Welcome back! I love Term 2. There are many events we have that are significant and we reach the milestone of 6 months of another year. Time to reflect on learning and progress and create future goals and aspirations with our students to work towards. There is much to celebrate.

I have had the privilege of being asked to present at the Montessori Public Schools Forum in Melbourne, Friday and Saturday of Week 3. This is great for our school. This is a great collaborative experience. John Brevitt, our Montessori Co-ordinator and Ratan Arora along with Sue and myself will be attending. We look forward to sharing with you.

On Monday night Arana Leagues club will also be presenting Grovely State School a $5000 cheque as part of support given to six school chaplaincy programs in the district for 2016. This is testament of Arana Leagues support for the Hills District community. Our sincere thanks to Arana Leagues for supporting our community through our chaplaincy program.

We celebrate student success every day. I wanted to share one in particular with you this fortnight. I wanted to share some great news that involves one of your students. Our students have always attended the OUT OF THE BOX FESTIVAL and this year they are also creating another project with Brisbane City Council producing artworks that will be installed in light boxes across Brisbane leading up to and during the lantern festival. Some of the artworks created through the Lanterns workshop have been selected and will be projected into these spaces.

An artwork that has been created by a Grovely State School Prep student has been selected and has been designed by Saskia. (Workshop was facilitated on Tuesday 22nd March) In the coming weeks, I will have more information of where the light boxes will be installed. Congratulations Saskia, we cannot wait to hear more and celebrate further!!

Congratulations to those that are going off to District Cross Country next week with Mr Bidner. Also congratulations to Alex R who should be very proud of his achievements in the district swimming trials. Alex, well done!!!!!!

Our Anzac Ceremony is next Thursday. We are running a program as follows: 12.30-1.00 – For students in Prep-Yr 3 – this will be a condensed version of our later assembly to give some exposure and the important messages of this day in a shorter timeframe to our students in P-3.

1.00-2.00 - Captain Ernest Felix, a parent of our community has so generously given his time and the time of some of his colleagues for students in Yrs 4-6 to look through the vehicles during their lunch session and P-3 rostered between 2-3.

2.00-3.00 – ANZAC assembly for Yrs 4-6 Parents are welcome to look through and join us between 12.30-3.00pm for any of these events including looking through the vehicles.

Grovely is 60!! We will be setting up a Grovely 60th anniversary page on Facebook for the wider community to share any stories or contact the school leading up to the events on 8 October. More details to come!!
Without input and working as a community, we would not achieve what we do. It is the collective effort that ensures we get done things that need to be. Can I say thank you in advance to the volunteers that worked in the library today for our students and the Grovely Growers Working Bee this Sunday. If you have any time to give, we appreciate it very much!

NAPLAN is coming up for our year 3 and year 5 students. At Grovely we do prepare students for this so they know what it looks like and feels like to ensure optimal success. Please make a time to come and chat with me if you have any concerns. There are avenues to address the majority of concerns that mums, dads and carers talk to me about.

See you in the playground
Leanne Duncan

FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Cross Country
We have many students who have qualified for the district Cross Country races next Thursday at Teralba Park. Mitchell has been organising everything that they need and will attend with them. We wish them all good luck and look forward to hearing about how they go. Age champion medals will be presented at the week 4 parade due to the Anzac parade next week.

ICAS
Tomorrow is the last day for any outstanding ICAS registrations and payments. I have already had to register for the digital technologies assessment and will complete the rest over the weekend. Please make sure you have done this by Friday 9am.

Advanced Music Camp Auditions
An email has gone home for students who will be auditioning for the Advanced music camp. Auditions will be held this Monday and Tuesday so please make sure your students remember their instruments!!

Student teachers
We support a variety of student teachers when they require prac placements for their studies. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to work with our teachers and learn and experience what it means to be a teacher. Some of them come in for one day a week, some come for a block of time. It is great experience for both them and our school community.

Sue McIvor

GROVELY GROWERS

GROVELY GROWERS WORKING BEE - Sunday 17 April 8.00-11.00am
Calling all parents and caregivers - we need your help to weed, clean up and plant out the Grovely Growers area. Supervised kids are welcome and love to join in. Please bring a hat and water bottle. Enquiries to Kerri Walters  
growers@grovelyschool.com.au

REGULAR GROVELY GROWERS SESSION
Wednesday Mornings – 9.10am – 11.00am
Supervised kids welcome. Please drop in any week you have an hour or so spare!

STUDENT ABSENCES
If your child will be arriving late or is absent from school for the day, please ensure you call the Student Absence Line – 3354 6366 - before 9am. Schooling is compulsory and it is the parents responsibility to contact the school and provide an explanation when their child is absent. We appreciate your support in this matter.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all that participated in the Cross Country at the end of last term. It was a great morning with fantastic support and encouragement from the teachers, parents and students. As a result of the day, we have 24 children nominated to represent the school at the District Cross Country on 21 April at Teralba Park, Mitchell. If your child has been nominated you should receive forms to fill out to attend, but also information about the day. For those competing, we are requesting that parents organise transport to and from the venue. If this is not possible, other arrangements maybe possible. The day should be finished by 1pm and enough time to get back to school for the ANZAC Day assembly at 2pm. Mr Bidner and Ms Campbell will be attending the day along with the students. Let’s Go Grovely!

Thanks
Mitch

LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER MORNING TEAS
Thursday 14 April 8:50am
Thursday 21 April 8:50am

Our school Book Fair is coming in May so I would like a volunteer group to help me plan and run the event! If you are interested in volunteering in the Library please join me for a morning tea on either date.

The Library also needs volunteers throughout the year to help with jobs such as contacting, book repairs and simple re-shelving. Please let me know if you are able to help - drop in library volunteers are welcome any day Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8:30am to 3pm. If parents/carers drop in and cover or repair 1 - 2 books a term it is a tremendous help to the school. Many hands make light work! Thanks. Kerri Walters (Teacher Aide in the Library)
Email: kwalt130@eq.edu.au

CURRICULUM CORNER

Last newsletter I talked about the QAR strategy that we use in the classroom. Here are some prompts to help you to reinforce this strategy at home:

Before Reading
On My Own: What do you already know about ...? (Use the title of the text to help with the topic)

Author and Me: Look at the cover. What do you think this text/book might be about?

During Reading
Right There: Who is the main character? Where does this story take place?

Think and Search: What has ... done so far? What was the problem and how was it resolved?

Author and Me: What do you think will happen next? What do you think the character is feeling?

After Reading
Think and Search: What were the important events in the story?

Author and Me: At the beginning you predicted that... What was the author’s message? Do you think that this would really happen in real life? Tell me why.

On My Own: Would you like to find another story about...?

David Covington (Head of Curriculum)
TUCKSHOP
Our Tuckshop uses Qkr! for online ordering. Download the app or visit www.grovelyschool.com.au/pay. Register an account and add your students to get started. It’s easy and convenient to use and we encourage you to try online ordering this term!

Tuckshop operates every Thursday and Friday. Online orders close 8.30am - Counter orders close 9am. The Tuckshop will no longer be able to take any over the counter orders after 9am. Thank you for your understanding.

CASH FOR CLASSROOMS
This April the Great Western Super Centre is hosting a ‘Cash for Classrooms’ campaign to raise funds for local schools in the community.
Please support our school to raise points and be in the running to win up to $1500 cash!
Entering is easy:
A) Make a purchase at any participating store at Great Western Super Centre during the Promotional Period.
B) Complete the entry form, enclose their receipts in the entry form, and place it in the selected schools entry box.
C) For every $1 spent 1 point will be allocated to the customers selected school.
Campagne closes 5pm Sunday 8 May 2016.

SAVE THE DATE!
Grovely State School is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year and to celebrate the P&C are planning a massive outdoor event on Saturday 8 October 2016. Save the date and keep an eye out for more details as plans come together.
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)

PARENTS VIEWS ABOUT PARENTING SUPPORT PROGRAMS
Do you have concerns about your child’s behaviour or emotional adjustment? Do you want to learn more about managing your child’s behavioural or emotional problems? Researchers from the University of Queensland and the University of Western Australia are investigating perceptions of parenting support programs and what influences whether parents take part in such programs.
If your child is aged between 2 and 10 years, and you are worried about their behaviour or emotional adjustment, we encourage you to follow the link below and complete a short, 20 minute survey. You will be entered into a draw to win one of 10 $50 shopping vouchers.

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.
21 April Ball Games
28 April Which Way
For more information, contact Meralda on 0401 012 615 or Chris on 0419 820 810.

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. For more information call 3258 5608 or email events@rspcaqld.org.au

WILDLIFE EMERGENCIES – 1300 264 625 / 1300 ANIMAL
Acts of cruelty or neglect - RSPCA Inspectorate 3426 9971
Or 1300 852 188 or your local police station.
Sick or injured stray animals - RSPCA Animal Ambulance 3426 9971 or 1300 852 188.
(1300ANIMAL)
24 Hour Call Centre – 3426 9999