



# The Grovelander

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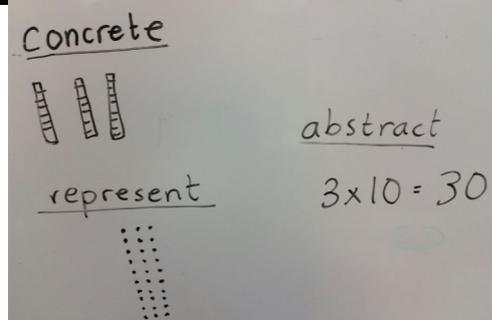
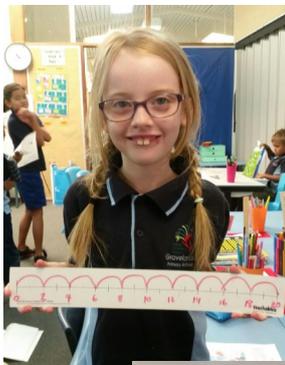
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**Miss Mackenzie's Year Two** Mathematics students have been employing a range of strategies to learn skip counting. We use concrete items such as counters, toys and blocks.

Our learning intention is to master skip counting by 2, 5 and 10. Number lines are used to represent the skip counting. We count with partners and some of us have been trying to skip count backwards.

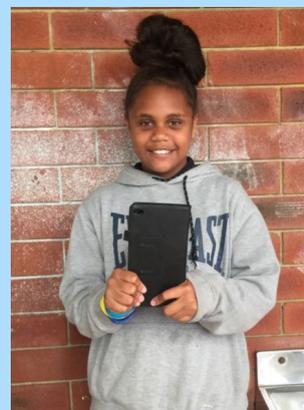
Number charts are regularly used with whiteboard markers so that students are familiar with the abstract concept and patterns involved.



INDIGENOUS  
READING PROJECT

The Indigenous Reading Project works to improve the reading ability of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

During this program, a student is loaned a tablet and access to read books online. If the student is successful, they are rewarded with a reading subscription and tablet to keep. Naya Wharepapa Riley was accepted into this program last year. She has improved her reading and comprehension skills using this program and is now able to keep the tablet, and enjoy continued access to the e-library. Congratulations, Naya.



### Our Vision

*A safe learning environment where students are empowered: with the skills to question; the desire to improve; the will to persevere and develop resilience; to inspire each other to be the best they can be.*

**ENGAGE**

**EXPERIENCE**

**EMPOWER**



Wow! Week 4, Term 1 is upon us already. It's been a busy start to the term. Staff and students have been working very hard. This term, we have implemented PAT testing. PAT Testing will provide us with accurate and timely data that we can use to ensure we are targeting our student's academic needs more accurately. The information we glean from these tests will inform whole class, group and individual education plans. Students in Years 1 - 6 will be tested twice in 2019 (Terms 1 and 4), and every Term 4 from 2020.

It was fantastic to see so many happy families enjoying our annual Welcome Back Picnic last Wednesday. It was a warm afternoon, but families were able to access plenty of shade from our trees and the shelters provided by the school and community members. It was my pleasure to be able to personally welcome so many of our families to the 2019 school year. A huge thank you to The Minderoo Foundation for donating the delicious fruit that we shared with families.

This year, Grovelands Primary School is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Planning is underway for a celebration during the school year. Watch this space for more information as this evolves. It is really important that we all acknowledge and celebrate the 40 years of this schooling we have provided to the Camillo community.

Next Wednesday evening, (March 6) we have an important event that I ask all father and father figures to support. Please look for the advert in this newsletter for more details.. We need your help to get the Fathering Project up and running in our school community. You will have the opportunity to be part of our first ever overnight camp for fathers, father figures and their children in the School. Please come and join us between 6.00pm and 7.30pm. Free pizza and soft drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Mrs Brown at the front desk.

Finally, I would like wish all students, families and community members a very safe and happy Labour Day Weekend.

Mark Bradshaw, Principal

## Councillor's Report



*"The family picnic was a great success and good fun as we all got to spend time with our families. We were lucky enough to get yummy fruit donated from The Minderoo Foundation. The friendly netball game turned very competitive, but was enjoyed by all involved".*

By Jodie and Liz.



*"Our first assembly was a great time because all of the students got to get up and dance with the kids on stage. It was the Councillor's first assembly and they were all very excited to get up and introduce themselves".*

By Makaylah Young.

**Bindi Bindi Room 1, Year 5/6** has been spending the first few weeks of school completing team challenges. The team challenges consist of pair work, small groups and large group activities. While this added some welcome variety and fun to our busy weeks settling in and establishing routines, the team challenges were a great way for the students to get to know their new teacher and classmates. Each activity has encouraged the students to work together to collaborate, communicate, and provide effective teamwork to reach their desired goal. Overall it has been wonderful to see everyone in Room 1 using their 'YCDI!' skills to be successful at achieving the team challenges.

We look forward to a fantastic year!



## School Photo Day Information

Our School Photos will be taken on:



**MONDAY, 11 MARCH** for Years P– 6 and Kindy Group 1 including Family Photo's at 8.30am.

**Friday, 15 March** for Kindy Group 2.

Orders are placed online, using the Shootkey instructions on the information sheet your child brought home last week.

Family photo forms are available from the front office. Family photo's cannot be ordered online.

Every student will have their photo taken, regardless of whether they are purchasing photos or not.

Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform.

The expiry date for online ordering is 21.03.2019.

Icy Poles available every lunch time from the Undercover Area.

50c Half   \$1.00 Whole



**the fathering project**

**Pizza and soft drink will be provided for all Fathers and Father Figures who attend our Welcome Back Evening on Wednesday, March 6 at 6.00pm.**

We will look back at what we achieved in 2018, begin the process of planning an overnight camp, and discuss how we can engage you more in 2019.

Please RSVP to Mrs Brown at the front desk. 9390 8411.



## NAPLAN Update

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

In 2019, children in Years 3 and 5 at Grovelands will sit the NAPLAN online tests. Year 3 students will complete a paper based test for the writing component of the assessment.

To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25 February	26  Board Meeting 3.15pm	27  Uniform Shop Open 8.30am - 9.00am	28 February	1 March  <b>Room 7 Assembly</b>
4  <b>LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	5	6  Kindy Group 1 Parent Meeting 2.30pm <b>The Fathering Project Pizza night 6.00pm</b>	7  New Uniform Shop Day Every Thursday 8.30.am - 9.00am	8
11  <b>PHOTO DAY Family, Kindy Group 1 and Year P - 6</b>	12	13  Kindy Group 2 Parent Meeting 2.30pm	14  Uniform Shop Open 8.30am - 9.00am  Girls Multi Sport Carnival Yrs 4 - 6	15  <b>Room 12 Assembly</b>  Photo Day for Kindy Group 2

### Uniform Shop - Change of Opening Day

As of 7 March, 2019 (Week 5), the Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday Mornings only 8.30-9.00am.

EFTPos Facilities coming soon.



Come along with your little ones for our Monday Playgroup. 9.00am - 11.00am. Gold coin donation. Everyone is welcome.

We are Playgroup WA registered.

### Honour Certificate Recipients

Room 1	Elijah Tallent	Jake Vann
Room 2	Kiara Collis	Benjamin Soler
Room 3	Taniesha Russell	Mishel Isaot
Room 4	Makaylah Young	Jet Gliddon
Room 7	Khalaey Tuhoro-Tata Pla Kue Ku	Jaylen Bassula
Room 8	Seela Tufuga	Dunamis Isaot
Room 9	Macy Ukuri	Willow Hughes
Room 10	Roseanne Williams	Bliss Shaw
Room 11	Kapila Ravindar	Cailtyn Ross
Room 14	Aaliyah Baynes	Anthony Gaudin
Room 15	Wayne Ninyyette	Lillie Miller
Room 16	K'Pru Plah Moo	Robert Zuccala
Room 19	Logan Gaudin Nicholas Richardson	Genevieve Pollacchi Jackson Craine-White

CONGRATULATIONS



### Tip 21 - Talking about sexuality with boys and girls



As part of The Fathering Project's involvement with your school, I will be including helpful tips and ideas for all fathers and father figures. I hope these tips will help, inspire and encourage all fathers and father figures to be the best that they can be, as all fathers and father figures are critically important in every child's life.

**More involved fathers and father figures = better outcomes for children.**

- Make sure they have the right information, rather than information from the playground.
- Talk about sexuality to your sons and daughters.
- Don't rely on TV, magazines, the music they listen to (& watch) or the movies to teach your sons and daughters sexuality values.

The Fathering Project is not a counselling service; we are seeking to inspire and equip fathers and father figures to engage with their children.

If you would like more information about The Fathering Project, you can contact me: David Walker at [dwalker@parkerville.org.au](mailto:dwalker@parkerville.org.au) or 9391 1900.