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The Grovelander

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Class Update - Rooms 9 & 10



At every opportunity, weather permitting, we love to take our learning experiences outside.

Recently we have enjoyed firebreak walks for Geography and Maths. Science lessons have included measuring in the sand pit, making patterns with natural materials and experiments. Students have also been introduced to 'bush play' and 'loose parts' play.

These photos showcase some of our outdoor learning and play experiences.

We are looking forward to the upcoming 'Outdoor Classroom Day' on Thursday, 1 November which celebrates the benefits of outdoor learning experiences.

Miss Mackenzie and Mrs Andrews



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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Welcome to the first edition of the Grovelander for Term 4 2018. It was a busy and exhausting wind up to Term 3 with Wakakirri, Swimming Lessons, and Sports Carnivals exacerbating the usual end of term tiredness. The good news is that we all made it intact and now have the opportunity to embrace the challenges of Term 4, reinvigorated and ready to go.

I was pleased to see our usual big turnout for the Athletics Carnival, creating a fun and friendly atmosphere for our students to thrive in. I was proud of the YCDI spirit demonstrated by students on the day. They engaged really well in all events and some exciting skills were on display. I wish to acknowledge the hard work of staff, ably led by Mr Hobley, in making it such a well-run event. I also acknowledge the efforts of our P&C volunteers, who put in a huge effort to keep us all fed and refreshed. It was excellent to have special guests from the Western Force attend for a large part of the day. I know our students enjoyed the extra attention they provided at the podium. Thank you to the Minderoo Foundation for providing us this opportunity.

186 students qualified for the Term 3 Attendance Rewards. Well done to all of those students. Look out for the Term 4 reward, it's a beauty. I would like to see more students involved in this excellent event.

We have lots to look forward to this term. In the next fortnight look out for:

- Wednesday, October 17 – Interschool Athletics Carnival
- Friday, October 19 – Protective Behaviours Workshop for Parents at the Harold King Centre & Graduation photos.
- Monday, October 22 – Crime Stoppers Festival – Year 5&6 and Sam Kerr visit.
- Friday, October 26 – Bandanna Day (Cancer Fundraiser).

A new event on our Calendar this term is Outdoor Classroom Day on Thursday, 1 November.

Teaching teams will be conducting lessons outdoors to foster an appreciation of the natural environment alongside problem solving, teamwork and creativity. Go to www.outdoorclassroomday.com.au to find out more about this whole school event. I cannot wait to see what our staff have planned for students.

Warm regards,
Mark Bradshaw
Principal



26 October - Wear Your Bandanna Day

National Bandanna Day is the major fundraising and awareness campaign for CanTeen Australia.

A limited number of Bandanna's will be on sale next week in the Breakfast Club and the School Office, \$5.00 cash.

Attendance Rewards

This term, the attendance reward will be a giant inflatable water slide! This has both the staff and students excited, so please support your child in getting to school each day. In order to qualify, students need to miss no more than 2 days during the term.



*If you have extenuating circumstances and believe your child should be included, please talk to your classroom teacher.



Monday 29 Oct- Tuesday 30 October
8.15am - 8.45am & 2.30pm - 3.15pm



Protective Behaviours Workshop

City of Armadale in partnership with Grovelands Primary School is hosting this free workshop facilitated by Holly-ann Martin from Safe4Kids.

This workshop is designed to empower educators, parents and community members to learn skills and strategies to help keep children safe. Explore how best to teach children to be wary of harm without the concern about overloading them with fear, wrapping them in cotton wool or giving them so much information that their innocence is damaged.

Learn how to provide children with the language to identify safe and unsafe situations and arm them with tools to seek appropriate assistance and/or protect themselves.

Friday 19 October
9 - 11am
Harold King Community Centre
9 Grovelands Dr, Camillo

Bookings are essential.

For further information and to book please phone Grovelands Primary School on 9390 8411 or email Grovelands.PS@education.wa.edu.au

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Enrol now for Kindy / Pre-primary 2019
Visit the school office for more information.
Applications closed 20 July, 2018.

With swimming pools and beaches a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is essential.

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays. VacSwim programs are held at pools and beaches all across Western Australia. No matter where you are planning to spend these summer holidays, your children can take part in VacSwim.

VacSwim is for all children – from beginners through to advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation. Your children can start as young as five years old.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/swimming.



End of Year Celebration Dates:-

Year 6 Graduation Friday, 8 December 9.10am
Twilight Presentation Awards Tuesday, 12 December
5.00pm - 6.00pm Picnic
6.00pm - 7.30pm Presentations



School Board Profile

Leah Bickley



What is your role on the Grovelands PS School Board?

School Representative.

Describe yourself in three words:

Happy, Approachable and Sometimes Stubborn.

How long have you been on the Grovelands Primary School Board? *6 months.*

What is the best thing about being a part of the Grovelands Primary School Board? *Ensuring our students and families feel that the school is meeting their needs.*

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time? *Cooking, Relaxing and Catching up with Friends.*

What advice would you like to share with our students? *Life is not fair - get used to it!*

A short response to this statement: *My vision for Grovelands is that when our students are adults, they will look back at their time at Grovelands with fondness.*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 October	16	17 Uniform Shop Open 8.30am - 9.00am Interschool Athletics Carnival	18 School Banking 8.30am Final Camp Payment for Year 6 students due tomorrow	19 Friday Pie Day \$4 with drink Protective Behaviours Workshop for all Parents 9.00am - 11.00am Graduation Photo Day Room 9 Assembly
22 October Crime Stoppers Visit Year 5/6	23	24 Uniform Shop Open 8.30am - 9.00am History House Incursion Rooms 13,15,16	25 School Banking 8.30am Year 3/4 Fire Safety Visit	26 Friday Pie Day \$4 with drink BANDANNA DAY
29 October  8.15am - 8.45am and 2.30pm - 3.15pm School Library	30	31 Uniform Shop Open 8.30am - 9.00am Kindy 2019 Parent Meeting 9.15am	1 November School Banking 8.30am World Outdoor Classroom Day 	2 November Friday Pie Day \$4 with drink Room 12 Assembly

Don't forget...

Thursday is School Banking day and students can bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens, they can swap them for an exclusive School Banking reward in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

In the next couple of weeks, there will be a special PRIZE. Each deposit that is made earns a ticket in the draw.



Parking

Did you know that the "Visitor" Parking Bay in the Staff Carpark is not for parent use. This bay is to be kept free at all times for visits from outside services and deliveries. Ample parking is available on Grovelands Drive, Dollis Way and at the Harold King Centre.



Tip 13 - Stimulating your kid's curiosity



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.

- Take your children to the museum and then ask them to tell you their 2 favourite exhibits.
- Take to the local community library.
- Help them to become interested in nature, world events and interesting people.
- Help them to think "out of the box" to make school projects more creative and interesting.
- Don't over organise their lives.
- Encourage imagination.
- Restrict television—it limits development of imagination, but encourage reading, e.g. "FART time" = Family Altogether Reading Time".

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.