus

## Information for government school parents and carers

### About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus. This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

**The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.**

### Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

### Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by **Friday 18 October 2024**:

**Complete enrolment** : If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

**Check your contact information** : Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

### Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus. The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it **via an online system**.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until [30 June 2025](#). It will then transfer to your child's school account for [future activities](#).

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

### Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

### More information

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit [vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus](https://vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus). Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.

## 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

### 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.

### 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.

## 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 docket in regularly—there is a box in the office to place them into. We must have all docket for the month in by the 15th of the following month.

**Example:** Please send all of your August docket in by the 14th of August. 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:**

Faarres R	FR	For being a safe and kind member of Prep R by keeping his hands and feet to himself and respecting others personal space.
Yara D	FR	For being a safe and kind member of Prep R by keeping her hands and feet to herself. Well done on a smooth transition back to school after your holiday Yara!
Hudson B	FP	For showing safety in the classroom by respecting school equipment.
Aiden S	FP	For following our school value of being safe, by respecting others personal space
Harlan S	FS	For following our school value of being safe, by keeping your hands and feet to yourself.
Max P	FS	For showing kindness in class, by sharing resources and equipment with your classmates.
Stevie M	12A	For showing safety in class, by sharing resources and equipment with your classmates.
Jack G	12A	For always being willing to help those who are in need and always offering a helping hand.
Urwah A	12A	For following our school value of being safe, by respecting others personal space .
Lyla O	12C	For taking your time to walk safely around the room.
Sam N	12C	For keeping your hands and feet to yourself.
Poppy A	12T	For respecting the personal space of others.
August B	12T	For showing safety in class, by sharing resources and equipment with your classmates.
Zoe G	12W	for always making safe choices in the classroom.
Andie K	12W	For making sure everyone is treated fairly in the classroom
Isabelle O	34B	For always making safe choices in the classroom and school yard.
Kai P	34B	For always using equipment and resources in a safe manner.
River R	34D	For always being aware of the best ways to be safe in the classroom and school yard.
Ronin S-L	34D	For sharing resources and working with others safely in class.
Dilarah T	34F	For always walking inside the classroom
Katie S	34F	For using initiative to put resources away to make the classroom safe.
Zachary F	34R	For being safe by following teacher's instructions.
Ariah H-P	34R	For always making safe choices in the classroom and in the school yard.
Ashton S	56B	For your continued improvements to be safe in the classroom.
Addie W	56B	For always setting a good example of safe behaviour in the classroom and in the yard.
Elsa S	56N	For your effort to be a safe, inclusive and respectful member of our class.
Cooper C	56N	For striving to make safe choices in the classroom and school yard.
Ahmed A	56U	For always being a safe and responsible member of our classroom.
Liam H	56U	For always being a safe and responsible role model to his peers.
Jill R	56W	For using school resources safely and being responsible for their storage.
Arianna V	56W	For making safe and responsible choices in class and in the playground.



## **PRINCIPAL AWARDS:**

Hayden C	56	For consistently being a safe, inclusive and respectful student in all aspects of school.
Pippa M	34	For consistently modelling safe, inclusive and respectful behaviour at school.
Madi S	12	For always demonstrating the values of safety, through your words and actions towards others.
Eilidh M	Prep	For showing kindness towards all your classmates, always sharing resources and helping others.

Kids + organisation are running

### THE KIDS+ KITE FESTIVAL.

This event is designed to be inclusive and promote a sense of community. Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October in Geelong.

Hopefully your family can come and experience it for yourselves. You can bring along a kite, purchase one of the day from them, or make one. they would love to see the sky filled with colour.



Website: <https://kidsplus.org.au/kites>

Link to Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/share/CL83uxfDGNEwGSY3/>



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Website: [www.glac.com.au](http://www.glac.com.au)

**21 SEPT 2024**  
Anglesea Main Beach

## MELI Kids Run

2.5KM on the beach and paths  
Kids 3 - 12 years  
\$10 Entry includes finisher ribbon, race plate, & fruit at the finish.

at the Surf Coast Century 100KM

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WELCOME ALL NEW PLAYERS

## COME AND TRY

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024  
11:00am - 1:00pm

The Marshall Cricket Club welcomes all new players and their families to our Junior Season Launch Day.

We have teams in the U11's, U13's, U15's and U17's competition.

Woolworths Cricket Blasters runs on Saturday mornings from 26th October.

CONTACT: BRAD 0438 300 099 (Junior Coordinator)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [WWW.MARSHALLCRICKETCLUB.COM.AU](http://WWW.MARSHALLCRICKETCLUB.COM.AU)

COME & TRY

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The Kidz Kitchen

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY COOKING CLASSES

**Week 1**

Tuesday 24th Sept	Sausage Rolls & Apple Crumble (Age 6+) 10am - 12 noon	Cupcake Bouquets (Age 10+) 1pm - 3pm
Wednesday 25th Sept	Pies - Footy Fever Treats (Age 10+) 10am - 12 noon	Jam Donut Focaccia (Age 8+) 1pm - 3pm
Thursday 26th Sept	Pizza & Choc Chip Cookie (Age 6+) 10am - 12 noon	Cake Decorating (Age 10+) 1pm - 3:30pm

**Week 2**

Tuesday 1st October	Pizza & Chocolate Bliss Balls (Age 6+) 10am - 12 noon	Sushi & Sprinkle Cookies (Age 10+) 1pm - 3pm
Wednesday 2nd October	Tortellini - Pasta Class (Age 10+) 10am - 12 noon	Whoopie Pies (Age 8+) 1pm - 3:30pm
Thursday 3rd October	Pizza & Choc Chip Cookie (Age 6+) 10am - 12 noon	Spring Cupcakes (Age 10+) 1pm - 3pm

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## LOST PROPERTY—ALL ITEMS AT THE FRONT OFFICE

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

