Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had a great break and enjoyed the brilliant Brisbane winter weather or perhaps spent time somewhere more exotic.

I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to be acting Principal at Grovely while Vicki Baker is away and will do my best to support everything that makes the school work so well. My last involvement with Grovely SS was over 20 years ago when I was based at the Mount Coot-tha School Support Centre. It has certainly changed since then and I am looking forward to getting to know the community and to learning how the school works.

I have taught at many schools over a fairly long period of time and am always impressed with the way that every school works so hard to ensure that learning is the priority for every child. Each school does it in its own way and I have been truly impressed by the myriad of learning opportunities that are available to students at Grovely. I have been made to feel very welcome and have enjoyed meeting the staff and the children. I am looking forward to meeting as many members of the community as possible over the term.

Report cards
Report cards will come home with your child this Friday. This is a time to celebrate the successes and improvements and also to make plans and set goals for how the next report card can show an ongoing growth in learning, especially in any areas that are proving to be a challenge.

Don’t forget to have a look at the Michael Grose media clip. The video clip aims to help parents focus on the right things, and take a positive view of their children’s reports. How parents react to their child’s report cards has a profound impact on them and shapes significantly how they see themselves as learners. It’s well worth a look. Reading your child’s report video is on the Parentingideas TV Youtube channel. http://youtube/YM2Lrm19_A0

NAIDOC Week Celebration.
NAIDOC Week was held last week while we were on holidays. This Friday some of our students will participate in the Grovely State School celebration. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. Fred Reid, a respected indigenous performer will present two performances of “Let’s Bridge the Gap” on Friday in which the children will develop their understanding of different aspects of culture including dance, music, art and story.

Improvement works on Prep Playground.
Commencing Wednesday 16 July, there will be major works to the paving and concrete area around the large tree. This is to alleviate the current tree root problem and drainage issues that are presently experienced. Unfortunately this means there will be noise. However there will be concrete trucks, tip truck and small machinery onsite. Safety will be top priority while this work is being carried out.

- The pavers will all be lifted and taken off site tomorrow and then the preparation work for concreting will be carried out.
- The concrete pour will occur early Friday morning and should be complete by 8.30am. After the concrete pour the concrete will then be screed.
- Work on the deck area around the tree will then commence.

The Prep playground area will have fencing erected on Wednesday and during this time the sandpit will be out of use. However, next week after the concreting is complete, the fencing may be able to be moved and more play space available.

Cheers
Buffy Lavery

Value of the Week: VOW – I am responsible for my own learning.
Habit of the Week: BE PROACTIVE – I am a responsible person. I have initiative. I choose my actions, my attitudes and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

Steady – Consistent – Determinded
A big welcome back to everyone. We hope you had a great holiday and enjoyed sleeping in during those cold mornings!

This is quite a busy term and we would encourage you to keep up to date with the calendar on the school website as well as the dates in each newsletter.

REPORTS
Report Cards will go home tomorrow. Your teacher would have sent you a link to a youtube about the importance of how you read and respond to your child and their report. This is definitely worth a look and if you have not seen it please check your class newsletters from last term or contact your teacher so they can send you the link.

We believe it is important for the reports to be part of the process of how we do things and therefore no parent should receive a surprise when reading their child’s report. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher to discuss.

GEOGRAPHY
This is the first year that we have taught Geography according to the Australian Curriculum. This may mean that your student has received a result that may be a little lower than other areas of their learning. Teachers are very busy making sure they try to teach students using the new curriculum which means catching up concepts that are new to students and helping them to develop new skills and knowledge. Again if you have any concerns please contact your teacher to discuss.

MITCHELTON SHS
This term our Year Fives are invited to spend a day in the life of a high school student by visiting our local high school. This is a fantastic opportunity for all of our students to assist them in understanding and becoming more comfortable with what a high school looks like and what they can expect. This will happen on Monday 25 August. Further information will be sent home to our year five students in a few weeks.

ICAS
ICAS English will run on Tuesday 29 July at 8am in the Learning Support Room for those students who have paid. The last ICAS for the year will be OICAS Maths on Tuesday 12 August again at 8am in the Learning Support Room. The results of those that participated in the Computer ICAS will be sent home next week. Further results will be sent home as they arrive. We will acknowledge the students who have participated on an assembly in Term 4 after all results have been given out.

We hope you have had a fantastic first week back
Leanne Duncan & Sue McIvor

DIANNE DAVIS VISIT
We are currently organising another visit from Dianne Davis the Montessori consultant who supports our school. We will ask her to do another parent afternoon during that week. Further details will follow in your class details as we finalise the arrangements. If you have any specific questions or areas you would like her to cover please feel free to email Sue smcv2@eq.edu.au

Congratulations to Flynn & Hooram who were part of a combined team that won Round 1 of the Hot Shots Interschool Tennis Competition before the school holidays. The boys played really well and showed great sportsmanship on the day. Well Done!

Intermediate Music Camp - Tuesday 12 and Thursday 14 August
Information has been sent home to parents/guardians who have children who were not accepted into the Advanced Music Camp or who are in their 2nd year of learning an instrument to attend Intermediate Music Camp. This two day camp will involve special guest conductors and ensembles to work with children from across local schools. The camp will be held at our school as well as Mitchelton State High School. There will be a free concert on Tuesday 12 August at 2pm at Mitchelton State High School's Hall.

ALL FORMS AND PAYMENTS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO OUR SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 25 JULY - NO LATE FORMS AND PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

Cost of camp for two days? $70.00 which includes expert tuition on instruments, guest conductors and guest ensembles

Band Tour - Congratulations to all of our students who did a great job at our band tour on Thursday 26 June. A special thank you to Ms Therese Christiansen, Mrs Fiona Coleman and Mr Arjen Lentz and Mrs Annie Rossouw for all of their help on the day.

For all string queries please contact Angela Batch at ahbat0@eq.edu.au
For all band queries please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au
Viva la musica!

P&C
Welcome back to term 3. Our first meeting for this year will be held on Tuesday 12 August at 7.00pm.

During the holidays Vicki and myself attended the Mitchelton Rotary meeting at Arana Leagues Club and they will be looking at giving us some support in the near future. They are only a small club and also looking for members, so if you are interested in building local business contacts and helping in the community, please consider contacting them.

The tuckshop is CLOSED this Thursday but will continue normal operations on Friday.
Scott Fineran

UNIFORM SHOP
Our new reversible bucket hats have arrived. Maroon on one side with school emblem and house colours on the other. One size fits all, $15. Surf hats still available for $7.
Lee-Anne Ryan

TUCKSHOP – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Our Tuckshop Convenor, Sherine, is looking for volunteers to assist her with food preparation each Wednesday from 11am-1pm. Volunteers are also required in the Tuckshop each Thursday and Friday. Please leave a message at the office of drop in and see Sherine at the Tuckshop if you have a few hours to spare. Any help would be much appreciated.

FOR SALE - THE MONTESSORI WAY BOOK
The Montessori Way, Tim Seldin and Paul Epstein.
We are lucky enough to have copies available for purchase for $40. That’s a saving of $25! The Montessori Way book is a great resource. Some of the areas covered include; Montessori’s Philosophy, The Prepared Environment, The Planes of Development and Sensitive Periods. If you would like to purchase a copy please enquire at the office.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**PREP 2015**

**If your child will be attending Prep at Grovely in 2015 you need complete an enrolment form.**

*If you are enrolling in the Montessori program and already have children attending the school, you still need to complete an enrolment form to secure your child’s place in the program. Spaces are filling fast, so enrol now to avoid disappointment.*

**CHAPLAINS CHAT**

Fathers’ Day Breakfast

Our Father’s Day Breakfast will be held on Friday 5 September from 7-9am. All Children, Fathers, Stepfathers, Grandfathers or significant male role models from our school community are invited to come along for the breakfast. On offer - bacon and egg sandwich with a hot or cold drink $5.00 or sausage on bread with drink $4.00. There will be raffles on the morning and a guest speaker. Hope you are able to come along and celebrate with your child.

Scripture Union Holiday Camps

SU QLD has for many years run very successful holiday camps for primary and high school students. The spring camp available for our region is called Hills to Hinterland and is being run again this year from 29 Sept - 3 October. This camp is open to students from years 5 - 7 from Brisbane North schools. For more information please contact me or log onto www.sucamps.org.au, or email info@sucamps.org.au.

Hot dog meal deal

Thank you to all who participated in the hot dog meal deal day. The day managed to raise $733 for Chaplaincy here at Grovely. Many thanks go to all the ladies and students who helped with the serving, packing and delivering to the classes on the day, it would not have been a success without your help. The next one is scheduled for Wed 17 September.

Cathy Longford

**RED CROSS**

Parent Support Group

A free support group is being offered for parents/carers of children with disabilities. The group will be run the 1st Thursday of every month starting at 9.00am. For more information feel free to contact Tracey on 0448 352 536 or Cathy the School’s Chaplain.

**INCURSION FRIDAY 18 JULY**

This Friday the presentation “Let’s Bridge the Gap” will be held at the school. If you have paid the 2014 Student Resource Scheme / presently up to date with a payment plan, your student will be attending. Other students not attending will be supervised by a teacher.

**SCHOOL FEES OVERDUE**

We have a number of families who presently have outstanding fees. These fees are now due and a statement will be sent home next week. Please pay these fees as soon as possible. *(If you have a payment plan which is up to date this will serve for your information).*

**INVITATION TO OFFER**

Grovely State School has two Pianos which are no longer used and are now being offered for sale.

1. Beale (Bijou model) acquired 1974
2. Stroud (unknown model) acquired 1980

The pianos are being offered on an “as is” basis. Removal of pianos from school site would be the responsibility of the successful purchaser.

Please contact Di Lowe if you are interested in these pianos and would like to inspect.

All offers must be placed in an envelope marked “Confidential” – Offer for Advertised Piano (1) or (2).**

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

NATIONAL SELF-DETECTION PROGRAM FOR SCOLIOSIS (NSDP) recommends that girls in year 7 participate in the NSDP by downloading the Self-Detection Brochure for Scoliosis via the link on the Scoliosis Australia home page at [www.scoliosis-australia.org](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org)

PINE HILLS LIGHTNING JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB are holding a FREE Come & Try Day for Aussie T Ball/Rookie Ball for boys and girls 6-10 years on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 July at the Jinker Track, Bunya. For further details check out [www.pinehillslightning.baseball.com.au](http://www.pinehillslightning.baseball.com.au)

BASKETBALL - Are you aged 6 to 11 and want to learn fundamental Basketball skills? Dragons Club is again conducting their highly successful B.L.A.S.T.™ Ge leven non-competitive skills development program from Saturday July 19 for 9 weeks. Numbers are strictly limited and filling fast. For further information, email blast@northbrisbanebasketball.com.au or visit our website [www.northbrisbanebasketball.com.au](http://www.northbrisbanebasketball.com.au).

**TENNIS COACHING** is held at Grovely State School each Tuesday from 3:00-3.45pm by Dave Prickett (acc.A.T.P.C.A). All standards coached, new beginners receive a FREE racquet. For further information call 3351 4483.

Wildlife Emergencies – 1300 264 625 (1300 animal)

**Acts of cruelty or neglect** - RSPCA Inspectorate 3426 9971 or 1300 852 188, DPI call centre 3289 3111 or your local police station.

**Sick or injured stray animals** - RSPCA Animal Ambulance 3426 9971 or 1300 852 188.

**24 Hour Call Centre** – 3426 9999