



Grovedale News

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Term 3 Week 10 — 18th 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.

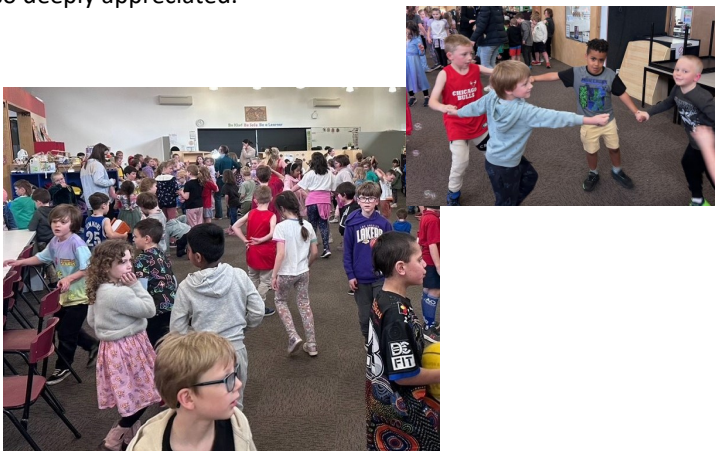
Grovedale Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally 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,

Term 3 Celebration!

What a terrific term it has been! We have had many fun events this term, including NAIDOC Week, Winter Lightning Premiership, the Preps 100 Days Celebration, our talk from Kelly Cartwright (medal winning paralympian and GPS parent!), Come to School visits with our 2025 preps, Debating, District Athletics, Science Week, Student Led Conferences, an RACV incursion, Book Week, the Book Week Parade, Preparation for Puberty, Digital Tattoo sessions, Grovedale Friends and Community Club meetings, School Council meetings, Wear it Purple Day, the Father's Day Stall, Martial Arts, Yoga, R U OK Day, the P-2 BBQ and Sleepover and finishing with our Sports Colours Day on Friday. We also received some outstanding Naplan results, and students have been celebrating their excellent learning at the office and in assemblies. Students and our wider community have enjoyed a raft of experiences, showed our spirit and had a wonderful time learning as well.

Our P-2 BBQ and Sleepover was a brilliant event and the children had an absolute blast! This event supports children to begin to stretch their wings, heading towards a camping program in the older years. Thank you to the staff and parents who made this possible. You are all so deeply appreciated.



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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 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 21	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
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—Werrabee 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

Kinder On Site

As you are aware a Kinder is being built on our site in preparation for a 2026 opening date. The location is on Marshalltown Road between the basketball court fence and the boundary fence. I am currently sitting on the Design Reference Group contributing GPS perspectives in relation to the development of the site.

As I have had a number of enquiries about enrolment I have made inquiries on your behalf and been informed that an approved provider will be appointed and announced in late 2025. All enrollment and program enquiries will be managed by the provider. I will share this information with you as soon as it becomes available.

Twilight Fair Preparation and Requests

We have a lot of work to do in preparation for the Twilight Fair. We are seeking donations for the Silent Auction has a significant impact on our fundraising efforts. If you can donate an item, or put us in touch with a business that can donate, please contact the office.

Funds raised will continue to be used to upgrade playground equipment. The previous Fair provided a number of new pieces of equipment in the Junior Playground that are enjoyed by our little ones daily.

2025 Enrolments

Enrolments at Grovedale Primary School for 2025 are limited. We have headed into our 2025 planning and request that if you have an intention to enroll or leave the school, let us know as soon as possible. This may allow another family entry into the school. Please let any friends or family that you think may be hoping to enroll with us, to give the office a call.

Holidays

As you head into the holidays, I wish you and your family a wonderful two weeks together. Thank you for a term filled with connection and community.

Warmest wishes,

Tina

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.

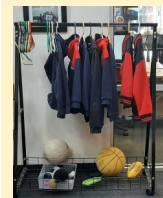
PLEASE ENSURE THE HAT IS NAMED SO WE CAN

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.



VillageOSHC HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Spring into nature with VillageOSHC!

Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy!

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

Book up to 24 hours in advance to get the best price!

Activities include: Nature Activities, Crafty Incursions!, Outdoor Excursions!

Being SunSmart in Victoria

When UV is 3+

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

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

When UV is below 3

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

Scan the QR code or visit 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

The Grade 5/6 students have been enjoying their last week of Term 3 by completing some never poetry using alliteration to write for entertainment.

I would never eat crispy crab claws covered in crushed cranberry caviar.
I would never wear crusty crocodile crocs.
I would never buy chameleon coke.
I would never cry about chaotic classrooms.
I would never go to Canada to closely inspect kookaburras.
I would always like to think about freshly cooked cinnamon cookies.
And I promise I will never create a clown karaoke chant.
By Immy Strachan

I would never suck on a slimy succulent snake skin.
I would never wear a scratch school skater smile.
I would never go skydiving on a sunny spring day.
I would never travel to Slovenia to stay at St Stewarts.
I would always like to think about swimming summarisers.
And I promise I would never let saucy Samantha stick Sikira up a slide.
By Jasmine Harper

I would never eat turtles toenails dipped in tomato sauce.
I would never wear tall tony's terrifying t-shirt.
I would never buy tiny things from Tara.
I would never go to see a tombstone even if they're terrific.
I would always like to think about tiny turtles tumbling through the sand.
And I promise I will never tighten tall timmy's top, even for trillions.
By Luna Govan.

I would never eat pre-picked pink plums.
I would never wear posh pink pants with purple plum patterns.
I would never buy a purple primate's posh pink pre-poked puck patterned pom pom.
I would never pick a plow-pulling prehistoric panda.
I would never go to a panda pinata place.
I would always like to think about playing a purple PlayStation.
And I promise I will never put panda pus on a pillow.
By Mav Edwards-McKinnon

I would never eat a hairy hotdog.
I would never wear Hugo's hairy hot shoes.
I would never buy hungry horror horses.
I would never go to Hogwarts just to see Harry.
I would always like to think about hippos with hats on.
And I promise I will never have a horrible holiday in Honolulu.
By Jemma Carr



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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. 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 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 August dockets 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:

Lilly-Jazz M-R	FR	For contributing to our classroom conversations by sharing her ideas and asking clarifying questions when she is unsure of something we are discussing.
Rylen M	FR	For contributing to our classroom conversations by sharing his ideas, thinking and personal stories with our Prep R team.
Aubree M	FP	For focusing on the sounds very carefully when writing. Well done!
Jashan S	FP	For showing determination during Literacy. Great work!
Edward P	FS	For contributing to classroom discussion and asking interesting questions.
Yethuli S	FS	For following our school value of being safe by always using your inside voice.
Hamish K	12A	For actively sharing his ideas and participating in classroom discussion.
Nami C	12A	For using a growth mindset in Sound Write. Great Work!
Xavier G	12C	For contributing more often to class discussions.
Sofia T	12C	For taking on all learning tasks and giving it your best.
River D	12T	For staying focused and trying her best in all areas.
Arlo S	12T	For taking on feedback to improve his writing piece.
Tennyson J-W	12W	For showing determination and giving all learning activities a go.
Emjay J	12W	For showing great creativity in your writing tasks.
Mia V	34B	For showing a positive attitude to all learning tasks. Well done on a great start Mia!
Lee P	34B	For asking for help and taking on feedback when unsure. Well done Lee!
Clarke C	34D	For being eager to find answers and challenging himself during Maths, well done!
Cailen M	34D	For always trying his best on all learning tasks, eager to improve daily. Awesome job!
Alfie D	34F	For working hard on your information report about Victoria by including interesting facts about sporting locations.
Kade W	34F	For trying hard to come to the floor to start lessons and complete reflections.
Pippa M	34R	For taking on feedback to improve the quality of your work. Well done!
Ashton K-W	34R	For an excellent attitude towards your learning. Keep it up!
Olly W	56B	For showing curiosity for your learning by asking questions and sharing your prior knowledge.
Cedrick R	56B	For showing initiative in your learning, by asking more questions and taking tasks home to complete.
Bailey H	56N	For your increased participation and effort in learning tasks. Keep it up!
Liam A	56N	For your eagerness to find out, explore and learn.
Sehaj K	56U	For consistently focusing on learning tasks and trying your best in all areas of your learning. Well done!
Ileana M	56U	For being eager to ask and answer questions about your learning and always putting in your best efforts. Amazing!
Mav E-M	56W	For asking questions and sharing ideas that spark class discussions.
Mitchell T	56W	For being eager to find answers, explore and learn new things in the areas of science and technology.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS:

Lani F	56	For consistently putting in your best efforts during all learning tasks.
Tommy S	34	For consistently putting his best effort into all learning tasks, always striving to improve and learn from his mistakes.
Hannah W	12	For demonstrating a passion for learning and always having a positive attitude.
Oliver R	Prep	For trying his best in learning by using a growth mindset and not giving up.