**EVENT CALENDAR**

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| Fri 7th Dec| • Last Lunch Orders Day 2012  
• Whole school assembly, 3.00pm  
• Reports sent home |
| Mon 10th Dec| • School Helpers THANK YOU morning Tea, 11.00am.   
• Open Classrooms  
• 5/6 Personal Development Program. |
| Tues 11th Dec| • Transition Session #5 Prep 2013,  
9.30—12.00noon, Prep room. Children to have a snack & drink for recess.   
• Whole School One Up Day, 9.30—12.00  
• Student Requisites & Contributions collection day #1,  
9am—1pm OR 2pm—4.30pm ONLY  
• Whole School & Special Group Photo order form & money due. |
| Fri 14th Dec| FAMILY PICNIC & DISCO, 6.00PM, ALL WELCOME. |
| Mon 17th Dec| Grade 6 Graduation Dinner @ Connewarre Hall, 6pm start |
| Tues 18th Dec| Yr 6 students Celebration Day @ Adventure Park.                              |
| Fri 21st Dec| Last day of school for 2012. Assembly @ 1.00pm  
Dismissal @ 1.30pm. |
| Tues 29th Jan 2013| All staff at school |
| Wed 30th Jan 2013| Student Requisites & Contributions collection day #2,  
9am—1pm OR 2pm—4.30pm ONLY |
| Thurs 31st Jan 2013| All students return to school |

**NOTES SENT HOME**

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

- Open Classroom Invitation & information— all families
- ASC new service provider information— all families
- Year 6 Graduation Dinner information note— all yr 6 students
- Year 6 Celebration Day @ Adventure park— all yr 6 students.

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

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**END OF TERM**

Don’t forget **Friday, 21st December** is the last day of term 4, 2012.

**Children will be dismissed at 1.30pm following 1.00pm assembly.**

The school buses and After School Care will begin at 1.30pm. After School Care will finish at 6.00pm as usual.

**TERM 1 2013** commences for all students on Thursday, 31st January.

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**STUDENT REQUISITE & CONTRIBUTION 2013**

**Forms are NOW OVERDUE**

If you have not yet returned your family’s form could you please do so as soon as possible which will allow for pick up of your child’s Student Requisites Box on either 11th December 2012 **OR** 30th January 2013.

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**Protect, Nurture, Grow.**
**Notes from Mrs Makin**

**RE Christmas Service**

On Monday we celebrated the end of the 2012 Religious Education program by holding a Christmas service at school. It was a lovely service, with all classes participating, and performing in front of the school community, parents and friends.

Each class enthusiastically sang a few well known hymns and a few more modern songs. The students also performed a short play, songs or played musical instruments.

I would like to acknowledge the time and effort that Mrs Loris Jackson, Mrs Di Armstrong and Mr Grant Bridson volunteered to make our Religious Education program successful and reinforce the values of respect, care and being a good citizen.

They wish to send their best wishes for Christmas to the entire school community.

**Family Picnic and Disco**

This popular family event will be held at school on Friday December 14th from 6pm. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner or snacks, catch up with other families and celebrate another busy and rewarding school year. Mr Lavars will once again be leading the disco and each unit level will have specific time in the disco.

Glow sticks will be on sale and I will try to arrange for the ice cream van to be available as it was such a success last year.

**End of year reports**

This year we have updated the front cover of individual student reports to include colour and each child’s photo, taken on the day of school photos.

I have sent home a pink note to explain the report changes this December due to the Australian Education Union work bans. Individual student reports will still have progression points from A to E to indicate academic achievement but individual comments will not be included.

The pink note also invited parents to the Open Classroom event on Monday December 10th, between 3:45-5:45pm, where parents can look and discuss their child’s work and learning. Teachers will be available to briefly discuss each child’s progress.

**Class allocation**

I hope to send home notification of your child’s 2013 classroom teacher and room on Monday, in readiness for the whole school ‘One Up Day’ on Tuesday December 11th between 9:30 – 11am. I encourage all students to be at school on Tuesday so that they can meet their new teacher and their new classmates. Please note that Mrs Val Kent will unfortunately be absent on that day but will catch up with her new class the next week.

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**Library News**

All Library books to be returned to school by Friday, 7th December.

**TERM 4 2012 & TERM 1 2013 ARE SUNSMART TERMS**

All students must have a sunsmart approved wide brimmed, navy hat to wear when outside.

**NO HAT, NO PLAY.**

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**Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA**

### Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, $62 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

### New EMA payment option:

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

#### Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen;
- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

#### Notes from Mrs Makin

### Julie Makin - Principal

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* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 15 July 2013 (Instalment One) and 29 January 2013 (Instalment Two).

#### Payment Amounts - 2013

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

### Contact:

School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is 28 February 2013.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Grade Prep BG
Gemma Castle— for being a happy and caring class member.
Aston Cowley— for settling into school routines.

Grade 1/2C
Zarli Williams— for her outstanding information report on Koalas.
Steven Williams— for finishing his information report on Bees and putting in lots of effort.

Grade 1/2G
Tyson Audet— for being a good friend to our class’ new student.

Grade 1/2K

Grade 3/4L
Angus Cutler— for excellent contributions at our Science incursion.
Fin Armstrong— for a creative and funny narrative story.

Grade 3/4M
Mercedes Armstrong— for always working using maximum effort.
Finnian Whitelaw— for a fantastic attitude towards his learning.

Grade 5/6C

HEADLICE
Please note that we have had cases of head lice reported to the school office. Parents are encouraged to check their children’s hair regularly.

Hair MUST be treated before resuming school.

SCHOOL HELPERS MORNING TEA

I ___________________________ am / not able to attend the School Helpers morning tea on Monday, 10th December at 11.00am - 11.30am.
Number attending___________

SCHOOL HELPERS MORNING TEA

To all of our wonderful helpers, you are invited to a “THANK YOU” morning tea from all the staff at Mt Duneed Regional Primary School on Monday, 10th December at 11.00am till 11.30am. If you have helped in any way here at school, in the classroom, library, on excursions, fundraising events, Working Bee’s, school council/sub committee’s etc, please come along. We would love to see as many of our helpers as possible. If you are able to come please return the reply slip to the office by Thursday, 6th December.

2012 WHOLE SCHOOL & SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS

We currently have our 2012 whole school and school group photos on display in the office. If you would like to order copies of these photos please see Jo or Barb in the office or fill in the order form below and return it to the office along with your payment by Tuesday, 11th December.

All photos are $15.00 each and will need to be paid for in advance.

Name:_________________________ Grade:___

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TOTAL ORDER: $______________

NO LATE ORDERS TAKEN

Twilight Market

Stall holders required— Friday, 14th December, 6 - 9pm

This market is being held in conjunction with the JSC Disco & Family Picnic

Stalls are only available to Mt Duneed R.P.S. Families

$15.00 per stall, includes a trestle table

Any questions contact Delia 0422 940 663

If you would like to book a stall, please complete the form below & return with payment to office.

Twilight Market

Please book me a stall for the twilight market.

Name: ________________________________
Products:______________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
Phone number:________________________
Table required: Yes / No
Coments:______________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
Presents
Geelong Cricket Camp
Ages: 5 to 16
Fun, Safe environment
Coaching since 1990!
Video Analysis
Ex-Australian Stars Coaching
January 24, 25
McDonald Reserve

For a Free brochure
FREECALL 1800 35 14 15
Or visit
www.cricketcoaching.com.au
for more information

FREE kids school holiday fun on our HUGE screen!

Enjoy lunch without worrying what the kids are touching! Every Thursday of every school holidays Botticelli’s presents a classic kids movie on our HUGE screen with surround sound, beanbags, themed menus, and decorations, it will keep the kids happy & entertained! Screening is free!

Thursday the 10th of January @ 12.15

Thursday the 17th of January @ 12.15

Thursday the 24th of January @ 12.15

“Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Please use rear entry. Dress ups are encouraged!”

We look forward to you joining us this school holidays! To book your table phone 52235252

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VEHICLE OWNERS

“PARK SMART”

THEFTS FROM VEHICLES IN THIS AREA

DON’T BECOME A VICTIM!
“LOCK IT, REMOVE IT or LOSE IT”

- Do Not Leave Valuables In View in Your Vehicle!
- Remove GPS, Mobile Phones, I Pods, Laptop, CD’s, Money, Bags, Wallets, Tools, Sunglasses, Sporting Gear, etc.

- Lock Your Vehicle Always Remember To, Even If It Is In your Driveway!
- DO NOT Place Items In Your Boot, Console or Under Your Front Seat.
- Report Any Suspicious Incidents to Police on 000

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH and VICTORIA POLICE together
Creating Safer Communities

We heard on our Grapevine that you wanted a local Christmas celebration. Here it is!!!

GROVEDALE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER 7 pm - 9.30pm

Come along and join in the festivities. Everyone welcome!!!

SANTA will be there to spread the Christmas cheer

LIONS BBQ sausage sizzle, tea, coffee, soft drinks, Lions Christmas cakes

CHOIR singing all the favorite carols

RAFT FOR THE KIDS Christmas craft activities for all ages

AT GROVEDALE COMMUNITY CENTER
45 HEYERS RD GROVEDALE
Phone 03 52 415717
info@grovenh.org.au

AN ADVENTURE CHALLENGE FOR KIDS AGED UP TO 13 YEARS

Run around an exciting 4.5km off-road course featuring a range of obstacles and water activities. BE PART OF THE FUN!

When: 3:30pm on Saturday 8th December, 2012.

Where: starts / finishes on the Lorne Foreshore in the Anaconda Adventure Race event expo.

The course is fully marked and marshalled by our event officials and does not need parental supervision. This is the kids’ time to shine and have an adventure for themselves!

Who: Children aged up to 13 years who want to have fun outdoors.

Entry fee: $31 for each Junior Survivor submitted online at www.AncondaAdventureRace.com

All kids receive an event t-shirt, water bottle and other event goodies as well as the adventure of a lifetime going around the course.

More information: a map of the course, event schedule, photos, videos and how to enter is available at www.AncondaAdventureRace.com or e-mail us at Info@rapidascent.com.au

Heled as part of the Anaconda Adventure Race weekend with races for adults as well - so come one, come all for an adventure in the sun!

www.AncondaAdventureRace.com