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Term 4 Week 2 —16th October 2024

Email: grovedale.ps@education.vic.gov.au

'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,

Class Placements for 2025: We Value Your Input!

As we begin planning class placements for the 2025 school year, we want to give you the opportunity to share any specific requests or considerations regarding your child's placement. Your insights are important, and we value your input as part of this process.

At the same time, we ask for your understanding of the complexities involved in balancing class sizes, teacher assignments, student needs and the resources available to us. While we strive to accommodate as many requests as possible, it's often challenging to meet every preference. Our goal is to create balanced, supportive classrooms that provide the best environment for all our students.

Please only submit a request if you believe it is critical and not something we would already be aware of. The more requests we have the less likely we are to be able to accommodate them. We consider your child's academic, social and emotional needs as part of the process and we strive to ensure each child is placed with at least one friend they have chosen. It is also an important life skill for children to become accustomed to different teachers and make new friends, as this is part of building resilience and learning to trust our own ability to develop and thrive in new situations.

If you have a request for your child's placement in 2025, please provide this to me in writing by Friday the 25th of October. Please include the reason for your request. This can be done by providing a note to the office or via email with the header "Attention Tina 2025 Placement request" to Grovedale.ps@education.vic.gov.au. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in this matter.

2025 Enrolments - Just a reminder to let us know if you have an intention to enroll or leave the school for the 2025 year. Early notice allows for the best planning! We appreciate your support in this.

Twilight Fair Preparation—We need your help please.

We have a lot of work to do in preparation for the Twilight Fair and many more hands will be needed for this to be a success! See Page 2 for the areas of assistance. more Principal news

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COMING EVENTS—also on Sentral Calendar

LUNCH ORDERS—EACH TUES & FRI		
Order by 8am Tues and 8am for Friday		
OCTOBER 2024		
Fri 18th	3—6 Assembly	
Mon 21	School Council Meeting	
Tues 22	Scholastic Issue #7 catalogue orders due (online)	
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	
Wed 13	Transition Day No 1 (Year 6's stay onsite)	
Fri 15th	3—6 Assembly	
Wed 20	STUDENT FREE DAY—Report Writing Day for Staff	
Fri 22	P—2 Assembly	
Thurs 28	Transition Day No 2 (Year 6's stay onsite)	
Fri 29	3—6 Assembly	
DECEMBER 2024		
Mon 2	Year 4 only—Bik Bike Ride	
Mon 2	School Council Meeting 5.30—7pm	
Tues 3	TBC—Werribee Zoo for Years 1/2	
Fri 6	P –2 Assembly	
Friday 6	TWILIGHT FAIR	
Tues 10	STATEWIDE Orientation/Transition Day (Yr 6 offsite)	
Wed 11	2nd Transition Day for Year 6's only (check with your secondary school)	
Fri 13	3—6 Assembly	
Mon 16	Year 6 Graduation—More details to come -5pm on-	
Wed 18	Years 5/6—Adventure Park	
Fri 20	Last Day of Term 4—1.30pm finish	

Twilight Fair Preparation

We have a lot of work to do in preparation for the Twilight Fair and many more hands will be needed for this to be a success!

Each Cohort will be running an event/stall:

Prep - Lucky Dip and Coin Toss,

Gr 1/2 Book Stall,

Gr 3/4 Plant Stall,

Gr 5/6 Cake Stall.

Families will be receiving information about this via Sentral and email.

Any contribution is greatly appreciated.

Nyatne baa Gobata

(Thank you and take care – Wadawurrung language)

Tina





WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER

PUBLIC HOLIDAY—GEELONG CUP

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.



LOST PROPERTY—ALL ITEMS AT THE FRONT OFFICE

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















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 <u>Enrolling in School</u>.

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 <u>vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus</u>. 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 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

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 form 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.

DID YOU KNOW TO KEEP YOUR IGA DOCKETS FOR OUR SCHOOL FUNDRAISER???? IGA GROVEDALE EAST—Dockets

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 October dockets in by the 14th of November. 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:		
Noah M	FR	For having a lovely start to his journey at Grovedale Primary by showing his kindness and consideration towards members of Prep R.
Sabya S	FR	For remembering to give kind reminders to his peers and offering support whenever he can.
Omid R	FP	For being a kind and helpful classmate by always offering to help the teacher and friends.
Hailey R	FP	For using kind words and manners to herself and others.
Tucker B	FS	For being a curious and inquisitive learner and always wanting to find out more.
Tyler F	FS	For being a kind and considerate classmate and always working cooperatively with his friends.
Aadav G	12A	For using kind words and working collaboratively with others.
Ava S	12A	For being respectful and working collaboratively with others.
Archie R	12C	For being respectful by using your manners.
Mateo L	12C	For being kind by looking out for your friends.
Jackson F	12T	For using kind words and his manners.
Lily H	12T	For considering the feelings of others and looking after her friends.
Ahmed D	12W	for always working well with others.
Courtney B	12W	for always using kind words and being respectful
Brodie N	34B	For always showing kindness and being respectful in the classroom.
Noah B	34B	For using manners and kind words in the classroom.
Oliver J	34D	For being supportive and encouraging to his partner with Crate Climb on camp.
Tommy S	34D	For being caring and supportive friends a bit nervous about attending camp.
Saraha W	34F	For sharing equipment when designing camp T-Shirts.
Harvey B	34F	For looking out for others on camp.
Willow H	34R	For always being kind and respectful at school.
Flynn W	34R	For the kind and respectful way you treat people.
Nevayah C	56B	For the kind and respectful way you treat people. For looking out for your classmates when they're feeling upset. For making an effort to check in on others in class.
Will C	56B	For making an effort to check in on others in class.
Roman C	56N	For continued effort to be a kind member of our class.
Jasmine H	56N	For your kind and inclusive nature towards your classmates.
Callan W	56U	For being a kind and supportive classmate.
Oliver K-W	56U	For being a kind member of our class.
Mia H	56W	For being a kind and thoughtful friend and classmate.
Charlie T	56W	For being kind and positive to all students, making sure they feel welcome and included.
PRINCIPAL AWARDS:		
Jemma C	56	For being kind and positive to all students, making sure they feel welcome and included.
Cruz B	34	For thinking of others and encouraging your group members to try new things on camp.
Atticus J	12	For considering the feelings of others and always using kind words and manners.
Florence B	Prep	For showing her kindness by willingly helping her peers and teachers, and for being a considerate member of her Prep team

member of her Prep team.

Throughout Term 4 the Preps are participating in Indigenous Languages as part of the curriculum. Learning an Aboriginal Language provides an opportunity for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students to better understand local Aboriginal culture. We will be developing a wider recognition and understanding of their culture, Country/Place and People.

Here are examples of what we learnt this week.

Fletcher is wearing kangaroo (Goim) fur. This was worn by the aboriginal people throughout the summer months.

Tucker and Max are feeling a thick, soft possum (Barnong) fur. People wore possum fur during the winter months to keep them warm. Did you know possum fur is the third warmest animal fur in the world?











Shia is holding clothing made from emu (Kawirr) feathers.

Isla is smelling the oil from a gum leaf, which the Aboriginal people used for medicinal purposes.





We can't wait to learn more about Aboriginal culture, Country/Place and People.



Artists Assemble (ages 5+)

Thursdays 17th, 24th, 31st October 2024 7th November 2024 4.00-5.00pm

Festive Story Time (ages 3+)

Wednesday 11 December 2024 10.30-11.30am

TERM 4 @ WAURN PONDS LIBRARY

Mega Lego Club (ages 5+)

Tuesdays 12th, 19th, 26th November 2024 3rd December 2024 4.00-5.00pm

Junior Book Chat (ages 8+)

Last Monday of month 28th October 2024 25th November 2024 4.00-5.00pm

Speechie Library Talk

Monday 25th November 2024 11.00-12.00pm

Trick or Treat (ages 10+)

Wednesday 30 October 2024 4.00-5.00pm

Game On! (ages 12+)

Tuesdays 15th, 22nd, 29th October 2024 5th November 2024 4.00-5.00pm

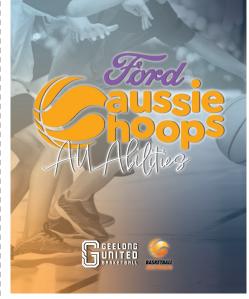
Home-schoolers Tower Build

Tuesday 6th November 2024 10.30-11.30am

All events are FREE unless otherwise specified. Bookings essential.

Online grlc.vic.gov.au

In person at any branch, or phone 03 4201 0500



Geelong United Basketball are proud to provide the Ford Aussie Hoops model for players of **ALL-ABILITIES.**

This term, Geelong United Basketball will be launching an all-abilities version of the popular Ford Aussie Hoops Program. Aussie Hoops is an introductory program aimed a 4—7 year olds that allows players to explore the world of basketball through fun games and activities. The all-abilities will cater to players with physical and intellectual disabilities.

Day: Tuesday Afternoons 4pm—4.45pm

Location: Beyond Bank Stadium

Registration:

https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/d05cdc

Any inquiries: admin@geelongunitedbasketball.com.au





We have a child enrolled at school that has a heart condition.

Please support this event if you can.





Families of Multiples in Nature

Saturday 19 October, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Come along to a facilitated children's activity focusing on nature through song, story, sensory play and activities in the Grovedale Community Orchard followed by morning tea.

GAMBA, Grovedale Community Orchard, 31 Perrett St. Grovedale

Bookings essential via Tidy HQ.

Eco Extravaganza

Saturday 19 October, various times

Join Mr Ants interactive show and Urban Upcycle activities, exploring recycling and upcycling, ensuring a cleaner, safer future for you and your family! Free sausage sizzle included.

10.00am - 12.00pm at OneHope Church, 4-32 Province Blvd, Highton

2.00pm - 4.00pm at OneHope Church, 410 Bellarine Hwy, Moolap

Bookings essential via OneHope Church,

Design your Ultimate Pet

Saturday 19 October, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Design your dream pet with illustrator Bronte Stead. Free drawing workshop with all materials and morning tea.

Bluebird Foundation,

Cnr Carr and Swanston Street, Geelong Bookings essential via Bluebird Foundation.

Kids in the Garden

Saturday 19 October, 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Come and join a family friendly event to make seed clay balls and pots, banksia echidnas, sculptures, face painting, bubbles, and door prizes to give away - as well as planting seedlings and sowing seed.

Warralily Community Garden, 6 Anglet Way, Armstrong Creek

Brazilian Cultural Adventure Day

Saturday 19 October, 10.00am - 2.00pm

Immerse your children in Brazilian culture with traditional dance, music, crafts, storytelling, Capoeira, and a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu workshop.

Brazilian Association of Greater Geelong, 46 Central Blvd, Armstrong Creek Bookings essential via Eventbrite.

Veggie Potters & Planters Workshop

Saturday 19 October, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Join a hands-on educational workshop designed for children to craft pots and plant vegetable seedlings, which they can then take home and nurture.

Norlane Community Centre,

39A Rose Ave, Norlane

Bookings essential via email to admin@ norlanecc.com.au or call 5275 8124.

Childrens Week at Grovedale Toy Library

Saturday 19 October, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Learn about the sustainable sharing economy and caring for the environment. Larissa's Imaginarium Project will get your little people grooving and moving in her high energy show. There will be lots of activities for kids, including sensory play, and Sharna's Facepainting & Glitter.

Grovedale Toy Library, 45 Heyers Rd, Grovedale

Bookings essential via Humanitix

Food, Nature & Dance 4 Generations

Sunday 20 October, 10.00am - 2.00pm

In this free generational event seniors and children will enjoy cooking healthy Filipino dishes, planting seedlings and performing the Planting Rice dance.

Filipino Australian Friendship Association of Geelong, 28 The Boulevard, Norlane

Bookings essential via email to fafageelong81@gmail.com

My Hero - My Child

Sunday 20 October, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Come along to an environmental, theatrical storytelling session as well as music, crafting and face-painting. Play games like "Loteria" a Latin America bingo, promoting the Spanish language and cultural values. Learn harmony, inclusion and their role as superheroes to help Mother Earth and

Geelong Latin American Movement GLAM Incorporated

Armstrong Creek East Community Hub, 46 Central Bvd, Armstrong Creek

Happy Healthy Kids Day

Monday 21 October, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Participate in activities that promote healthy eating, active living and wellbeing and connect with local services and programs.

An Edible Art Activity will be on for children from 11.00am to 12.00pm.

Our Place, Korayn Birralee Family Centre, 146 Purnell Road, Corio

Bookings essential via email to northernbay@ourplace.org.au

To see all activities happening during Children's Week 2024 visit geelong.link/ChildrensWeek

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Let's Get Ready, Steady, Go Kids!

Tuesday 22 October, 10.30am - 11.30am

Friday 25 October, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Join physical activity sessions for children in a safe, non-competitive, fun environment. Hosted by Ready Steady Go Kids and Yoga teacher Katrina Harris.

Portarlington Neighbourhood House, 87 Newcombe St, Portarlington

Bookings via phone at 5259 2290

Kids FunFest

Tuesday 22 October, 9.30am - 12.00pm

Get ready for a morning of fun at Kids FunFest! Join us for an exciting lineup of activities that are all about safety and sustainability. Learn about road and swim safety and engage in upcycling and sustainability sessions.

City of Greater Geelong, St Albans Reserve, Boundary Road, Thomson

Kids Day Out at Portarlington Miniature Railway

Wednesday 23 October, 11.00am - 2.00pm

Enjoy a ride on the Bellarine's only passenger carrying miniature railway (weather permitting).

Portarlington Bayside Miniature Railway, 207 Point Richards Rd, Portarlington

Galaxy Scavenger Hunt and Disco

Thursday 24 October, 11.00am - 1.00pm

The Galaxy Scavenger Hunt invites kids of all ages to explore, discover, and have a blast as they solve clues and complete challenges.

Friend in Me, 1-3 Agra St, Norlane

Bookings essential via Eventbrite

Musical NurtureGroup for families of premature and sick babies

Thursday 24 October, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Join the musical NurtureGroup for families of premature and sick babies with Michelle from Chorus Musical Therapy Services.

Miracle Babies Foundation, Grovedale Child and Family Centre, 45 Heyers Road, Grovedale

Booking essentials, email <u>Danielle.menzies@</u> <u>miraclebabies.org</u> before 10 October.

Nature Inspired Playday

Friday 25 October, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Join hands-on sensory and learning experiences, music, planting activities, a discovery/exploration table, interactive worm farm demo, garden-themed colouring table and crafts as well as a book reading by children's author Tania Maloney.

Northern Bay College Family Learning Centre, Gate 6, 25 Goldsworthy Rd, Corio

Dazzling Dan the Magic Man

Friday 25 October, 10.30am - 12.00pm

Come along to see Dazzling Dan dazzle us with his magic tricks in a performance from 10.30am – 11.15am, then deliver roaming magic from 11.15am – 11.45am.

Vines Road Community Centre, 37-61 Vines Road, Hamlyn Heights

Bookings essential, call 5277 9027 or email info@vrcc.com.au.

Children's Week at Milla Milla Playgroup

Friday 25 October, 11.00am - 1.00pm

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander children are invited to enjoy some deadly cultural activities, story time, a Welcome to Country and a yummy feed at the Milla Milla Playgroup space.

Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative, 62 Morgan Street, North Geelong

Bookings essential. Call Playgroup Facilitator Bri Ampa Hayes on 0427 642 201.

Leopold PS Kind Kids Club Community Kindness

Friday 25 October, 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Students from the Kind Kids Club at Leopold Primary School will be spreading Kindness and providing an activity for children at Gateway Plaza in Leopold.

Gateway Plaza, 621/659 Bellarine Hwy, Leopold

Family Games Fun

Friday 25 October, 5.00pm - 8.00pm

Families are invited to an evening of card and board games, sharing fun, food and friendship. Launching the Games Library.

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, 17-21 High St, Drysdale

Stay and Play - Under the Sea

Saturday 26 October, 9.30am - 11.00am

Join a morning of under the sea themed music and fun with Larissas Imaginarium.

Geelong West Toy Library, Virginia Todd Hall, 9 Clarence Street, Geelong West

Bookings essential via Eventbrite

Healthy kids day out at Geelong Botanical Gardens

Saturday 26 October, 10.00am - 1.00pm

Engage your kids in fun and educational activities promoting the importance of environment and nutritious food at the Geelong Botanic Gardens.

Islamic Society of Geelong, Geelong Botanic Gardens, 1/45 Garden St, East Geelong

Bookings essential via Eventbrite

Seedling planting & decorating

Saturday 26 October, 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Join a fun and sustainable activity planting and decorating seedlings!

Geelong West Neighbourhood House, 89 Autumn Street, Geelong West

Bookings essential via Humanitix

Wildflower Kids Pop Up Bush Playgroup

Sunday 27 October, 9.00am - 12.00pm

Join the Wildflower Kids - a Bush Playgroup focused on connecting children and their families with nature.

Wildflower Kids, Kingston Reserve, 17 Shell Road, Ocean Grove

Family Games & Pizza Party

Sunday 27 October, 11.00am - 2.00pm

Come on down to the Belmont Toy Library for a free afternoon of fun family games, pizza and great company. Open to everyone.

Belmont Toy Library, 33 Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont





