



Grovelands
Primary School

The Grovelander

Official Newsletter of Grovelands Primary School
An Independent Public School

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Nini Djena 17 and 18 — Sakura

This term in Visual Art, Pre-primary students created a painting of a cherry blossom tree, using cotton swabs dipped in paint to form the flowers. The cherry blossom, or Sakura, is Japan's unofficial national flower and has been celebrated for centuries in Japanese culture. Its enchanting pink flowers and elegant beauty has made it wildly popular around the world, and the cherry blossom can be seen on all kinds of fashion items and souvenirs.

The students enjoyed experimenting with a novel tool to create their artwork, and the pieces all turned out beautifully.



These amazing interpretations of Sakura - Cherry Blossoms are currently displayed in the front office.

Our Vision

An inspired community of engaged, empowered learners.

ENGAGE

EXPERIENCE

EMPOWER



Welcome to the Term 1, Week 4 edition of the Grovelander.

We are off to our usual busy start and things are moving along nicely so far this term. Thank you all for your cooperation and support in getting things off to a good start.

We have had a reasonably good run with weather so far this term with minimal super-hot days, but March is likely to be quite challenging. Please ensure your child comes to school with a full water container and is dressed appropriately for the weather. Hoodies and jumpers are not appropriate wear when temperatures are well past 30 degrees.



Kulbardi 13 and our Student Councillors did a fantastic job on Friday in kicking off our whole school Assemblies for 2023. The sounds of the whole school joining in to sing Gina Williams & Guy Ghouse's Wandjoo (welcome) song with Kulbardi 13 will stay with me forever. Well done, Kulbardi 13. Kudos to our Councillors as well. They overcame logistics and organisational issues, to do a good job setting up and running their first assembly, without the guidance of their regular mentor, Mr Brown. Well done, Councillors!



I have noticed that a small group of children are being dropped off or are riding to school quite early and congregating outside the School Gate on Grovelands Drive. This is not a safe practice. I would like to remind families that the main gate opens at 8.10am. This is when students should begin arriving at school. Families who require before school care should contact School Mates or one of the other local Child Care providers. Official supervision and Breakfast Club begin at 8.20 am. All students who arrive between 8.10am and 8.20am should go straight to Dandjoo (Undercover Area) and wait quietly there.

Bike and Scooter theft can happen very quickly. Using a lock is a sensible way to make it harder for thieves. We recommend that all students bikes and scooters are locked to the rack while at school.



The Grovelands Board had its first meeting for 2023 on Monday of Week 4. It was a very productive meeting. Our Board Chair, Mr Daniel Pollacchi, has supplied a summary of the meeting for your information in this newsletter. This will be a regular feature of our Newsletters from this point on. I look forward to working with the Board in 2023 as we continue to refine our practices and engage in planning for the School's next strategic plan, 2024 to 2026.



This coming Wednesday (1/03/23) at 9.15am in Maarak 7, the P&C will be holding its first General Meeting for the year. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.



Warm regards
Mr Mark Bradshaw
Principal

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Please do not share photos or videos of other people's children on social media!



School Board Meeting: Synopsis One

To the Grovelands Community,

I am Daniel Pollacchi, the Board Chair of Grovelands Primary School. In an effort to further promote the Board, it has been decided that after each meeting, there will be a school wide communication regarding what has been discussed during the Board Meeting. This will be called the Board Meeting Synopsis. It will provide details about topics discussed and endorsed. It will give you the information before the minutes are published on the school website (which occurs after noting at following meeting). If you see something in the synopsis and want further information, you can find out more through the school.



The Grovelands School Board met on 20 February 2023 at 4.00pm.

Topics discussed included:

- Noting of the previous minutes (available on the website)
- Acknowledgement of the departing Board members – Michelle Ninnette and Matt Hobley
- Welcoming new Board members – Michelle Ninnette and Helen Scott
- Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct – these are the two documents that govern how the School Board operates and form the basis for agenda items
- Behaviour Policy Endorsement – the Board endorsed the revised Behaviour Policy after discussion and analysis
- Census Update – a breakdown of the number of students enrolled and its impact on the funding that Grovelands receives
- Deputy Chair – it was decided previously to have a Deputy Chair if the Chair is unavailable to attend. It also helps with succession planning when the Board Chair chooses to step down
- Student Dress Code Endorsement – the Board made changes to the Dress Code after discussion and are currently waiting to endorse this document
- Community Representative Suggestion – a suggestion was put forth to approach a community member to join the board
- Promoting the Board – discussion about how the Board could be better promoted in our community
- Meeting Start Times – change to start times to better accommodate Board members
- Meeting Three (Term 2) – discussion about this board meeting
- Date and Time of Meeting Two – this meeting is a Board Training session to upskill Board members in their role
- General Business

I look forward to continuing to provide these synopses over the year to help promote the Board. Finally, the Public Board Meeting is held in Term 4. If you would be interested in attending, then please put forth an expression of interest as early as possible.

Many thanks
Daniel Pollacchi
Board Chair



Kulbardi 13 Assembly — The Welcome Song

Year Three students from Room 13 Kulbardi block, introduced the school to 'The Welcome Song'. The music and lyrics are by Gina Williams, who performed at our school last year with Guy Ghouse.

The song is sung in Noongar language and is called 'Wanjoo' (there are alternative ways of spelling this).

The students used actions from our Australian sign language, AUSLAN to express themselves and demonstrate inclusivity. Their teacher was amazed at how readily the students were able to learn new languages!



Wanjoo - The Welcome Song

Gina Williams & Guy Ghouse

Wanjoo, wanjoo

Welcome, welcome

Kwobidak koorda

Beautiful friends

Wanjoo, wanjoo

Welcome, welcome

Moorditj koorda

Strong (solid) friends

Ngalak djerabiny

We're happy

Noonook djinaniny

To see you

Ngalak warangka

We sing

Wanjoo

Welcome

Djiraly-ak

From the North

Koongal-ak

From the South

Boyal-ak

From the East

Marrawar-ak

From the west

Ngalak djerabiny

We're happy

Noonook djinaniny

To see you

Ngalak warangka

We sing

Wanjoo

Welcome





Honour Certificate Recipients Term 1 Week 4

Room 1	Shane	Claire	Room 2	Tamanna	Farah
Room 3	Michael		Room 5	Livia	Anthony
Room 6	Genevieve Rollick	Oliver	Room 9	Jaxon	Skylah
Room 10	Hudson	Evelyn	Room 13	Caleb	
Room 14	Cataleya-Lily	Charlotte	Room 17	Charli	Staggolee
Room 18	Kaylee	Mikaela			



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS INFORMATION

Each year the school requests Voluntary Contributions from parents. These payments help to cover the cost of some of the consumable items used by students in the various classrooms.

At Grovelands Primary School the amount of Voluntary Contribution requested is \$10.00 per student per term. This amount is approved by the School Board.

Thank you to all the parents who have already made payment of this amount either through their booklist order, or directly to the school. We appreciate your support.

Student contributions can be paid at the front office via cash, EFTPOS or direct bank transfer.

Statements to all families shortly are being sent out this week and provide further information.

If you wish to make arrangements for paying the contribution in instalments, or have any financial difficulties, please feel free to contact the Manager Corporate Services, Helen Scott.

EFT Payments can be made to:
Grovelands Primary School
Bank: Commonwealth
BSB: 066 040
Account No: 19901113
Please use your Child/ren's name and Year in the reference.

Years 3&5 NAPLAN 2023: 15-27 March



NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake. This year NAPLAN will take place in Term One. The assessment schedule will proceed as follows, with catch up assessments scheduled as required within the assessment period. With the exception of Year 3 Writing, all assessments will take place online.

Assessment	Date & Time
Writing – Years 3&5	Wednesday, 15 March, 9:30am
Reading – Years 3&5	Thursday, 16 March, 9:30am
Conventions of Language – Years 3&5	Friday, 17 March, 9:30am
Numeracy – Years 3&5	Monday, 20 March, 9:30am

Catch up assessments will occur after recess on the first four days of the assessment window, and within the first session of the day from 21 March onwards. Due to the need to return Year 3 Writing materials, any catch ups for this assessment must be completed by Monday, 20 March.

Bindi Bindi 2 — Radial Patterns

Bindi Bindi 2 students created these colourful interpretations of Radial Patterns using their name.





A collection of green circular icons representing various environmental and sustainability themes, including recycling, renewable energy, and nature, arranged around a central globe.





Fathers and Father figures of Grovelands PS
Please join us for a "Sunset Lawn Bowls & BBQ" fun activity.

When: Thursday 2nd March

Time: From 5.30pm to 7.00pm.

Where: Armadale District Bowling Club

Address: Millman Way, Gwynne Park

No Cost: Funded by Rotary Club of Armadale and SCL

Please wear flat soled shoes, like runners, etc. or simply go barefoot.



The Fathering Project is supported by:



Please contact the school on 9496 9000

by Wednesday 1st March to let us know you will be attending.

To find out more about The Fathering Project, in your school please contact,
Community Fathering Coordinator - David Walker 0418 524 456

<https://thefatheringproject.org/>

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 2	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
WEEK 3	13 th	14 th	15 th P&C AGM 2.00pm	16 th	17 th
WEEK 4	20 th Board Meeting 4.00pm	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th ASSEMBLY KULBARDI 13
WEEK 5	27 th	28 th	1 st March  Launch 1.00pm  Clean up Week	2 nd  Fathering Project Bowls 5.30pm	3 rd
WEEK 6	6 th  PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO STUDENTS	7 th	8 th Board Training	9 th	10 th ASSEMBLY BINDI BINDI 1
WEEK 7	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th
NAPLAN Y3 and Y5					
WEEK 8	20 th Harmony Week Class Activities	21 st Harmony Week Class Activities	22 nd Welcome to Country Community Breakfast Wear Orange or Traditional Dress Harmony Week Parade	23 rd Cultural Infusion Incursion	24 th Parents Share Culture in Classroom
 HARMONY WEEK 					
NAPLAN Y3 and Y5					
WEEK 9	27 th NAPLAN	28 th	29 th	30 th Fear-Less Parenting Program 9am-12pm	31 st ASSEMBLY BINDI BINDI 2
WEEK 10	3 rd April	4 th Lunch with the Principal	5 th	6 th ASSEMBLY DJIDI DJIDI 9	 NO STUDENTS

Kindy Group 1 Attend

Kindy Group 2 Attend

Early School Close Every Wednesday 2.30pm

Term 2 2023 - Students return **Wednesday, 24 April 2023** – Blue Group

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

Fear-Less Workshop



Some anxiety is normal and can at times be helpful. However, anxiety has the potential to stop us from doing the things we want and should be able to do. Learning to manage anxiety is a vital life skill, but one that children are not formally taught. This seminar aims to provide parents with:

- Key anxiety-management skills that they can teach children
- An understanding of how anxiety works
- Knowledge of how to help their children develop coping skills and face feared situations
- How to manage children's anxious behaviour effectively

Suitable for families with children aged 6 and up

Date: Thursday 30 March

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00pm

Venue: 14 Grovelands Drive, Camillo Western Australia 6111

RSVP: westfieldpark@parkerville.org.au or **9235 7004**

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GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA

JOIN GIRL GUIDES IN ARMADALE!

WHEN: MONDAY 4PM TO 5.15PM

PLACE: GWYNNE PARK GUIDE HALL

WHO: ALL GIRLS AGED 5-7

Come join a Guide Unit to try new things, make friends and build skills through fun! Weekly activities, from art projects to campfires; cooking to first aid! You can even do challenge badges and community service projects.

COME AND TRY!

To book your 2-week trial, contact info@girlguideswa.org.au or 9479 9800 or go to girlguideswa.org.au

