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Primary School

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R U OK? Message at Camillo School

A 40 year old brown brick wall at Grovelands Primary School has been given a fresh lick of paint with an important message.

Art vs Depression founder Gavin Grace recently worked with Grovelands Primary students to create the mural as part of the Resilient Friends Club buddy project.

Mr Grace said the object of the project was to transform boring public spaces into uplifting, inspirational and positive areas.

“We aim to work with local government, businesses, organisations and schools to produce art that promotes the buddy system,” he said.

Mr Grace said everyone at Grovelands Primary would now be reminded daily of resilience and to be comfortable with asking the question, ‘Are you okay?’

Principal Mark Bradshaw said the message behind the mural perfectly complemented the school’s *You Can Do It!* program, of which understanding and developing skills around resilience and caring for others were key components.



“We hope it encourages students to think about the wellbeing of themselves and others and hope it breaks down barriers for them in talking about these issues with peers, staff and parents,” he said.

“We have a lot of brown brick at our school so we will pursue all opportunities to enliven our environment for students.”

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.

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It's great to be back at school after two week's medical leave. I would like to thank Mrs Kapuscik for standing in as Principal and Miss Mackenzie who took on the Deputy Principal role.

Week 10 of each term is a time for celebration. I look forward to two events this week where we reward students who strive to get the most from school. On Tuesday we have Lunch with the Principal. This is to acknowledge those students who consistently demonstrate the attitudes underpinning the 5 keys of You Can Do It!. It is one of my favourite aspects of my role as Principal, and I look forward to spending time with these students.

On Thursday, we reward students with outstanding attendance (95% and above) with fun activities such as a water slide. Attendance at school, alongside a You Can Do It! attitude, are integral to success at school. Well done to all those students.

Following a long and exhaustive process, I can now announce that Mr John York has won the position of permanent Deputy Principal at our school. Mr York is a long term member of our school community, having performed a variety of roles, since beginning here as a graduate teacher. I congratulate him on winning this appointment and am sure he will continue to make an important contribution to our school community as a leader.

I wish all members of our school community a safe and enjoyable holiday period. The first day of Term 2 is Monday, April 29. I look forward to seeing everyone then.

Mark Bradshaw
Principal

Egg Drop Experiment

In Design and Technology this term, Bindi Bindi 3 (Year 5/6) worked on their "egg drop experiment". The purpose of this project was to create an apparatus to protect an egg when dropped from a distance. Students used their scientific inquiry to solve this problem, keeping in mind the fragility of the egg, motion and gravitational force used. We had some successes and failures. Students analysed and reflected on the outcome of their egg drop.



REMINDERS:

- Please ensure your child/ren are picked up promptly at the end of the day.
- Please ensure bikes are padlocked to the bike rack
- Absolutely **NO PARENT PARKING** in the car park.

A problem had last fortnight was the number of students paying for the Harmony incursion after the due date indicated on the permission form. As you would understand, the Office is very busy, particularly in the morning. Due dates are set to ensure student participation is communicated to staff and payments to outside services are accurate. Please be mindful of when permission forms and payments are due, so that your child does not miss out on attending an activity. Thank you.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	9 Lunch with the Principal	10	11 PP, Year 3 & 6 Dental Checks today Attendance Reward Day	12 LAST DAY OF TERM 1 ANZAC Ceremony 9.00am
Two Weeks of School Holidays				
29 April Term 2 Begins No Subway today Robotics Class Begins 3.00-4.00pm	30	1 May	2 Footsteps Dance Begins 1.00 - 3.00pm	3 Friday Pie Day \$4

Our Anzac Assembly will be held this Friday, 12 April 9.00am. Everyone is welcome.



Contact Details

Please ensure the school has current information regarding address, phone contact numbers, medical conditions, custody advices, etc.s. It is particularly important that emergency contact numbers are current. If unsure, please visit the office and to check your details.



Reminder - This Friday is your last chance to secure your child's place in the Footsteps Dance Programme - \$22.50 for the term.

The students thoroughly enjoyed this programme last year.



Tip 24 - Teaching Values to Kids



The McCusker Charitable Foundation

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.

- Dads are very powerful in establishing values.
- Be specific about values like trust, honesty, integrity, respect, racism, generosity to those who are poor and kindness to those in need.
- Teach them to accept people who are different, eg kids who are disabled obese or "uncool".
- Develop their conscience about issues like bullying and abuse - don't leave a vacuum.
- Apologise to your kids when you are wrong.
- Actions speak louder than words, so make sure you live the values you teach.

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 or 9391 1900.

Honour Certificate Recipients

Room 2	Jaison Deepesh Kallungal	Khloe Cain
Room 3	Prisca Kalokwera	Jindoosan Aingaramoorthi
Room 4	Tayla Dunn	Danae Sherlock
Room 7	Jenny Knowler	Corey Chapman
Room 8	Dylan Laurence	Katelyn Gorringer
Room 9	Elizabeth Hatch	Haevyn Neho
Room 10	Roseanne Williams	Letti Wootton
Room 12	Alystra Clarke	
Room 14	Julia Marano	Paige Saddington
Pre-Primary	Vera-Jean Van Oirschot-Blum Jaycee-Lee McConnell	Rollick Turvey Emmanualla Cooper

CONGRATULATIONS