Principal’s Page

Congratulations to those students who applied for the Metropolitan Region Choral Honors Program. To date Zahri D, Isabelle T and Caroline R have been accepted. Well done to those involved – a great achievement!

The principal symposium day is a day when all principals in the region come together to hear the message from our Regional Director. This message was about our moral purpose to have a collective ownership of all students learning by working collaboratively.

Our priorities from our Strategies plan continue for this year. They are to:

- Improve the achievement of all students in reading and numeracy
- Continue to develop a Whole School understanding of curriculum and consistent agreed practices
- Continue to build the schools culture of professional learning community
- Continue to build strong parent and community partnerships

With the work we are undertaking, these priorities build high performance school cultures, curriculum pathways to success and data driven systems that all aim to enable students to improve and achieve success.

Once again our newly appointed student captains led tours with prospective families for our Open Day. The feedback given was that they did this incredibly well. Thank you and well done.

Celebrations of learning are coming up! This is the time when you are able to share in your child’s learning journey. It is a time of reflection and acknowledgment.

Harmony Day assembly is one of the community assemblies that I love. This is a time where students can come dressed or bring in their cultural dress to change into (if it is too hot!) and wear it to assembly to do a walkover the stage to show the diversity in our community. Friendship braids are being done with buddy classes. The relationship that develops between our younger students and older students is invaluable at connecting our students in our community. Diversity is our strength. It gives us opportunity for learning, growth and consideration of difference and our understanding of that.

Another valuable event this week is our Journey and Discovery on Friday night and Saturday. We encourage families to attend a journey and discovery if they are enrolled in the Montessori stream of our school.

Have a great fortnight!

Leanne Duncan

P&C

FRIDAY SPORTS LUNCH ORDER SERVICE

Friday Sports Lunch Order Service will no longer be available.

The P&C have advised that the Tuckshop is not able to fill 2nd break orders on a Friday, for students leaving early for inter-school sport. Students will need to bring big lunch to school with them each Friday.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

P&C website - Keep up to date at www.grovelyschool.com.au
P&C payments - pay.grovelyschool.com.au or via the QKR! app on your phone (includes tuckshop, community coffee, uniform shop, special events and more)
**FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK**

Cross Country

Our cross country will now be held on Monday 21 March beginning at 9am on the oval. We welcome our community to come along and encourage our students as they participate in their events. This year we will begin the longest races first. Please make sure your child has a house coloured T-shirt for the day. If you are not sure which house your child is in please clarify with your teacher. We anticipate the day will conclude at approximately 11am. Outside hours school care would like to help our students celebrate their run on the day by providing them with a zooper dooper ice block after the races.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Friday 18 March is the National day of action against Bullying and Violence. We will be promoting this day via our whole school parade on Thursday 17 March as well as a dress in Orange Day on Friday 18 March. Please encourage your child to wear something orange on this day and bring a gold coin donation to our student council. Students will receive a special arm band on the day. At Grovely we do not tolerate bullying and our staff incorporate strategies to support students into their teaching. This is also a great website that has resources to support schools and parents http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/

Dianne Davis Visit

Unfortunately Dianne has had to postpone this week’s visit with us. My apologies to our parents who were looking forward to her talk on Tuesday afternoon. We will work on rescheduling her visit and will let you know the new dates as soon as we confirm them.

Sue McIvor

**CURRICULUM CORNER**

Being able to read words on a page or on a screen gives your child a great head-start to their learning, however reading is more than just being able to read the words. Children also need to make sense of what they are reading – i.e. Comprehension. The good news is that teaching reading comprehension strategies are really second nature to parents. For example, when a mother says something like, “Jenny, tell your dad what we did at the zoo today,” that builds a foundation for understanding how narratives work. While it would be great if all instructional techniques where this intuitive, most parents need a little nudge in the right direction. Here are four strategies and tips that you can use at home.

- Lay a strong foundation for reading success – Before reading a book about ocean life, for example, first talk to your child about how fish are different from mammals and have to live in a water environment. Preview the text to find unfamiliar words like “gills” and “vertebrate” and explain them before you start reading. Talk about the fish you may have seen in a pet store or at the beach. You can even go the extra mile and take your child to the local aquarium.
- Reading aloud and thinking aloud – Good readers unconsciously create visual images in their heads while they are reading. It’s all part of the comprehension process. While you are reading to your child, think out loud about the images you see or the questions that may arise. That means explaining the ideas, pictures, questions, and connections that go through your mind as you read a passage.
- Let your child be the teacher – Most all children jump at the opportunity to play a little role reversal. As you and your child are reading, take turns coming up with questions, making predictions, and summarizing. You be the student and let your son or daughter be the teacher. Children love being able to say things like “Dad, tell me what you think will happen next!”
- Keep it interesting and relevant – One of the most important things parents can do is to provide reading material that is interesting and relevant. Nothing turns a child off reading like boring content.

**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE**

3354 6366

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

All beginner Band and Strings students, please remember to return your letter regarding our first concert which is coming up quickly. It is on Tuesday 15 March at Grovely in GPC. Please meet Mrs Hall and Mrs Batch at 3:30pm with your instrument, music, water bottle and a plate of food to share. Don’t forget to wear your formal school uniform.

Penny Hall - Band Teacher phall35@eq.edu.au
Angela Batch - Strings Teacher abbat0@eq.edu.au

**GROVELY GROWERS**

Thank you Samford Village Pumps for donating a water pump to Grovely Growers. This pump will help the school to produce organic produce for our tuckshop and teach students about growing plants with our own harvested rain water. The pump is a much needed resource in this hot weather so we are very appreciative!

Samford Village Pumps are located 6/39 Main Street, Samford QLD 4520  Phone: (07) 3289 2111
Like them on facebook!

Volunteer help in Grovely Growers

Our amazing parent gardener Belinda needs some help down in Grovely Growers on Wednesdays from 8:50am. It’s hot at the moment so quick gardening maintenance and watering is the aim! Please drop in any week you have an hour free. Keep up to date on our facebook page Grovely Growers

**RED CROSS WORKSHOPS**

THE POWER OF CHOICE WORKSHOP will be held on Wednesday 16 & 23 March from 9.30am-12pm in GPC Marshalling Room. This workshop invites you to come and explore in a very interactive, stimulating and fun way the power of choice, and the concept of paradigms in one’s personal development. RSVP to Tracey Scantlebury (Family Support Coordinator) on 3855 0166, 0448 352 536 or email tscantlebury@redcross.org.au

**YMCA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

Important Messages from the Coordinator

Hello everyone. With Term 1’s end fast approaching us; it’s that time to start thinking of Vacation Care. Our Vacation Care flyers are out now! We have lots of really exciting themes this holidays as well as an excursion to Brisbane Planetarium. So make sure you secure your place today.

What we’ve been doing:

At YMCA Grovely OSHC we value our children’s’ ideas and input. Our children’s theme recently has been Community Helpers. We have learnt about how each person’s role in the community all come together to make an important part of the community. Some of the roles we have been learning about have been – Police, Firefighters, bakers, doctors, dentist, teacher, cleaner, groundsman, gardeners, etc. We have learnt what they do in the community, how they can help us, why they are important and what’s special about them. This is going to continue until the end of term and we will be expanding on “When I grow up I want to be...” theme. Along with the wonderful main themes we have lots of other things happening around the room.

Boggle – our children have thoroughly enjoyed getting their brains working with an Extra Large Wall boggle we made for the room. They have a competition on who can make the most words and spell them right This is our little educational fun program.

Friendship – No matter what we do in YMCA we always make sure we touch on friendships and how to be a good friend. This month we made “Our YMCA Friendship Tree” where the children were able to put their finger print on the trees and show how they all grow together as friends.

CROSS COUNTRY – Monday 21 March - Our wonderful YMCA team on Cross Country Day will be handing out ice blocks to all the children after their races. These ice blocks will be the small Zooper Doopers. If you wish for your child not to have one please contact YMCA – AGR@ymcabrisbane.org or let your classroom teacher know.

Remember it’s never too late to place your child/ren into our wonderful Before and After School Care Program. If you would like more information feel free to email me at AGR@ymcabrisbane.org or pop up to our YMCA room located in the Prep building upstairs.

Rochelle and the Team (YMCA Grovely OSHC)
P: 3855 9997 or M: 0438 155 230
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAR
11 Journey & Discovery 6-8pm
12 Journey & Discovery 9am-12pm
14 Metropolitan Choral Honours Program
15 Beginner Instrumental Music Concert 4.00pm
16 Pancake Breakfast 8am – Gold Coin Donation
16 Power of Choice Workshop
17 Harmony Day
17 Beginner Instrumental Concert 4pm
18 Anti-Bullying Day
18 School Banking – New Account Opening Day
18 Montessori fees due
19 March Council Election
21 P-6 Cross Country
21-24 Celebrations of Learning
23 Double Dollarmite Day
23 Power of Choice Workshop
24 Easter Hat Parade – 9.45am @ GPAC
24 End of Term 1
25 GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

FINANCE MATTERS

Year 5 & 6 Camp
Thursday 3 March was the due date for return of permission slips and payment of $50 camp deposit. We are still awaiting for return and payment of the deposit from some families. Please return by Friday morning (11 March). The final calculation will be based on the final numbers and a letter sent home next week with the cost.

Statements
This week statements were sent home with the students. Items on the statements relate to outstanding invoices for:
2015 Montessori Fees; 2016 Montessori Fees; 2016 Instrumental Fees; 2015 Student Resource Scheme Fees; 2016 Student Resource Scheme Fees

All these fees are now overdue and require immediate payment unless you have a formal payment plan arranged.

Student Resource Scheme 2016
Non Participants in the Student Resource Scheme
A reminder letter and participation form has been sent home today for the students who have not returned their Student Resource Scheme participation form. (Please check your child’s bag). Please complete and return this form to the school office by Wednesday 16 March. If you return the form indicating “No” or no form is returned by this date, the school will send home a Year Level list for your information and purchase.

Thank you to the families who have returned the Student Resource Scheme and paid their fees in full or making payments according to their plan.

Montessori Program 2016
There are some families who to date have not returned their declaration form or made any payment. If you have not paid or returned your declaration form please do so ASAP. This is to enable the school to provide the resources required for the program.

Full payment is due by 18 March 2016
If you are paying by instalments please check your dates.

Thank you to the many families who have paid their 2016 fees in full or making payments according to their plan.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held on Wednesday 16 March from 8am under F block. Pancakes, syrup and juice will be served, gold coin donations kindly accepted.

MOTHERS DAY MORNING TEA will be held on Friday 6 May from 9.45-11.00am in GPAC. Mothers, Step-Mothers, Grandmothers or other significant females are invited to come along and celebrate. Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring a plate of food to share (sweet or savoury). There will also be lucky door prizes and a choir performance. Students from P-6 who have a family member attending are also invited to bring their morning tea down to GPAC at 11am for a picnic.

I will be on personal leave from 21 March to 2 May 2016, and will not be replaced during this time. If you require assistance please contact Tracey Scantlebury (Red Cross) 3855 0166 / 0448 352 536 or call the school office.

LIBRARY NEWS

Borrowing for all classes has commenced for 2016! Please remember to send a library bag with your child to protect our precious books.

Library Opening Times
Before School: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30am - 8:50am
Lunchtime: Everyday 1:15pm - 1:45pm

Overdue items can also be discussed with me in person Tuesday to Thursday 8:30am - 2pm or phone the office at these times. I look forward to helping every student find books they love to read in 2016!

Kerri Walters (Teacher Aide in the Library)

SCHOOL BANKING

New account opening day – 18 March from 8.00-9.00am outside the Library.

Mystery Draw – Every deposit until 23 March goes into a draw to win a prize.

Double Dollarmite Day 23 March – Deposit $5 or more to receive a bonus token. To receive a bonus token we need to split deposits, one on 23 March & the other on 24 March

EASTER HAT PARADE

You are invited to the Grovely State School EASTER HAT PARADE to be held on Thursday 24 March at 9.45am in GPAC.

Performers: Prep A, 1A, 1/2A, 1/2B, M18, M1C, M2B, M2C, M3/2D

We hope you can join us for this wonderful Easter celebration. We are making our hats at school.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

RSPCA MILLION PAWS walk will be held on Sunday 15 May across 22 locations in Queensland! It is the perfect opportunity to show your support and continue helping mistreated and abused animals. Tons of fun activities at the finish line including competitions, entertainment, food stalls, pet advice and more. Get the VIP treatment in the 500 Club when you raise $500 or more on your online page. Registration is open now. For more information call 3258 5608 or email events@rspscaqld.org.au

JUST FOR KIDS (JFK) is held each Thursday afternoon from 3.30-5.00pm for primary school kids, at Grovely Christian Church, 38 Woking St, Mitchelton (Just off Casey St, opposite the school on Dawson Pde). Each week has a theme with fun, food and activities.

10 March Monster Trucks
13 March Mystery Draw
17 March Easter Egg Hunt

For more information, contact Meralda on 0401 012 615 or Chris on 0419 820 810.

SAVER PLUS can match your savings up to $500 for school costs including uniforms, books, excursions or laptops. To be eligible you must have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, have a child at school now or starting next year and have some form of household income. For more information email saverplus@bsl.org.au

ALZHEIMERS AUSTRALIA is holding the Brisbane Memory Walk and Jog Fundraiser on Sunday 17 April from 8am at UQ Campus, St Lucia. 2.5km or 5km walk or jog along a shady riverside course. Entertainment, kid’s activities, coffee & food stalls. For information call 3895 820.

NUMBERWORKS’NPWORDS in Ashgrove provides after school Maths and English tuition for students in grades Prep to Year 10. Sessions are available each afternoon after school. Phone 3366 8888 or visit www.numberworksnwords.com.au for more information.

GRASSHOPPER SOCCER EASTER HOLIDAY CLINICS will be held at Hilder Rd State School 29-31 March from 8:30-11.30am for boys & girls aged 5-12 years. Cost is $109. For details and registration call 0430 588 067 or email mauricio@grasshoppersoccer.com.au

TENNIS COACHING is available at Grovely State School every Tuesday from 3-3.45pm with Dave Pricket–Q.T.P.C.A. Coach. Phone 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