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NAPLAN Release
Individual student NAPLAN reports were sent home recently for students in Year 3 and 5. NAPLAN is a point in time test held on just one day of the year and provides a snapshot of a child’s Literacy and Numeracy achievement. Although it needs to be viewed in the context of the student’s classroom assessment, it has some reliable and useful information to plan for school improvement. This year’s results were very pleasing. Year 3 results were in line with National averages in Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Numeracy and for the numbers of students above National Minimum Standards in Writing. Improvement is needed in the Top 2 Bands for Writing for Year 3. Year 5 were in line with National averages in all areas. Between Year 3 and 5 student improvement was very high in almost all students that sat the two tests at Grovely.

RESPONSIBLE THINKING ROOM PARENT COMMUNICATION
A Responsible Thinking Room exists so that students have an opportunity to reflect on their actions around incidents that occur in the classroom and playground. It is an opportunity to discuss what happened and why and how they might plan for a better future. There is a slip that goes home with the student after they have been in the Responsible Thinking Room. If these slips aren’t returned to school, we have commenced posting them so that parents may take the opportunity to discuss the incident with their child at home.

CUPCAKE DAY FOR THE RSPCA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)
Some students in M3B will be holding a cupcake stall outside GPAC on Monday 17 August to raise funds for the RSPCA. If anyone else would like to make cupcakes to sell at the stall they can be delivered there before school.

MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Prior to next Thursday’s assembly Mitchelton State High school staff will be talking to Year 4, 5 and 6 students about opportunities for learning at Mitchelton State High School for them now and in the future. The staff will be staying on to present some awards on assembly for the Year 4 experience day.

BOYS BOYS BOYS WORKSHOP 18 AUGUST
There are 44 free tickets available to this sold out workshop led by parenting educator Maggie Dent. The tickets were on sale for $30. If you would like a free ticket or tickets please put you name down at the office as soon as possible. It promises to be a very informative evening.

SCOOTERS, BIKES, ROLLER-BLADES AND SKATEBOARDS
I have two primary school aged children who are fit and active and love using this equipment. However, unfortunately they are not allowed to use this equipment inside school grounds as has been the long-term rule here at Grovely and most Education Queensland schools. I ask parents to support the staff and remind your children that this equipment is not to be used in the school for the safety of others. Bikes and scooters need to be walked out and skateboards need to be in the arms of the student.

Hope to see you at the Disco next Friday night 21 Augus.

Kathy Canavan
Acting Principal

ART SHOW
Our annual Art Show and Auction will be held on Thursday 10 September. This is a wonderful evening when we celebrate the children’s work as well as auction art and other items. In order for the evening to be a success, we need donations of items that can be auctioned on the evening. The school leaders will be seeking donations from local businesses though we are hoping to also access donations from businesses our families are involved with. So if you, or anyone you know has a business and would be able to donate items for auction, please contact the school. Money raised from the event is invaluable to the school and we appreciate any support you may be able to give to the event.
**FROM THE DEPUTYS DESK**

**Mobile Phones**
Just a reminder that mobile phones are to be handed into the office at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day. Thanks for your support with this.

**Helmets and bike riding**
Reminder to ensure it is a legal responsibility to wear helmets when riding bikes on the road to school.

**ICAS results**
For those students who participated in ICAS testing for 2015, results will start to be sent home as they are received. Congratulations to all students who participated, it is great to see many of our students having a go at these opportunities.

**Reading**
We are currently auditing students reading across the school. Teachers are using the Developmental Reading assessment tool which supports us in finding out about students reading habits, what they like to read, how often they read and who they read with. This is invaluable information for us as a community as it is very important that reading is a daily habit for our students. It is like with anything the more we read the better we will be at reading!!! Please encourage your child to read every day and if you have a book that you have read together and would recommend to others please let us know!! We would love to share this with everyone. It would be great to have some recommended reading from our community.

**LIBRARY LEXICON**
Apologies to our dedicated readers. Our previous Library news stated that ‘Shine a Light on Reading’, Book week, would be held in Week 6. It will actually be held in week 7. We are holding a dress-up parade on the Thursday to allow all students the opportunity to celebrate by dressing up as their favourite book character or a costume related to this year’s theme ‘Shine a Light on Reading’. We are making this a gold coin event and dedicating the proceeds to the Year 6 graduation.

Students who are picked by their teacher as demonstrating inspiring reading habits will be asked to choose their favourite book from a list and will be donated by them to the library. They will be the very first students to borrow that book and we will have a spot light display on them and the book they read in the library.

Other events and activities that will be held at the library will be Guess the number, design a book mark and other events.

We look forward to the students participating and enjoying reading. **Problem Solving at Grovely:** As you are aware that Grovely uses Poly’s 4 steps to problem solving approach and one of the strategies that we have been using with teachers in the class room is the, Part-Part-Whole strategy. This strategy is useful for addition and subtraction sums and uses the following template: This template allows students to break a problem into manageable parts and allows to simplify problems for them. This can be expanded to add more than 2 parts.

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The answer for the last problem: Simon has a total of 96 plants. (8x12 = 96). He unpacked a total of 5 boxes (2+3=5). Therefore he unpacked a total of 60 plants. (5x12=60).

This week’s problem: (Try using the Part-Part-Whole strategy to help with working this out).
The baker baked 624 cakes. She took orders for 287 cakes on Monday, 265 on Tuesday and 298 cakes on Wednesday. How many more cakes does the baker need to make?

**OPTI-MINDS**
Only one more week until our Opti-minders will perform their challenge. Wish them luck! They will make new friends and face fresh challenges that will stretch their problem solving, higher order thinking and group working skills. I am sure they will enjoy their experiences thoroughly.

**PURE TENNIS NW PRIMARY SCHOOLS INTERSCHOOL TENNIS FINALS**
Nate Benjak represented Grovely State School in the finals of the PURE Tennis North West Primary Schools Interschool Tennis Finals. The finals were played Sunday 2 August, 2015 at Pat Rafter Arena, Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson. Teams from Prince of Peace, St Williams, St Andrews, Ferny Hills, Ferny Grove, Mitchelton, Patricks Road and Grovely State Schools competed for the title. Teams had been playing for the previous 8 weeks on a Saturday morning in preparation for the finals.

Nate played in a combined schools team which came 4th overall. Patricks Road Primary School were the winners, but all players received a prize pack at the completion of the finals. Players and their families then celebrated the end of competition with a sausage sizzle in the Pat Rafter Arena forecourt.

**GROVELY GROWERS**
**WORKING BEE – Saturday 29 August – Save the date!**
Please join us in the Grovely Growers area anytime between 8am – 11am to get the garden ready for spring time. Look out for sign-up sheets around the school and pick a fun job you can volunteer to do at the working bee. Please drop in even for an hour ... many hands make light work.

**PARENT COURSE**
1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING is a 3 session program for parents and carers, held at the Positive Learning Centre, 83 Gilston St, Keppera on 26/08, 02/09 & 09/09/15 from 6-8pm.

Learn:
- To engage your children’s cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them
- To set clear expectations and help them develop frustration tolerance
- To help children’s brains develop filters for behaving well
- To resolve family conflict quietly
- Simple strategies to practise being a calm parent

Cost is $20 with booklet for the 3 sessions. To register contact Leigh Inglis lingl1@eq.edu.au or call 3354 2022 during school hours.

**P&C**
**SCHOOL DISCO - ALL AGE EVENT - FRIDAY 21 AUGUST 5-7PM**

For only $10 you get entry, and a meal deal – Disco meal deal includes – 1 disco entry, sausage sizzle on bread, popper, popcorn and a glow wristband or just disco entry for $6 with food purchases available from the Community Coffee.

This is a family event – children must be supervised.

Proceeds from this event will go towards classroom air conditioning for Grovely students.

You can prepay now using qkr – qkr.grovelyschool.com.au OR use the qkr! app on your phone.

We look forward to seeing you.

**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)
There will be a parent information afternoon at 3.15pm on Tuesday 18 August at GPAC for parents who have children entering year 3 and above in 2016 who are interested in being part of our strings and band program.

The strings program is for children who are entering year 3 in 2016. The instruments taught in the strings program are violin, viola, cello and double bass.

The band program is for children who are entering year 4 and above in 2016. The instruments taught in the band program are flute, clarinet, trumpet, saxophone, trumpet, euphonium, trombone and bass guitar.

***Please remind your children to keep up with their home practice - Remember practice = PROGRESS

***Also please make sure that your children are bringing all of their equipment for lessons and that they are getting their practice sheets signed***

***Due to the Gala Day excursion on Thursday 20 August at Ferny Grove State High School - THERE WILL BE NO BAND LESSONS OR BAND REHEARSALS BEFORE SCHOOL ON THIS DAY***

Date Claimer: Thursday 10 September - Our strings and band students will be performing at our Art Show. Stay tuned for more information.

For any further information regarding the afternoon please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au

Viva la musica!

For all strings information contact Jamie-Lee Melvin - jfme10@eq.edu.au

For all band information contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au

For all other music queries please contact Mrs Rossouw.

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FERNY GROVE SHS ENROLMENTS 2016 – A further round of enrolment interviews will be held during Week 7 of this term from 24 August. Please contact the office on 3550 5777 or email info@fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au

Please note that interviews are a mandatory requirement of the interview process.

RSPCA CUPCAKE DAY is held on Monday 17 August. Register today to receive your FREE host kit. Visit www.rspcacupcakeday.com.au to register.

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

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