

Primary School

# The Grovelander

Official Newsletter of Grovelands Primary School
An Independent Public School

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## We would like to welcome Mr Owen McGarr to the Grovelands team for 2020. Mr McGarr is teaching Year

5/6 in Room 4.











# Fruity Faces Room 9, Year 2

Students are learning how to retell a narrative as part of the whole school 'Talk For Writing' program. We will be focused on a story called 'The Papaya that Spoke'. Our hook into this literacy activity is to make our own fruity faces that talk. How do we make fruit speak?...With the Chatterpix app of course!

Miss Mackenzie



#### **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.

**ENGAGE** 

**EXPERIENCE** 

**EMPOWER** 



I warmly welcome all members of our school community to the 2020 school year. It promises to be an exciting year for us as we continue to 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.

We have had a pleasing start to the year. We have had one staffing change this year. We welcome Mr McGarr to our staff, who is replacing Miss Borrill in Room 3 as part of the 5/6 teaching and learning team. Mr McGarr is a very dedicated teacher and I am sure he will add value to our school community in 2020.

Our commitment to improving the school environment for our students and staff continues in 2020. This week, we installed a new drink fountain outside Bindi Block. This was partially funded by the Icy Pole and Pie Day Friday fundraisers in 2019. Thank you, Mrs Heady for leading this fundraising effort. Several classrooms and the library have been recarpeted over the holidays. Within the next fortnight, we will see the erection of a new shade area in the year 1/2 Play Area. I hope to be able to announce further improvements later in the year.

To celebrate the beginning of the 2020 school year, we will be holding our **Welcome Back Picnic** on Wednesday, February 19, from 1.30 to 2.30pm. Families will have the opportunity to join their children for a picnic lunch in the school grounds, behind Rooms 1 - 8 between 1.30 and 2.00 pm. More information is available further in this newsletter.

Kind Regards, Mark Bradshaw.



Dunya Mossavian, Bianca Wemm, Jessica Lawson, Emily Back, Katie Thornhill, Ben Soler.

Congratulations to our 2020 House Captains					
	Seville	Forrest	Gillam		
House Captains	Grace Gorman	Prisca Kalokwera	Kler Nay Say		
	Placide Ngoma Nkanu	Airus Awisan	Izabella Duncombe		
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Vice Captains	Isaiah Collis	Katelyn Gorringe	Jocelyn Dean		
	Learka Jolliffe	Witness Rukundo	Tyrin Carr		





Room 3, Year 5/6 are learning how to write a narrative text this term. This was our hook based on our model text 'Little Vixen Street'.

Mrs Shorey.

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 2021.

When: Every Wednesday during school term commencing 12 February.

Time: 9.00am until 11.00am

Where: Grovelands Primary School, Room 6

This group is for parents with children who will be enrolling in Kindergarten at Grovelands Primary School in 2021. Bookings are essential and parents must attend all sessions. Please visit the school office for more information.

### Welcome to the 2020 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 fifth 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, 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 2020.

Kim Scaddan, School Chaplain

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 February	11	12	13	14 Pie Day Friday Returns
17	18	19 Welcome Back Picnic 1.30pm	20	21 Room 8 Assembly
24 Life Education Van at Grovelands all week.	P & C AGM 9.00am	Kindy Group 1 Parent Info Session 2.00pm Room 6	27	Room 7 Assembly

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 6 8.30am - 9.00am.

Today, we installed a new water cooler in our Year 4 - 6 area. Funds raised from Pie Day Friday and lunchtime Icy Poles contributed to the purchase.

Pie Day Friday will recommence this Friday, 14 February and icy pole sales commenced today at lunchtime.

Please visit the Canteen Friday mornings to place your Pie orders.

Icy poles are 50 cents and \$1.00.

Thank you for your support.



#### **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 2020 Contributions. We appreciate your support.

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

School Photo Day will be on Monday, 23 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 Thursday, 26 March. Please budget accordingly.







Welcome parents, guardians and friends to the 2020 School Year.

To celebrate, we are having a "Welcome Back" picnic.

- Wednesday, 19 February 1.30pm-2.00pm
- \* At 2.00pm Parents and Families are invited to join in with your child's class for the last session of the day. (If you wish to take your child home early, you must sign them out from their class teacher.)
- 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).
- Pre-primary students whose parents sign them out from class can attend the picnic. Remaining Preprimary 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.



Ice cream Van Mrs

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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE

Welcome to the new school year from the Child and Adolescent Community Health Nurses.

I will be visiting the school regularly throughout the year.

My name is **Niri Ramlukun** and I am available to discuss any health concerns you may have about your child. I can be contacted on 93912166 /9391 2220 or through the school. I am also available on email: Nirmaladevi.Ramlukun@health.wa.gov.au

#### **IMMUNISATIONS**

#### Is your Child attending Kindergarten?

The National Health & Medical Research Council (NH&MRC) recommends that children attending Kindy have the following booster immunisations:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough) and Poliomyelitis (one vaccine).
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (only for children who have not already received 2 doses of MMR vaccine).

And any other WA scheduled vaccinations.

Your child can have these immunisations from 4 years of age.

To book an appointment, please contact – 61511308 or

• Central Immunisation Clinic in Perth – 9321 1312

Please provide the school with an updated copy of your child's immunisation record, once completed. This can be obtained from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register. — **1800 653 809** or www.humanservices.gov.au

If a measles case occurs in a school, the Principal has the right to exclude non-immunised children from school for 14 days, or longer.

#### **HEAD LICE**

Head lice outbreaks occur frequently in primary schools during the school year.

The Department of Health recommends the following method of treatment:

#### 10 day Hair Conditioner treatment

If you do use "over the counter" Head Lice treatments, they must be applied and then repeated as per the manufacturer's recommendation.

Parents' can assist in the prevention and control of head lice by checking their children's hair frequently using the hair conditioner method and treating appropriately when necessary.

Friday is a good day to check hair as treatment can be commenced over the weekend, if needed, and no school time is then lost.

For more information please see <a href="http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F\_I/Head-lice">http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F\_I/Head-lice</a> [Fact sheet available on website]

Please consult your School Health Nurse if you require further advice on head lice management.

#### MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please advise the school if your child has a medical condition that may require treatment during school hours.

A health care plan will need to be completed / updated by your GP and provided to school. Thank you

Niri Ramlukun School Nurse/Community health



# Tip 38 - Importance of communication.

As part of The Fathering Projects 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.

This weeks Tip is focusing on step-dads and communication skills. Communication shows respect, ensures that everyone's needs are being met, and reduces and resolves conflict.

#### Communicate clearly and calmly.

- It is important to communicate clearly and calmly, let your step-child know that you are available to talk whenever needed.
- Listen to their messages, both obvious and subtle. Give them a response, communicate back to them that you have heard them and understand.
- Be open-minded and accepting of any differences.
- Make your own preferences known without being harsh or intimidating. Try using statements like "I feel," "I think," "perhaps you could try" and avoid phrasing your thoughts as 'fact'. i.e. avoid "you should," "you need to."
- Be a good listener; ask follow up questions, keep your responses short and try not to 'dominate' the conversation by lecturing about your own thoughts.
- Always explain your actions and preferences with the real reasons, this helps your stepchildren to understand your thoughts and accept your words, behaviours and decisions.



If you would like more information about The Fathering Project, contact: David Walker:

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Mobile: 0418 524 456

Or visit our Web Site: <a href="https://thefatheringproject.org/">https://thefatheringproject.org/</a>





# Triple P - Positive Parenting Program®

A FREE program that teaches practical and effective ways to enhance family relationships and manage common child behaviour issues.

# Who is this program for?

Parents, carers and/or grandparents of a child aged between 3 and 8 years.

#### What is involved?

- Seminar Series 90-minute talks on:
  - children's behaviour
  - the tough part of parenting
  - raising confident children
  - raising emotionally resilient children.
- Discussion Group small, 2-hour groups:
  - misbehaving
  - fighting and aggression
  - bedtime routine
  - hassle-free shopping with children.
- Group Triple P 8-week parenting course.



# Program details:

When: Starting Tuesday 11th February 2020 for 8 weeks.

Location: Westfield Park CPC, 11 Hemingway Drive, Camillo

Bookings: Please visit: healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups to make your booking. Having trouble Online call the Child Health Booking System on 1300 749 869.

Crèche is available please call 9235 7004 to book a space.

Group Triple P teaches a broad range of strategies to help you manage your children's behaviour in a variety of parenting situations. This is a more intensive program for parents with concerns about their child's behaviour problems or for those who are trying to prevent problems from getting worse.

Delivered as an eight-week program, it includes five group sessions (2 hours each) and three follow up phone calls to tailor the program to the needs of your family.

#### Please note:

Unless there is a crèche advertised, only babies under the age of 6 months can attend this group. However, we welcome babies who need breastfeeding during the session.

DO NOT bring hot food and drinks for safety reasons.

Visit www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups for more information.

# FESTIVAL OF ENNIS FEATURING THE PERTH TENNIS INTERNATIONAL PRO TOUR



**22 February 2020** 

10am - 2pm

**State Tennis Centre.** 282 Victoria Park Drive **Burswood** 

FREE ENTRY

A festival for the whole family! Kids entertainment, fun tennis activities, food, drinks, giveaways and the Kids entertainment, fun tennis activities, food, drinks, giveaways and the opportunity to witness the next generation of professional female Tour event battling it out on court at the Finals of the Berth International Professional Professi opportunity to witness the next generation of professional female tennis plays battling it out on court at the Finals of the Perth International Pro

**Ball Pit** 

**ANZ Tennis Hot Shots** 

**Face Painting** 

**Animal Farm** 

**Bouncy Castle** 

Women's Pro Tour Finals

Garden Games

Food, Drink & Bar

**Autographs** 

Music

Prizes & Giveaways

Love a freebie?

Who doesn't? FREE ANZ Tennis Hot Shots racquets for the first 200 kids who attend the Festival. Don't miss out, giveaways commence at 10am.