PrINCIPAL’S PAGE

The term has started smoothly for our students! I want to extend a thank you to what you as parents and carers do to support the transition of a new year. Staff at Grovely work incredibly hard to ensure the best possible start and journey for our students and your support is essential to this. Our new preppies are well and truly settled with reading and writing in their daily learning as well as growing as a community.

This is the last year of our Strategic plan that was written for these last four years of Grovely’s journey. Throughout this year the students, the staff and the community will be asked to be involved in what the next four years will look like for Grovely State School. Exciting times ahead!!

We believe every child can learn and reach their potential. We care deeply and commit to the social, emotional and academic development of our students and enact this through high expectations and relationships. We strive for synergy in our school community to unify this purpose. We commit to ensuring our students are self-managed, critical and curious thinkers through working collaboratively to achieve high quality access to learning.

This is who we are and what we stand for. I look forward to the year of review this year to inform the next four years at Grovely State School. This year we continue the journey of embedding the quality approach to teach Reading at Grovely. We will also focus this year on targeting writing skills across our school.

Coming up on 15 February is our annual Meet n Greet. This is a fabulous opportunity to meet new staff and the community! See you there at 5pm for welcome and visits to the classrooms at times nominated on the flyer included in today’s newsletter.

Ensure you know when the times are from your teacher as these are a valuable opportunity to meet with your child. The partnership we establish in working together for the common invested interest in our students, your child.

If parents are planning to be away for more than 10 days, an exemption to compulsory schooling needs to be filled out. Information article will be posted on our website today. Every parent of a child of compulsory school age or a young person in the compulsory participation phase has a legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attending school or participating in an eligible option.

Parents can apply for an exemption from this obligation when their child cannot attend or it would be unreasonable in all the circumstances for their child to attend school or participate in an eligible option for a period of more than 10 consecutive school days. Situations where an application for an exemption may be made include illness, family reasons or cultural or religious reasons.

If your child is exempted from compulsory schooling, you are excused from your obligation in relation to compulsory schooling or compulsory participation.

If this applies to you, information is available through the school’s Office or website. Please don’t hesitate to discuss.

Finally a huge thank you to the P and C for the commitment to air-conditioning our student’s classrooms and the support the community has put behind the fundraising efforts. This is such an exciting time for our community and the install plan will begin tomorrow morning!

Leanne Duncan
DIANNE DAVIS VISIT

Dianne Davis will be visiting our school to provide support for our Montessori teachers and community from Tuesday 7 March until Saturday 11 March. During this time she will work with our Montessori teachers in their classrooms to provide the support that they need to continue to refine their classroom routines and with the new version 8 of the Australian Digital Technologies and Design and Technologies.

We will be holding a Journey and Discovery on Friday 10 March (5.30-8pm) and Saturday 11 March (8.30am-12.15pm). Please note it is important to attend both sessions as they give an insight into the Montessori classroom and the Journey of learning that students progress through as they move through the cycles. Saturday morning then supports the learning by enabling participants to walk in the footsteps of their child by being part of the 3 hour learning cycle. Invitations with further information will be sent home shortly.

Sue McIvor

At Grovely State School we are committed to the development of the whole child. Physically, academically, culturally as well as socially and emotionally.

This social and emotional aspect is a focus for improvement with our Culture that Promotes Learning here at school. To this end we have commenced at the end of last year to have a Whole School Approach towards Behaviour Education. Beginning with and continuing to have an unrelenting focus on Good Manners/Greetings and Farewells.

Since the beginning of the school year across the whole school, classes have begun introducing the first of the 5 Life Raft Skills/Concepts to be explicitly taught. During Week 1 and 2 the Life Raft Skill was - “Treat others as you would like them to treat you” - if someone is unlike you, seek to understand them. This first skill aligns itself with our school values of Being Respectful and Being Curious. It is also known as the Golden Rule.

This week will see the introduction of the second Life Raft Skill - "Be brave - Participate to progress" Doing something is better than doing nothing, so long as your something is close to right as possible. School is about stepping bravely into the unknown. The unknown is often uncomfortable. The braver you are, the more you learn! Aligning itself with our school values of Being Resilient and Being Curious. It is also known as the Golden Rule.

How much bravery have you needed this week?? Have a great week. Stay safe and be generous every chance you get!

Jay Moore

P&C MEETING

The first P&C meeting for 2017 will be held next Tuesday 14 February at 7pm in the Staff Room.

***NEW FACES ARE WARMLY WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED!***

The Staff Room is located behind the school office and EVERYONE is welcome to attend a P&C meeting; just turn up and grab a seat! You are welcome to sit in and listen, ask questions, or have a say about what’s going on around the school. Meetings usually last 1-1.5 hrs. There’s no problem if you can’t make it until after 7pm or if you must duck out early. If you don’t have a sitter, kids are welcome too; bring along some activities to keep them occupied.

If you have any questions, please email vp@grovelyschool.com.au

Meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month (during term) at 7pm in the Staff Room.

GROVELY GRIND

The Grovely Grind is an incredible asset to our school community, and this year we are aiming to have it open every morning. We rely on volunteers to provide this service, so if you have some time to give, we would love to have you on board. We also need students (must be eleven years old) to help out each morning and on Friday afternoons if you or your child are interested, please come and see me in the coffee shop on Wednesday or Friday mornings, or you can email me at community@grovelyschool.com.au

Peita Bevan

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop operates every Thursday and Friday. Online Qkr! orders close 8.30am - Counter orders close 9am. The Tuckshop cannot take any over the counter orders after 9am. Thank you for your understanding.

For a copy of the Tuckshop menu, more information about the Grovely P&C Association and how to become involved, visit www.grovelyschool.com.au JOIN QKR! AND ORDER TUCKSHOP FROM THE CONVENIENCE OF YOUR SMART PHONE OR ONLINE.
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Student Resource Scheme 2017
Thank you to the families who have returned the Student Resource Scheme and
paid their fees.
During the first week of school, invoices were sent home to families who had returned their completed participation form.
• Full payment is now due. If you have chosen to pay via instalments please check your dates.
• If you have not returned your completed Student Resource Participation Form, please complete and return to the school office by Friday 10 February. Please return whether you are joining or opting out.
• If you choose not to join the scheme, we will send home a list of resources which you will need to purchase. The scheme is a much more economical option.

Montessori Program 2017
Thank you to the many families who have paid their 2017 fees in full or have made payments according to their plan.
There are some families who to date have not returned their declaration form or made any payment.
• If you have arranged a payment plan please check your due dates.
• If you do not have a formal payment plan arranged and not paid, the full amount of fees is now due for payment.
• If you have not returned your completed declaration form, please return asap.
Payment of fees is required to enable the school to provide the various resources required for the program.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB
14  P&C Meeting – 7pm Staffroom
15  Meet n Greet - 5.30pm @ GPAC
16  Assembly – School Leaders Induction
17  Volunteers Training – 9am @ GPAC Marshalling Room
22  Pancake Brekky – Gold Coin Donation
20-24  Parent/Student Conferences
22-23  Student Leader Camp – Hilder Road SS

MAR
2  Assembly
3  Year 5/6 Camp balance due – 9am
3  Inter School Sport commences
7  Dianne Davis Parent Session – 2.30pm
7  P&C AGM - 7pm
9  Year 6 Experience Day – Mitchelton SHS
10  Journey and Discovery – 5.30-8pm
11  Journey and Discovery – 8.30am-12.15pm
15  Open Day
16  Assembly
20-22  Year 5/6 Camp - Coolum
21  Harmony Day
23  ICAS Forms & Fees due
30  School Cross County – 9-11am
30  Assembly
31  Easter Hat Parade P-2
31  End of Term 1

APR
18  Term 2 commences

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Year Five and Six Camp – 20 to 22 March 2017
Due to late return of deposit and permission slips, the final cost of camp has not been completed. The approximate balance for parents to pay will be approximately $210. We understand that some families have expressed interest in paying the balance in instalments with total balance to be paid by 3 March and if you wish to make a payment prior to receiving the invoice home, please pay through the office. The invoice will have information re payment by B Point. We will be endeavouring to send home this information this week along with forms for completion.

Student Resource Scheme 2017
Thank you to the families who have returned the Student Resource Scheme and paid their fees.

Meet n Greet
Wednesday 15 February
5.30pm @ GPAC

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

If anyone is interested in helping Charlotte with Book Club this year please send a message to charlie22b@hotmail.com
Cheers, Charlotte

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is held each Wednesday at 8.30am outside the Library (D block). Please see Renee if you wish to open an account for your child.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Band queries contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au
String queries contact Angela Batch at ahbatt@eq.edu.au

FERNY HILLS SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

If you wish to make an appointment or speak with a staff member please call 3851 2304. For emergencies please call 1300 300 850 or 3008 3501.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

JUST FOR KIDS (JFK) is being held each Thursday afternoon 3.30 - 5pm for primary school kids. It operates at Grovely Christian Church, 38 Woking Street, Mitchelton (just off Casey Street, opposite the school on Dawson Parade). Each week will have a theme with fun, food and activities.
9 Feb  Heart Attack
16 Feb  Fire
For more info, contact Meralda Livermore on 0401 012 615 or Chris Poulsen on 0419 820 810

PURE TENNIS FERNY HILLS offers the complete Hotshots Coaching, Squad & Fixture programs for children aged between 3-12 years. All new bookings receive a free hot shots tennis racquet. Term 1 Tennis Coaching 7 Week Special available 13 Feb – 31 March. For information and bookings call 3851 0444 or go to http://fernghills.puretennis.com.au/book-online/ or. Enrolment Forms are available from the display stand in the school office.

SAND SAFARI will be held at various locations on the Gold Coast from 17-26 February. The annual FREE Sand Safari Arts Festival is inspired by sand and sea and features giant colourful inflatable art installations that glow at night, huge sand sculptures, book readings with a Sand Safari mermaid plus so much more! There will be plenty of fun activities where children can give sand sculpting a go in mini workshops along the foreshore or get creative with sand art and coloured sand activities. For more information check out surfersparadise.com

SHAKE & STIR DRAMA CLASS is held at St Williams School, Grovely on Monday afternoons from 3.15pm. All new students are entitled to a no obligation trial lesson. Please visit www.shakeandstir.com.au or call 3358 6025 for more info.

AUSTRALIAN ACTING ACADEMY is offering $10 trial classes in Samford, Mitchelton, Paddington, Chermside, Bald Hills, South Brisbane & The Gap. More information: 0412 728 628 or www.actngacademy.com.au

GRASSHOPPER SOCCER is soccer fun for girls & boys aged 2 to 12 years! 8 week program starting in term 1. For information or to book a place call Mauricio on 0430 588 067.

WILDLIFE EMERGENCIES – 1300 264 625 / 1300 ANIMAL (RSPCA)