Dear parents and carers, staff, students and community members,

It's been a busy few weeks with many activities taking place in and out of school. We have already this term had a successful Year 6 camp, Year 5 Interschool Orienteering, P&C Meeting, a spontaneous incursion and a Board Meeting.

Tomorrow is Footy Colours Day which has been organised by our student councillors and remember that FRIDAY 19 August is a pupil free day, as all staff are attending Professional Development courses.

The rest of the Term will involve all our usual great classroom learning activities plus Book Week, Cooking Classes, Open Night, Dockers Cup, Music Festival and School Photo Day.

Later in the term we will be preparing for Interm swimming lesson that will be held in Week 2 Term 4. Notes will be sent home and these will need to be completed and returned with payment by the end of this term.

The Eagles cup team have been performing at their best and even though we have not been winning games, the whole team should be very proud of the sportsmanship, endeavour and perseverance that they are putting into every match. Well done.

Messages for parents - The staff work hard to keep our school grounds in pristine condition. The students, however, are needing constant reminding to show the expected school behaviours of be responsible; pick up and place rubbish in correct bins, sit down to eat at the right time and replace and care for all equipment. Can you please review the school behaviour matrix with your children and remind them that we will be focussing on these behaviours over the next few weeks to see if we can keep our school clean and be responsible for looking after and returning equipment.

We would like to welcome back Mrs Dawson and Mrs Knight from their leave and wish everyone a great fortnight.

Julie Blogg
Principal

Jeff Scott
Associate Principal
Everyone has the right to feel safe and be safe!!

BULLYING…it’s such a powerful word! What does it actually mean?? KidsMatter define bullying as, “deliberately and repeatedly attempting to hurt, scare or exclude someone. It can include hitting, pushing, name calling, or taking someone's belongings.”

What if you get a call from school or another parent and your child is doing the bullying?

KidsMatter offer some simple suggestions that might help if your child is doing the bullying:

- Firstly…STAY CALM!
- Does your child know what bullying behaviour is and why it is inappropriate? Do you know??
- Try to understand the reasons why your child has behaved in this way and look for ways to address the problem.
- Encourage your child to see things from the other person’s perspective, using questions like, “how would you feel if …”

Sometimes children resort to bullying because they feel helpless themselves. Help your child think of an alternative story-line.

Most importantly, don’t be ashamed to ask for help. Our children are ALL precious, this is an opportunity for them to learn and grow.

The Chaplain’s door is open for business on Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are always welcome to pop your head in or to give me a call. Belle Grant - Chaplain

SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL BUS STOP

We have had some very dangerous behaviour being witnessed around the school buses in the afternoon.

Parents, please comply with the verge signs when parking in this area — they are there for your children's safety.

Children must not run across the road between or in front of the busses - please reiterate this with your children if you use this area of the school to collect them in the afternoon.

School Photos

School photo day will be held in Week 8 this term
Kindy photos will be held on Thursday 8 Sept 2016.
School photos will be held on Friday 9 Sept 2016.
Order envelopes were sent home next week to enable families to see the packages on offer and budget if needed.

IMPORTANT:
DO NOT MISPLACE YOUR ENVELOPE: each envelope is coded to a specific child and must be returned on photo day whether you purchase photos or not.

ENVELOPES & orders need to be bought to school with the students on Photo day. DO NOT RETURN envelopes to the school prior to photo day.

FAMILY PHOTOS are available. Those wishing to have family photos need to collect a Family/Siblings envelope from the school office. Family photos will be taken before school – actual times will be advertised prior.

VacSwim 2016-17

Vacswim October school holiday swimming lessons

VacSwim provides children from five to 17 years old with opportunities to learn vital swimming and water safety skills.

Enrolments for the October school holiday swimming lessons are now open.

Enrol now for VacSwim October school holiday Swimming lessons

It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons are run by instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. To enrol or find out more visit www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming.

Enrolments close on Monday 29 August 2016
Canteen News

We are in need of a volunteer to assist in the canteen on Friday 26 August - if you are able to help from 9-11.30am please see Jo in the canteen.

Please note that no fresh chicken will be available on the menu due to our suppliers.

Roster:

| Fri  | 19 Aug | CLOSED |
| Wed  | 24 Aug | Elani  |
| Fri  | 26 Aug | Vacant |
| Wed  | 31 Aug | Sarah  |

Popcorn Movie Reward for Gold Faction

Gold faction students were the first faction to reach 2000 Groovy Grovers and received their popcorn and movie afternoon reward.

Students were very excited and settled into the library to watch the film ‘Turbo’ after lunch last Friday.

Gold faction is now heading for their next big goal which is 3000 Groovy Grovers with the reward being a Games/Fun afternoon. Keep up the great work.

Blue faction has just reached their 2000 Groovy Grovers and will receive their reward Movie and Popcorn on Friday 26 August 2016.

Red faction are currently on 1751 Groovy Grovers, so with a huge effort by the whole faction they will catch up and receive their reward very soon.

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The sun shone on 124 Year 5 and Year 6 students from 6 primary schools competing in the Great Southern’s first interschool orienteering event at the Centennial Park sporting precinct. The Year 5 mass start was first, with participants allowed a few minutes beforehand to plan their route to visit any 12 of the 16 checkpoints in any order. Then “Go!” and all strategy was forsaken as children scattered headlong about the playing fields energetically looking for the bright red & white markers and their pin punch. Groups formed around each checkpoint, would scatter, then coalesce at another checkpoint, all the while using their colourful orienteering maps to navigate on the run.

First across the line and first boy was Silver (Spencer Park), with 2nd Harry K (Little Grove), 3rd Kayden (Mt Lockyer) and 4th Toby R (Little Grove). The first girls weren’t far behind with 7th Chloe (ML), 10th Kasey (ML), 11th Annelie (SP) and 12th Imogen (SP).

The first 8 finishers from each school made up the overall score and in the Year 5 competition Mt Lockyer had a clear win over Spencer Park, closely followed by Little Grove, Flinders Park and South Stirling/Manypeaks. In the Year 6 race there seemed to be more thinking and less distance covered, and proving that orienteering is indeed ‘cunning running’ 4 of the first 7 finishers were girls. Checkpoint 4 was an entertaining one as the route to it was through some bracken fern and over some ground that was soggier than for the Year 5s who ran earlier. Two shoes were lost (and later regained!) in the mud but not one of the children hesitated in dashing across to collect the checkpoint.

In the girls, first home (and first overall) was Josie (FP), 2nd Tiahn, 3rd Dani, 4th Tahlia – all from Flinders Park. Boys filled overall places 2, 3, 6 & 8 and were 1st Matt, 2nd Aaron 3rd Hamish (all FP) with 4th Alex (ML). In the school competition Flinders Park (Red) was first, Mt Lockyer 2nd, then Flinders Park (Blue), just in front of Spencer Park.

Title of champion primary school across both year groups went to Mt Lockyer, with a gap back to 3 very close scores – 2nd Spencer Park, 3rd Flinders Park (Red), 4th Flinders Park (Blue). Little Grove and South Stirling/Manypeaks did not field Year 6 teams.

ADHOC Orienteer’s Club President John Toomey said “It was great to see so much enthusiasm and energy from the children today – they embraced the combination of thinking and running that makes orienteering such an enjoyable challenge.”

School Contributions

Thank you to the 55% of families who have already paid their 2016 School Contributions. These contribution funds are used for resources that benefit all students across the school.

Reminder statements have been sent home for those families whose contributions are yet to be received.

Families are reminded that they are welcome to set up a payment plan if they do not wish to pay their contributions in one lump sum.

Bank Details:   Little Grove Primary School     BSB: 016 510     Account number:  340 910 473

EFTPOS facilities available at the school office from 8am to 3.30pm daily.
Our school was very lucky to have a spontaneous incursion on Monday. The presenters of this great show are taking their incursion on a tour of Tasmania and we were very happy to be their practice school. Thank you to the families who gave a gold coin donation - the presenters and their chosen charity were very grateful.

As you can see by these recounts from some Room 2 students, along with a lot of laughter there were some very important messages for the students.

Danny also was acting like a baby almost the whole time we were there. Then he was learning how to drink out of a drink bottle. First the mum said, “Now lift the drink up to your face and drink.” He actually tipped water all over himself!

Tom B.

Danny spoke; he said” Now when all of you were babies you could do nothing.” He showed us how we learned to walk, drink water and eat food.

Rosie A.

Danny said “When you think you aren’t good at something just say – “I’m not good at it YET.”

Paula taught us about cartooning and creativity. We drew a cartoon apple, a banana and a cartoon tiger.

Ebony D.

It was fantastic!

Seren C.

Danny told us that babies don’t know how to do anything, but they don’t know how to give up, so babies keep on trying.

Shelbie R.

Yesterday the junior block went to see an incursion in the library at 11:30 am, with some extremely hilarious people called Danny and Paula.

Charlie F.