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**Grovelands**  
Primary School

# The Grovelander

Official Newsletter of Grovelands Primary School  
An Independent Public School

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## — WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL



Mrs Wood



Mrs Fletcher



Ms Agathangelou



Mrs Taciak



Welcome parents, guardians and friends to the 2019 School Year.  
To celebrate, we are having a "Welcome Back" picnic.

**Wednesday, 20 February**  
**1.30pm - 2.30pm**

- Parents and Family are invited to share a picnic lunch with their children during lunch time on the grassed area at Bindi Bindi/Maraak Blocks (Rooms 1-8).
- We will have a Student versus Staff Netball Match at 2.00pm.
- Pre-primary students whose parents sign them out from class can attend the picnic. Remaining Pre-primary students will have a picnic and fun in the enclosed ECE area.
- Extra sun shelter will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there.

We would like to welcome several new and returning staff members to the Grovelands team for 2019. We are pleased to announce that Ms Tilbury, Mrs Cain and Ms Borrill have returned for 2019 as permanent members of staff. We also welcome back Mrs Taciak, who has returned to Grovelands after two years teaching at Chidlow Primary School and Mrs Wood who has returned from Maternity Leave. New staff this year are Ms Agathangelou, Bindi Bindi Room 2 Yr 5/6 and Mrs Fletcher, Kulbardi Room 16 Yr 3/4. Please make them feel welcome.

### WAKAKIRRI LIDS

This year for our Wakakirri performance, we are going to use recycled bottle top lids as part of our art design.

We would appreciate if families can collect as many colourful plastic lids as you can

and drop them into our box, which will be at the front of the school each morning. Please rinse and dry lids before donating.



Thank you for your support.



#### 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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I warmly welcome all members of our school community to the 2019 school year. It promises to be an exciting year for us as we build on the progress we have made in enhancing your children's learning and social experiences at school. I look forward to our journey with you.

You may have noticed new signs in Noongar language around the school. These are a result of a process we went through in 2018 to rename our learning blocks. We will formally launch the block names later this term, as part of our Harmony Week celebrations.

The blocks are now called:

- ◇ Wandjoo (Welcome) – Administration.
- ◇ Bindi Bindi (Butterfly) - A Block: Rooms 1 - 4.
- ◇ Maraak (Hands On) – A Block: Rooms 5 - 8.
- ◇ Dandjoo (Meeting Place) – Undercover Area.
- ◇ Aliwa (Look Out) – Science/ Health & Physical Education.
- ◇ Kulbardi (Magpie) – B Block: Rooms 13 - 16.
- ◇ Djidi Djidi (Willy Wagtail) – B Block: Rooms 9 - 12.
- ◇ Nini Djena (Little Feet) – Early Childhood.

In 2018 we were able to gain extra funding from the Education Department to assist in improving our whole school environment. This has resulted in fully renovated toilets in the Djidi Djidi and Kulbardi Blocks (formerly B Block). We are still waiting on the supply of new urinals in the boy's toilets. They should be in place within the next fortnight. The School Board will continue to pursue further funding from the Department to extend the toilet renovations to the Bindi Bindi and Maraak Blocks (formerly A Block) this year. We were also successful in gaining funding to contribute to the cost of installing a new cover over the equipment in the Year 1/2 Play Area.

Mr Whiskin has secured a permanent Deputy Principal position at Ashburton Drive PS. We wish Mr Whiskin well in taking this exciting new challenge in his career. I acknowledge the wonderful service Mr Whiskin has given this school community as a Teacher and as a Deputy Principal. We will miss his dedication and cheery disposition greatly around the school. Mr York is acting as Deputy Principal in Term 1, while a process is run to secure a permanent replacement for Mr Whiskin.

Sadly, Mrs Chris Ferguson (Early Childhood Education Assistant) has retired. Mrs Ferguson is well known in the school community after 27 years of dedicated service, having made a difference in the lives of generations of Grovelands families. I am sure you all join me in wishing Mrs Ferguson all the best in her retirement. She will be greatly missed.

To celebrate the beginning of the 2019 school year, we will be holding a 'Welcome Back' Picnic on Wednesday February 20, from 1.30 to 2.30pm. Families will have the opportunity to join with their children for a picnic lunch in the School grounds between 1.30 and 2.00 pm. This will be followed by a Staff-Student Netball match at 2.00 pm. Visit our Web Page and App for more information.

I look forward to greeting many of you around the school and at the Welcome Picnic. Please do not hesitate to come and introduce yourself to me if you are new to the school community.

Mark Bradshaw,  
Principal

**Book Club orders are due this Friday, 15 February. Orders can be sent to the Library Monday - Wednesday and the Office Thursday and Friday.  
Thank you.**



**School Photo Day will be on Monday, 11 March for Kindy Group 1 to Year 6 and family photos. In the next couple of weeks, order forms and price lists will be sent home for online ordering. Kindy Group 2 photos will be taken on Friday, 15 March. Please budget accordingly.**



## News from Rooms 15 and 16—Year 3/4

We have been continuing to start our day with some physical activity this year. Whilst we are excitedly awaiting the Sport Captains to be announced, we have continued to go out every morning whilst the weather is nice and cool to practise our skills and have a bit of fun before getting settled into our classroom activities. Our 'You Can Do It!' attitudes have been helping us a lot in the first few days of what is sure to be a fantastic year.



Our guest reader this week was none other than our enthusiastic Principal, Mr Bradshaw. We read *The Girl Who NEVER Made Mistakes* by Mark Pett and Gary Rubinstein. The students were so thrilled and engaged by having Mr Bradshaw as a guest reader that they chose to finish reading the text and be a few minutes late to break. *The Girl Who NEVER Made Mistakes* addresses themes of resilience, anxiety, perfectionism and self-acceptance. The students and teachers of Rooms 15 and 16 would like to thank Mr Bradshaw for taking time to visit, particularly in the first few days of term.

Mrs Castledine and Mrs Fletcher



### Welcome to the 2019 school year at Grovelands Primary, from our School Chaplain, Kim Scaddan.

I would like to warmly welcome our new families to our school. I want to take the opportunity to introduce myself and my role here at Grovelands. I am coming into my fourth year at this school as your YouthCARE Chaplain. During this time I've been able to meet and engage with many wonderful students and families and I look forward to spending time with many more of you over this year. My role is flexible which allows me to meet the needs of the children and families as they occur. Some of the things that I do are:

- ◆ Provide pastoral care for staff, students and families.
- ◆ Link schools with local community and support agencies and organisations.
- ◆ Assist in, and support, school events.
- ◆ Facilitate pastoral care support programs and resources.
- ◆ Support, mentor and encourage the school community.

Please contact me via the front office, or your classroom teacher, if there is anything you wish to discuss to help make things easier with your child's education. My work days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. I look forward to getting to know you and your children in 2019.

Kim Scaddan, School Chaplain

Hello, my name is Tineeta and I am part of **School Based Support Services at Parkerville Children and Youth Care**. I will be at Grovelands Primary school each Wednesday providing a range of support services such as individual counselling, group work and referrals to relevant community and support services. If you would like to access some support, please speak with your child's classroom teacher. Thank you, and I look forward to working with you in the future. Tineeta Ghose.



**Leap Frogs Prep for Kindy** is for three year olds and their parents and offers a fun experience for children where they can develop their pre-school skills ready for Kindy 2020.

**When:** Every Wednesday during school term commencing 13 February.

**Time:** 9.00am until 11.30am

**Where:** Grovelands Primary School, Room 25

***This group is for parents with children who will be enrolling in Kindergarten at Grovelands Primary School in 2020. Bookings are essential and parents must attend all sessions.*** Please visit the school office for more information.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11 February	12	13 Uniform Shop open 8.30am - 9.00am Leap Frog Pre-Kindy Begins	14 P & C AGM 9.00am All Welcome	15 Book Club Orders Due
18 February Playgroup Begins 9.00am	19	20 Uniform Shop open 8.30am - 9.00am  <b>Welcome Back PICNIC 1.30pm</b>	21	22 Room 8 Assembly
25 February	26 Board Meeting 3.15pm	27 Uniform Shop open 8.30am - 9.00am	28	1 March Room 7 Assembly



**NIGHT FIELDS  
KELMSCOTT**  
14, 21, 28 FEB & 7, 14, 21 MAR

FREE DINNER PROVIDED

**THURSDAYS, 4.30 TO 6PM**  
FRYE PARK, CLIFTON STREET, KELMSCOTT

Join in a day of FREE AFL, soccer, and basketball for 6 to 12 year olds and 13 to 18 year olds. Parents and siblings are welcome!  
Registrations on arrival. Under 18s will require a parent signature.

ALCOHOL, DRUG, VIOLENCE, & SMOKE FREE  
For more information please contact the City of Armadale 9394 5000 or visit [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au)

Logos for various community organizations and the City of Armadale.

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS INFORMATION**  
Student contributions can be paid at the front office via cash, EFTPOS or direct bank transfer.  
Thank you to the families who have already paid their 2019 Contributions. We appreciate your support.

Number of Children	Contribution	EFT Payments can be made to: Grovelands Primary School Bank: Commonwealth BSB: 066 040 Account No: 19901113 Please use your Child/ren's name in the reference.
1	\$30.00 per year	
2 or more	\$60.00 per year	



**Tip 20— Drugs and Your Kids**



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.**

- Become involved - don't just leave it to others.
- Provide information, but not threats. Love, encouragement and listening are much more effective than threats.
- Help kids deal with pressure, e.g. to realise that is OK to say "no thanks, I will pass".
- Be aware of new drugs that become available - what they are made of and what impact they have - and know what symptoms to look for in a user.
- Talk with your kids (even pre-teen, if appropriate) about drugs and the dangers, and their awareness of drug availability and use in their area, school or even peer group.
- Talk to your children about peer pressure & non-accusatory strategies to 'pass', such as 'I am playing sport tomorrow', or 'I feel sick'.

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.

**Giggling Munchkins Playgroup**

Come along with your little ones for our **Monday Playgroup, 9.00am - 10.30am**  
Breakfast Club Room - Gold Coin Donation  
Everyone is welcome.

**Don't forget..**

Thursday is **School Banking** day for students to 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. Come and visit us in Room 25 8.30am - 9.00am



**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.