Our enrolments have remained strong. The secret is out!! Grovely is a truly unique community and I have to say that there is no single aspect that makes it this way. I heard a saying recently that resonated with me – “I am who I am, because of who all of you are.” There is no one reason why we are the community that we are – it is a combined effort, because of a common moral purpose – bringing out the potential of our students. This term I will work with staff on what the Grovely story is. The Grovely story captures who we are and the journey we have had whilst also looking to the future for where to next.

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- Respectedful
- Responsible
- Resilient
- Prepared
- Curious

Parents can assist by promoting our students self-management every day.

Our Tuckshop is in dire need of volunteers on a Thursday and Friday. This service relies on volunteers to give this wonderful opportunity to our students. Please let us know if you can give an hour or two of your time. It is deeply appreciated.

This year, John Brevitt will take on the Montessori co-ordinator role. Sharing the role across the school, always shares the work to be done. Our Thanks goes to Katrina for the work she has done in this role.

Grovely has spent a considerable amount of time upgrading its bandwidth and wireless to be able to accommodate more technology. I am also pleased to let you know we have replaced the ELC (completely!) and purchased additional laptops and trolleys to recharge and store them in for classes to use.
We value our Room Parents at Grovely State School. I invite you all to meet with me to discuss the wonderful work you do, as soon as all classes have nominated a parent. Looking forward to meeting with you.

Grovely State School turns 60 this year!! Let us know if you want to contribute to what will be a celebration of a truly authentic community. One I am proud to be a part of with the team we have.

The photograph above was the demountable Music Room which was located on the current site of the Grovely Growers Garden!

Warm Regards
Leanne Duncan

FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

School communication
When you enrol into our school part of the enrolment process asks parents and guardians to provide an email address. These email addresses are being used by class teachers and room parents to connect to the parents in their group and to send regular information and class newsletters. If you are not receiving class emails could you please make sure your details are up to date in the office by contacting Nik or Annette 33546333. If you have chosen not to be contacted using an email address and you are receiving emails please contact Nik and Annette to rectify this as well.

Journey and Discovery
We will be running a Journey and Discovery on Friday the 11th March 6-8pm and Saturday 12th March 9-12am. Please note that participants are required to attend both days as they complement each other. This is a great opportunity for parents to Journey into the world of Montessori and Discover the prepared environment of the child. Invitations will be sent home soon. Places are limited. Please make sure you save this date as feedback from previous years has been fantastic with parents expressing that every parent should be involved in this event.

ICAS
We will be offering the ICAS experience to any students who would like to participate in the International competitions and Assessments for Schools. Parents are invited to pay for their child to participate in these assessments. They provide information on the areas of Digital technologies; Science; Writing; Spelling; English and Mathematics. Letters will go home with further information and costings on this in the next few weeks.

Volunteer training – Friday 19 February
We love to have volunteers at our school supporting the work our teachers do and the student learning. If you are volunteering at Grovely this year in classrooms, tuckshop, garden, coffee shop etc please make sure you attend the volunteer training on Friday 19 February from 1.45-3.00pm in GPAC. Cathy (Chaplain) runs this session to ensure that everyone understands their responsibilities and our volunteers feel supported in the work they do. Except for parents, ALL volunteers, including Grandparents, must have a blue card if volunteering at the school. Administration can assist with providing the application form needed to obtain this.

Have a great fortnight
Sue McIvor

HEAD OF CURRICULUM

While your child will be engaged in a variety of reading activities at school, it is also important to encourage your child to read outside the classroom. Here are some ideas that may help you support your child’s reading development:
• talk with your child about the things they like to read - picture books, books about dinosaurs, ‘how-to-make’ instructions, catalogues, signs, computer games
• ask your child to retell their favourite stories
• read with your child each day if you can - before bed, first thing in the morning, whenever it is convenient for the family
• ask questions while reading to your child to check they understand what they are reading such as Why do you think that happened? What do you think will happen next? and Why do you think the author included that part in the story?
• give your child time when they get stuck on a word – take it slowly - encourage your child to read on to get the overall meaning or tell them the word
• let your child see you reading
• read and write with your child in their first language
• visit the local library and encourage your child to choose reading material that they will enjoy
• collect books and display reading materials in your home such as books, newspapers, magazines

For further information and ideas on how to support your child’s reading development, visit:

David Covington (Head of Curriculum)

CHAPLAINS CHAT

Welcome back everyone, hope you had a restful break. Welcome to all the new families at Grovely State School. My name is Cathy Longford and I am the School Chaplain. I can assist students and their families with a range of services, so if you want to pop in and have a chat with me and introduce yourself, I am available from 9am-3pm Wednesday to Friday. My room is located downstairs in B block, underneath the music room. Alternatively, you can leave a message for me at the office.

Cathy Longford

RED CROSS WORKSHOPS

STRESS RELEASE & RELAXATION SESSION FOR PARENTS
Initial Workshop held on Wednesday 17 February from 9.30am-12pm. Following sessions commence on fortnightly on Wednesday 2 March from 9.30-11.00am in GPAC Marshalling Room.

Come and enjoy a stress release session using a variety of techniques for neutralizing tension and re-connecting with a place of deep relaxation, balance and harmony within yourself. The focus of this session will be practical and hands-on, and the techniques used can easily be shared by you with family and friend afterwards.

THE POWER OF CHOICE WORKSHOP
Held on Wednesday 9 March, Tuesday 15 & 22 March from 9.30am-12pm in GPAC 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 for both workshops to Tracey Scantlebury (Family Support Coordinator) on 3855 0166, 0448 352 536 or email tscantlebury@redcross.org.au

P&C

P&C website - 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).
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB
17  Stress Release & Relaxation Session for parents
17  Meet n Greet 5.30pm GPAC
18  School Banking Sign-On
18  Student Leader Assembly 2.15pm
19  Volunteers Training 1.45-3.00pm GPAC
22-23  Student Leader Camp – The Gap SS
22-29  Parent/Student conferences
26  Open Day

MAR
1-4  Parent/Student Conferences
2-3  School Photos
8  Parent Information with Dianne Davis
8  P&C AGM 7pm
9  Power of Choice Workshop
10  Year 6 Experience Day Mitchelton SHS
11  Journey & Discovery 6-8pm
12  Journey & Discovery 9am-12pm
14  Metropolitan Choral Honours Program
15  Power of Choice Workshop
17  Harmony Day
17  Beginner Concert 4pm
18  Anti-Bullying Day
19  March Council Election
21-24  Celebrations of Learning
22  Power of Choice Workshop
23  Double Dollarmite Day
24  Easter Hat Parade
24  End of Term 1
25  GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

FINANCE MATTERS

Student Resource Scheme 2016
Thank you to the families who have returned the Student Resource Scheme Participation Form and paid their fees.
During the first week of school, invoices were sent home – these fees are now due. If you have not returned your completed Student Resource Participation Form, please complete and return to the school office by Monday 15 February 2016.
However, 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 2016
Thank you to the many families who have paid their 2016 fees in full or been making 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 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 27 March 2015.
If you are paying by instalments please check your dates.

Instrumental Program Continuing Students 2016 Instrumental Music Levy & Hire Fee (if applicable)
All fees should have been paid in full by now. Please check with the Office if you are unsure.

New Students – By now families whose children are borrowing a school instrument have paid their $80 instrumental hire fee. If you elected to pay the $100 Instrumental Music levy fee later, please remember the due date was Friday 4 February.

GROVELY GROWERS

Calling all parents, grandparents and carers! We need your help in the school garden and are looking for new volunteers on:

Wednesdays 8:50am to 11:00am
Tuesdays 1:45pm to 3:00pm

Ms Maree’s class will visit the garden on Tuesday afternoons from 1:45pm so parents of M1C please lend us a hand.

Our volunteers meet in Grovely Growers (next to the prep playground). Toddlers and babies are welcome with their parents. No green thumb needed, just your enthusiasm for growing organic food for our kids’ tuckshop! Kerri Walters

groverschool.com.au

Kerri Walters

LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be open to students at the following times:
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays
Before School 8:30am to 8:50am
Lunchtime: 1:15pm to 1:40pm

Please bring a waterproof library bag when borrowing. These are available from the Uniform shop for purchase.

Kerri Walters, Teacher Aide

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is held on Wednesday morning from 8.30am Outside the Library in D block. Sign-on for new accounts will be held on Friday 18 February from 8-9am outside the library. Parents need to bring photo ID. All deposits made between 24 February and 23 March will go into a Mystery Prize Draw to be drawn on 23 March. There are 4 prizes to be won, so get banking! Double Dollarmite Day – 23 March. Deposit $5.00 or more to receive a bonus token. In order to issue a bonus token, we need to split deposits with one being on 23 March and the other on 24 March.

Renee Hayes

FERNY GROVE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Enrolments for 2017
You may have already heard than an Enrolment Management Plan has been implemented at Ferny Grove State High School from this year due to our increasing enrolment numbers. This means that students who do not reside within our designated catchment, even if currently attending one of our feeder schools, will no longer be guaranteed automatic enrolment at our school. Catchment areas can be viewed at http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/

As a result of the school now being enrolment managed, our enrolment procedures have needed to be adjusted. Expressions of Interest for enrolment at FGSHS in 2017 for students residing both in-and out-of-catchment will be available on the school website and from the office from 8 February.

Further information may be found on our website www.fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au under the Enrolments tab.

Regards

Elizabeth Foster (Principal)

YMCA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Important Messages from the Coordinator
Welcome back & Happy New Year to all the existing families! Welcome also to all the new families at Grovely SS. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year Break. We had a very busy Vacation Care program full of great activities, excursions, incursions and lots of water play. We are so excited to see what 2016 brings and we are looking to forward to having you all back after your much deserved break.

Join us next week for:
We have a lot of fun and exciting themes planned for this term. Over the next week we are learning about Community Helpers and Safety. We will be talking to the children about Stranger Danger and who are the safe people they can go to at school and in the community when they need help. We have also been doing a theme on ‘All About Me’ and will be continuing this for a few more weeks.

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 & the Team
P: 3855 9997
M: 0438 155 230

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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.

11 February  Ambulance
18 February  Jungle

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

WILDLIFE EMERGENCIES – 1300 264 625 / 1300 ANIMAL

Acts of cruelty or neglect - RSPCA Inspectorate 3426 9971
