



**Grovelands**  
Primary School

# The Grovelander

*Official Newsletter of Grovelands Primary School  
An Independent Public School*

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## Buddy Bench

The junior primary students received a helping hand to work toward their 'Getting Along' key this week when they welcomed a new Buddy Bench to their playground.

Play time can be a difficult time for some children. If children are feeling lonely or don't know who to play with, they can sit on the bench and someone will come and play with them.



## P&C Annual General Meeting

Our P&C AGM will be held in Maarak 7 at 2.00pm Wednesday, 15 February.

All community members are welcome to attend.

The P&C is a valuable support to the school community.

A strong P&C is beneficial to the whole community.

Grovelands P&C





Welcome everyone to the Week 3, Term 1 edition of the Grovelander.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all members of the Grovelands Community, new and returning, for the 2023 school year. I am excited about the year ahead and the rewards it will bring. I must say that it has been fantastic to start the school year without having to negotiate ceiling replacements, builders and COVID protocols. Let's all hope it continues this way.



Unfortunately, I was unwell in Week 1. I would like to acknowledge and thank the Administration Team of Mrs Kapuscik, Mr York, Ms Scott, and Ms Calderwood for their excellent work in making sure everything got off to a good start for students, staff and families in Week 1. I am lucky to be part of such a dedicated, talented, hardworking and effective team.

The hard work for staff began in the 2 days before school started. As well as preparing for lessons and revisiting school operations, staff participated in professional learning on our whole school phonics strategy, Letters and Sounds. We increased our Noongar cultural understanding by engaging in a fun, inspiring and informative workshop with Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse.

Staff also spent time unpacking our school vision and the beliefs that we need to employ to achieve our aspiration to be, "an inspired community of engaged, empowered learners." We are deadly serious about our school vision at Grovelands and are committed to achieving our goals.

*Our Vision*  
*An inspired community of engaged, empowered learners.*  
**ENGAGE** **EXPERIENCE** **EMPOWER**

We have several new staff joining us in 2023. I would like to extend a warm welcome to:

Ms Chelsea Collins (Health & Physical Education). Ms Collins is replacing Mr Hobley while he is on extended leave in Terms 1 to 3. She is an experienced PE Teacher, having previously taught in Katanning and Dalwallinu.

Mrs Davphia Manson. Mrs Manson is a Special Needs Education Assistant working in Bindi Bindi 6.

Ms Narrita Scott. Ms Scott is a Special Needs Education Assistant working in Maarak 5.

Mrs Katrina Papalia. Mrs Papalia is a Special Needs Education Assistant working in Maarak 6 and Djidi Djidi 10.

I would like to welcome the following staff back to the Grovelands Community:

Mrs Gunjan Jha. Mrs Jha is replacing Mrs Delaney while she is on long service leave in the first half of Term 1.

Mrs Usharani Grida. Mrs Grida is returning to Grovelands after extended leave and will be tandem teaching in Djidi Djidi 11 with Mrs Kovacevich.

Grovelands P&C



Don't forget that our P&C AGM is being held at 2.00pm on Wednesday 15 February in Maarak 7. All interested community members are welcome to attend. The P&C is a valuable support to the school community. A strong P&C is beneficial to the whole community. I urge you all to consider involvement in 2023 and beyond.

We have had some enquiries about the Canteen. At this stage, the Canteen is not open. I hope to be able to provide you more details of a limited canteen service after the P&C AGM.



Warm regards  
Mr Mark Bradshaw  
Principal



## Marak 5 Book Launch - Spickle's Adventure

Last year Maarak 5 students worked closely with Tiana Baynes, author and illustrator, to create a collaboratively written story.

The story of Spickle's Adventure was written in a workshop with Tiana and Maarak 5 voting on all the aspects of the story. The students in Maarak 5 then created illustrations of events in the story that have been printed in the book. With these all combined, the book was formed and sent to the printers.

Last week the students were given a copy of the book that they had helped to create. This is a great example how at "we can do it!"



## Authority to Suspend 2023

The Principal of Grovelands Primary School is the only person on staff with the authority to suspend a student from school. In the event that I am not on site and am unable to authorise a suspension, I hereby delegate that authority to the Deputy Principal, Student Services. If that person is also offsite the authority resides with the Deputy Principal, Curriculum and Performance Development. If that person is offsite, the authority resides with those people in acting Deputy Principal roles on a given day.

Mark Bradshaw  
Principal  
Grovelands PS

# DATES TO REMEMBER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	30 <sup>th</sup> January SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY NO STUDENTS	31 <sup>st</sup> SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY NO STUDENTS	1 <sup>st</sup> February STUDENTS RETURN	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
WEEK 2	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
WEEK 3	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>  P&C AGM 2.00pm	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
WEEK 4	20 <sup>th</sup>  Board Meeting 4.00pm	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>  ASSEMBLY KULBARDI 13
WEEK 5	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> March	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
WEEK 6	6 <sup>th</sup>  PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO STUDENTS	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>  Board Training	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>  ASSEMBLY BINDI BINDI 1
WEEK 7	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
			NAPLAN Y3 and Y5		
WEEK 8	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> 	22 <sup>nd</sup> Community Breakfast Welcome to Country	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
			NAPLAN Y3 and Y5		
WEEK 9	27 <sup>th</sup>  NAPLAN	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>  Fear-Less Parenting Program 9am-12pm	31 <sup>st</sup>  ASSEMBLY BINDI BINDI 2
WEEK 10	3 <sup>rd</sup> April  Clean Up Australia	4 <sup>th</sup>  Lunch with the Principal  Clean Up 	5 <sup>th</sup>  At Grovelands	6 <sup>th</sup>  ASSEMBLY DJIDI DJIDI 9	 NO STUDENTS

Kindy Group 1 Attend

Kindy Group 2 Attend

**\*\*Dates subject to change please refer to newsletter for updates.**



**School Closes 3.00pm Monday, Tuesday  
Early School Close Every Wednesday 2.30pm  
School Closes 3.00pm Thursday, Friday**

Please be prompt when collecting your child  
as children can become distressed when you are late.

If you are running late to collect your child; Please call the office at least 15 minutes before the end of the day to allow us time to get to your child before their class is released.