**Principal’s Report**

**Student Leadership**

Congratulations to five of our year six students who successfully applied for scholarships at Grovedale Secondary College. **Tyler Pekin, Paisley Svoboda, Jade Petrovics, Mikaylah Newcombe and Imogen Castle** were recently interviewed at the College and were asked about their leadership and academic skills. The report back to me was that our students were excellent role models and outstanding representatives of our school, who clearly have a great sense of pride in their primary school and in learning. Congratulations to each of them, I’m sure that it makes the staff and parents proud to hear such high praise.

**Staffing**

Congratulations to Nathan Lemin, Phoebe Coulson and Elise Hills who last week went through an ‘in-school’ interview process and were successful in gaining on-going positions at our school. Each of them demonstrates professionalism, organisation, care and dedication to developing their teaching skills so that they provide the best teaching and learning program to our students. Nathan, Phoebe and Elise are excellent staff members and demonstrate our high expectations and the ‘Mt Duneed Way.’

**Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair is at our school this week. Many students and families have visited the book displays in the new relocatable already this week and bought a range of books, posters and accessories. It will be open for browsing and purchases before and after school and for 15 minutes at recess. Please ensure that if your child/children bring money to school that it is in a sealed, named envelope. Whilst the Book Fair offers families the opportunity to purchase books at a reasonable cost, the commission that the school receives is used to purchase more books for our library. Thank you to Kelly Stewart for arranging this event.

**Music Bus**

This Friday at assembly we will have a demonstration from a new music lesson company. The Music Bus will be open for a quick look and the owner will be available to answer any questions. This is a ‘user pay’ service which we are happy to accommodate for the ease of parents. Please note that due to the 20 minute presentation, we will begin assembly at 2:45pm this Friday.

**Parent Feedback – school self-evaluation**

Thank you to the families that contributed comments and ideas for our school review through the Homework task or the two Parent Forums. We have compiled the responses which will form part of the school self-evaluation report for our school reviewer. We will offer an online survey for any families who may still wish to contribute. This is using a Google form found at the following link https://goo.gl/forms/p6mvXQpDYEaNCSTr1

It was rewarding to read many positive comments about MDRPS and our caring, respectful community and high quality teaching and learning program. We will consider all ideas when creating our next 4 year Strategic Plan. Two issues that were mentioned a few times were the road safety around our school, and the lack of an undercover area. The lack of footpaths and road condition are the responsibility of the City Of Greater Geelong, who we have contacted many times. Please feel free to contact them yourselves as the more complaints made, the quicker we may get a resolution. The undercover area will need to be paid for by school funds, which could cost approximately $100 000. This will require the dedication of all future school fundraising. I would love to get a covered area ASAP, as would all families, I’m sure!

**Photos**

If you use social media, please only post photos of your child/children. Other parents may value privacy and must give permission for their child’s photos to be posted on facebook etc.

This is especially relevant for school events.

**Swimming Program**

The 2 week intensive swimming program at Leisure Link, Waurn Ponds is to be held in the first two weeks of term 4, October 3rd – 14th. The program is offered to Prep - year 6 students and we encourage all students to attend. Notes will go home this week and will need to be returned to school by Monday September 12th at the latest so that groups can be arranged and final preparations made.

**Julie Makin**

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**NOTES SENT HOME**

Listed below are notes that will be or have been sent home over the last week:

- S.S.A. Division Athletics- qualified students only.
- History Box incursion- all year 5&6 students.
- MCG & National Sports Museum excursion- all Year 1&2 students.
- S.S.A. Basketball Day- selected year 5&6 students

Contact your child’s teacher if you have not received the appropriate notes listed above.

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**Reading Recovery**

Congratulations to Molly Schroeter, Khail Cruse, and Hunter Pyle who have all completed the Reading Recovery program. They have all worked really hard to make great progress with their reading and writing. Well done! Sue Hartnett

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**BENDIGO BANK GRANT**

At assembly on Friday, 5th August we were pleased to receive a cheque for $2000 from the Bendigo Bank from their ‘Geelong Connected Communities’ funding for a youth project. The money will be used for our Family Maths Night on the 31st August and for some new school equipment. Thank you to Bendigo Bank.

**Carleen Grant  Maths Co-ordinator**
TERM 3 LUNCH ORDERS - PARENT HELPER ROSTER
We need parent helpers to take lunch orders to Grovedale Take Away in Marshalltown Rd by 10:00am Thursday morning or Friday pick up lunch orders & deliver to school office by 1:30pm. If you are able to assist contact the office to add your name to the roster.

| Week 6 34G | Aug 18th | Kylie Maguire | Aug 19th | Laure Pinch |
| Week 7 34K | Aug 25th | ? | Aug 26th | Heather Felstead |
| Week 8 56B | Sep 1st | Emily Dunn | Sep 2nd | Tracey Bell |
| Week 9 00H | Sep 8th | Heather Felstead | Sep 9th | Heather Felstead |
| Week 10 | No Lunch orders | | End of Term 3 |

EVENT CALENDAR

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| Wed 17th Aug | •Finance and Curriculum & Welfare meeting 7pm  
• School council meeting, 7:30pm |
| Fri 19th Aug | Whole School Assembly, 2:45pm. 3/4K item & Music Bus presentation |
| Thur 25th Aug | 5/6 Unit History Box Incursion |
| Fri 26th Aug | AUTISM awareness BLUE DAY, gold coin donation, students may dress in Blue |
| Wed 31st Aug | Family Maths Night 5:30-7:30pm  
Sausage Sizzle 5:30pm , 6:30pm Activities start |
| Fri 2nd Sept | • Prep Unit excursion to Fairy Park,  
• Whole School Assembly, 3:00pm |
| Mon 5th—Wed 7th Sept | Yr 5&6 Camp @ Cave Hill Creek Camp. |
| Thurs 8th Sept | S.S.A. Basketball Day, information to come. |
| Fri 9th Sept | VPRC for 2016 ends all books MUST be entered by this date |
| Tues 13th Sept | • 1/2 Unit MCG excursion, information to come  
• SSA Division Athletics @ Landy Field for selected students |
| Wed 14th Sept | • FUN RUN, information to come,  
• Yr 5&6 Start Smart Financial Incursion |
| Fri 16th Sept | • END OF TERM 3. Whole school assembly @ 12:50pm. Dismissal @ 1:30pm |

FAMILY MATHS NIGHT—Olympic Theme
On Wednesday 31st August. 5:30-7:30pm, Sausage Sizzle BBQ dinner 5:30pm, Activities start at 6:30pm.
There will be 6 various Olympic stations, each one giving you a piece of the Australian flag. A completed flag gives you a gold medal to wear home.
Each family attending will receive a Family Maths pack to take home.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep6
Luana Ramos- for making great progress with all her learning.
Lachlan Quinn- for his amazing drawings and colouring in efforts this term.

PrepH
Indi Rasmussen- for taking her time with neat handwriting when publishing her narrative. Keep it up Indi!
Archie Pritchard- for improved behaviour both in and outside of the classroom. Keep it up Archie!

1/2H
Daisy Levinson- for improvement in your reading. Your hard work has paid off!
Henry Pritchard- for the effort you have put in to your letter to an Olympian.

1/2K
Thea Loone- for being a good role model for her peers
Lily Cameron- for striving to reach and set new learning goals.

1/2L
Sue Nicholas- for being a good role model for her peers

1/2M
Charlotte Thomas- for creating questions when reading text to deepen understanding.
Meg Grey- for creating questions when reading text to deepen understanding.

3/4C
Bridgette Allen- for challenging herself in Maths and always putting in a high level of effort.
Caelum Petrovics- for always approaching his learning with a growth mindset.

3/4G
Gemma Castle- for creative writing pieces.
Tom O’Brien- for improved effort with behaviour.

3/4K
Meg Conway- for displaying excellent group work skills while working on the marble run.
Bella Hooper- for showing evidence for her reading goal of ‘Looking for clues in a story to find an authors meaning’.

5/6B
Jacob Dunn- for working so well in mathematics focusing well.
Sam Tromba- for working so hard on his autobiography top level effort.

5/6K
Ella Wilkinson- for dedicating a lot of time to your ‘Matilda’ writing seed to ensure it was creative and detailed
Imogen Castle- for using excellent measurement and scaling skills to create a house plan for an Olympic athlete
William Mountjoy - for working hard on your writing goal to include more detail and description in your Autobiography writing
Jade Petrovics- for creating a detailed and descriptive Autobiography using a range of adjectives.

5/6L
Callum McCrae- for showing confidence while performing a fantastic demonstration of your karate skills at our whole-school assembly
Shane Lewis- Alard- for contributing more to class discussions and always coming to school with a positive, ready to learn attitude

Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016
finishes 9th September. All books MUST be entered by this date.
Our school is hosting a Book Fair until Friday, 19th August in the new classroom, located on the oval. Our Book Fair is an important part of our school’s literacy program, introducing a love of books and reading in a fun and exciting atmosphere. On Thursday afternoon, the Book Fair will open early allowing parents to browse or shop before collecting their children from school. The Book Fair will also be open to visitors on the day.

**Book Fair Hours:**

*Wednesday:* After School 3.30pm to 4.00pm  
*Thursday:* 3:10-4:00pm  
*Friday:* Before School 8.30am to 8.50am, Recess 11.15am to 11.30am, After School 3.30pm to 4.30pm

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**Spotlight on MDRPS Curriculum!**

**Intercultural Capability**

This term, in our Personal Development Assemblies, the students are exploring continents and countries of the world to build an intercultural understanding of others. Intercultural interactions have become a part of everyday life in our increasingly multicultural and globalised world. Developing intercultural knowledge, skills and understandings is an essential part of living with others in the diverse world of the twenty-first century. The Intercultural capability curriculum assists young people to become responsible local and global citizens, equipped for living and working together in an interconnected world.

Intercultural capability enables students to learn to value their own cultures, languages and beliefs, and those of others. Students learn about diverse cultures in ways that recognise commonalities and differences, create connections with others and cultivate mutual respect. Each year level has also ensured this is integral in their Inquiry Units for this term, with a connection to this year’s Olympics.

**Japan Day**

WOW!!! What a fabulous day we had on Friday 5th August. The children and teachers went to so much effort with their Japanese dress and the red and white around the school looked fabulous.

Thank you so much to the parents that helped with our special lunch. Also, thank you for the amazing work that went into creating costumes, I know the children thoroughly appreciate your support. To the teachers, thank you for embracing the day and certainly teaching outside your comfort zones…your enthusiasm is contagious! Our special guest Callum McCrae was exceptionally talented when leading our Karate demonstration. Learning a language has numerous advantages in developing student thinking, however a day like Japan Day where they can focus on intercultural understanding is so beneficial. Thanks everyone I look forward to what new adventures we can create next year. Mrs Rowe

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**Artist of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students who receive a $10 voucher each from Kaisercraft!

- **Paige Hames 1/2L** - For her fabulous work shaping a person from pipe cleaners then independently covering it with paper clay to form a model of a sportsperson. Great work Paige!
- **Rory Pullen 1/2K** - Rory just loves coming to Art each week. He always shows great enthusiasm and excitement and is eager to explore the use of materials to extend his skills in all activities! Keep up the great attitude towards your learning Rory!

*Who's Who? Portrait Prize* - The Year 3 to 6 students have put a great deal of effort into their entries which will be delivered to the Art Gallery this week. An exhibition of approximately 180 finalists will be held in the Geelong Gallery’s Education Gallery in Little Malop St from 17th September to 9th October (open 10am to 5pm daily) and many more will be published in the Geelong Advertiser over the duration of the exhibition. Prizes are awarded in age group categories and a prize is also awarded to the artist whose portrait is nominated best in the ‘People’s choice’ category, which you can vote on when visiting the gallery. All work will also be available to view on our Art Blog in the coming weeks.

Karen Jahn

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**Annual Toucan Appeal**

July 2016

...Think OUTSIDE THE CAN!

The Geelong Food Relief Centre has been providing free food to those in need for 25 years. Working together with welfare agencies, this year we will see 32,000 individuals referred to GFRC for support.

Your school is one of the 93 schools in Geelong and surrounding region, who every year assist us in making this possible. Each individual donation makes its way onto the family’s table. This could be a family in your street.

These items form some of the basic food items most families choose. We are inviting you to be a part of this generous donation to provide if possible the following items.

- Cereal  
- Milo  
- Cake mix  
- Vegemite  
- Honey  
- Sugar  
- Tea/Coffee  
- Cling Wrap/foil  
- Toothbrushes  
- Feminine hygiene goods  
- Shampoo/Conditioner  
- Shaving Cream

We thank you for ongoing support and assure you it will really make a difference to someone within our community.

**Donation Box in the office foyer until end of August.**

Of course, all donations whether cans boxes or packets are gratefully appreciated. Thank you.
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