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Grovelands
Primary School

The Grovelander

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Year 2, Room 14 have been learning how to represent numbers on an abacus. Firstly, we used marshmallows and sticks to build our abacus. Next, we used Fruit Loops to represent numbers. Finally, we took our abacus home to show our families (and eat).



Our Year 5/6 students attended their very first virtual webinar along with another 200 schools which was conducted the eSafety commission. Students learnt about the harms of fake news, reports and information on social media and how it may impact people.



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 our first edition of the Grovelander for 2021. It certainly feels like it has been a while since our last newsletter.

After a bumpy start with lockdowns and transition weeks, it was great to move back to some form of normality in Week 3. I would like to thank you all for your cooperation over that period. Like most Western Australians, our community responded magnificently and did what was asked of us to keep our community safe.

This has meant that we are able to relax some of the operational restrictions we have been working under for the past few months. Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to announce that from Wednesday, 24 February (until further notice):

- Parents are welcome to enter classrooms again, via the external doors, when required. We still encourage you to foster the independence of your children by farewelling them at the classroom door. Hallways and wet areas remain student-staff only zones. Students in Years 1-6 are capable of organising their own bags and resources in the mornings and afternoons. Please remember that mornings and afternoons are not times for non-scheduled long meetings with teachers. Formal concerns should be addressed via a negotiated meeting time.
- Parents are welcome to attend School Assemblies again. The first will be this Friday with Djidi Djidi, Year 1/2 Room 9's assembly. We ask that people observe social distancing requirements, (1.5 metre spacing) and do not attend if you are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms.

You may have noticed that we have not held our annual 'Welcome Back Picnic' to start the school year. With all the interruptions in the first 2 weeks, we have decided to hold a community event, possibly a Big Breakfast, later in the term, when the weather is more pleasant.

Finally, just a reminder, that we are asking parents with students in Nini Djena (K & PP) to delay their entry into that area until 8.40am. This is to allow staff uninterrupted time to prepare outside learning equipment. If you arrive before 8.40am please wait at Dandjoo (the undercover area) with the rest of the early arrivals.

Thank you, once more, for your support over the past few weeks.

Warm regards,
Mark Bradshaw
Principal.

Authority to Suspend 2021

The Principal of Grovelands PS 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

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

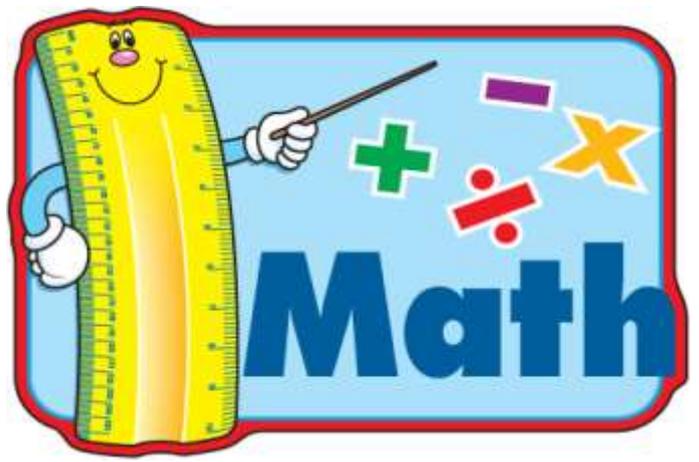
Friday, 19th February

This week Grovelands Primary School celebrated Chinese New Year. The spring festival festivities for the New Year take 15 days in most countries. The New Year is often celebrated with dragon dances, lion dances, gift exchanging and fireworks. People wish each other good luck, happiness and wealth for the New Year. The words used most in good wishes are: happiness, wealth, prosperity, prosperous and auspicious. 'Gong Xi Fa Cai' means 'Have a Prosperous New Year'. Mrs Kaur



**GROVELANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C
UNIFORM SHOP**

Dear Parents & Caregivers,
The Uniform Shop is open Thursday mornings,
8.30am – 9.00am . Alternatively, orders can be left at
the office. Payment can be deposited into:
Account name: Grovelands Primary School P&C
Uniform
BSB 066-156
Account Number 10057363
Please state Student Name and/or layby number.
EFTPOS is available in the uniform shop.



2021 Maths Expo
Sunday 14 March 2021
Astral 2 & 3, Crown Convention Centre Perth
AM Session: 9.30am - 11.30am
PM Session: 12.30pm - 2.30pm

The expo is a free event and is targeted at families in the aim to provide support to parents and students with mathematics learning at home.

The expo will showcase interactive resources that can be used to support learning at home. It will be a fun, interactive day with lots of opportunity to see a variety of resources that make learning fun, to speak to training providers about your future and there are prizes to be won on the day!

MAWA would appreciate your help in sharing this valuable event with your students and families. Although this is a free event, registration is required. 08 9345 0388
www.mawainc.org.au



The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses Literacy and Numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

Grovelands Primary School will be participating in NAPLAN Online this year. Assessments are scheduled to occur from 11-21 May (Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 2). With the exception of Year 3 Writing, all assessments will be completed online.

Further information will be sent home to parents of Year 3 & 5 students in the coming weeks.

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 visitors from outside services and deliveries.

Ample parking is available on Grovelands Drive, Dollis Way and at the Harold King Centre.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Zooper Dooper Icy Poles

See Mrs Heady Monday - Thursday
Lunch-time only.

After the second siren in the Science Room

\$1.00 Whole Icy Pole
50 cents Half Icy Pole

'ENGAGE AND EARN'

Grovelands Primary School's Empowerment Program

This year, we are looking at implementing an empowerment program at our school and are seeking expressions of interest.

The 'Engage & Earn' program is designed to reward families for valuing school attendance and being active participants in the school community.



Students would be able to earn points for their families simply by achieving regular attendance. Parents/Caregivers would be able to earn points through activities such as:

- Classroom/school helper
- Attending parent teacher meetings
- Assisting in school excursions/activities
- Attending parent workshops/information sessions at the school
- Attending school events
- Guest speakers/sharing a special skill

Families will be able to spend their points on such items as: Uniforms, Excursions and Incursions, School Contributions & Charges, Swimming Lessons, School Photos.

If you think this program would be of interest to your family please complete a form from the front office or classroom teacher by Friday, 26 February 2021.

It is important for students to attend school all day, every day.

When is it OK to not go to school?

An OK reason is one that *prevents* your child from getting to school. This could include:

- when your child is sick or unwell;
- attending cultural or religious observances such as sorry time and funerals;
- an unavoidable natural event such as flood waters or a cyclone; or
- an unavoidable specialist medical appointment.

The principal decides if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.

Please provide **medical certificates** for all specialist appointments and if your child has been unwell for more than 2 days.

It's NOT OK to miss school if your child:

- is celebrating a birthday;
- is going on a family holiday;
- is visiting family and friends;
- has slept in or had a big weekend;
- is looking after other children;
- has sport or other recreational activities that have not been approved by the school; or
- has appointments such as haircuts and minor check ups.

If possible, routine medical and other health appointments should be made either **before or after school**, or during the school holidays.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22 February BOARD MEETING	23	24	25	26 ROOM 9 ASSEMBLY Engage & Earn Empowerment Program—forms need to be in by this date
1 March LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	2	3	4	5
8 March	9	10	11	12
15 March	16	17	18	19 ROOM 15 ASSEMBLY

Positions Available: Census 2021

Adecco Recruitment has partnered with the Australian Bureau of Statistics to recruit 38,000 temporary employees in areas across the country. These employees will play an important role in helping people to lodge their Census forms for the Australian National Census 2021.

We are seeking your assistance in promoting the positions within your area.



2,665 jobs available

2021 Census Field Manager

\$36.90 per hour (incl 25% loading) + super
(Contract/Temporary)
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2021 Census Field Officer

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(Contract/Temporary)
Roles start from July 2021

Earn extra income
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The Census provides valuable insights into the make-up of Australian society and is often the only source of data on small population groups and small geographic areas, which is why it is vital that we achieve the highest level of engagement and participation possible within your area.

To view our current vacancies, please visit: <https://censusjobs.adecco.com.au/applications>

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION 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 2021 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	