The Grovely Community is Respectful, Responsible and Resilient

For the past two weeks there has been a focus on respect – respect for ourselves, respect for others, respect for our school environment.

For the next two weeks the focus will be on what developing a sense of responsibility looks like, sounds like, feels like.

I recently watched a program based on “Growing up in Australia: The longitudinal study of Australian Children”. The children in the study have been followed from birth and are now 9 years old. The program looked at how children develop independence and a sense of responsibility and the role that parents play. In this era of saturation shock media and the hyper-vigilant parenting this often leads to, it is apparent that many children are missing the opportunities necessary to develop some essential skills.

A quick Google search “children learn responsibility” revealed plenty of advice on how to assist children to develop skills. The “sheknows.com” website (http://www.sheknows.com/parenting/articles/817968/7-tips-for-teaching-your-child-responsibility) suggested the following 7 tips:

Assign some accountability - household jobs a child has to get done each day or week perhaps tied to some pocket money is a great start.
Let them make some decisions - young children can make decisions from a limited range of choices, older children can make choices from a wider range.
Foster independence - let your child tackle age appropriate tasks and practice them. School age children should be able to organise themselves to get ready for school with decreasing prompts and guidance as they get older.
Set a good example - demonstrate responsibility yourself, be on time and keep promises.
Pick up a book - children’s literature has many great examples of how to be responsible.
Talk them through difficult situations - guide rather than tell your child how to solve a problem. You might need to help them identify what the problem really is, what options they have available and how to make a choice but let them do the thinking.

Show them the bigger picture - we want children to be responsible because they want to be, not because someone is watching them to make sure they follow the rules. They need to know how their behaviour affects others and the positive contribution they make to the wellbeing of their family, their class and other social groups.

At Grovely SS we want students to develop a sense of responsibility for their learning. Teaching and learning is an ongoing, cyclical process where a positive relationship between student and teacher enables great learning to occur. Learning is an active rather than a passive process and children need to learn a range of skills to be active learners. Some of these skills are approaching learning with a positive attitude, being organised, being able to take direction, being an active listener, getting started and persevering with tasks through to their completion, knowing when to ask for help, picking up clues from their environment about what needs to be done and finally knowing that you have done good work.

We also want the students to learn a sense of responsibility towards our community, wanting the best not just for themselves but for everyone. School should be an enjoyable place to be for everyone and we all contribute to the happiness (or otherwise) of others. In partnership with our families, learning these skills is an ongoing process throughout the years of schooling. The outcome will be capable, independent, reflective learners who will have the skills they need to succeed at high school and beyond.

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE / LEAVING EARLY

Parents/Carers are reminded that if your child arrives late to school you need to complete a Late Slip at the office for your child to take to class. Alternatively you may call the office and advise administration. If your child is leaving school before 3pm you will need to complete an Early Departure slip at the office before your child departs. Thank you.
ART SHOW
The Grovely SS Art Show will now be on Thursday 18 September the second last day of term 3. Please put this date aside to support this wonderful community event. As it is also a fundraiser for various school projects, if you are able to source or contribute any prizes for the silent auction or for the children please contact the Office. Nothing is too big or too small and all adds to the enjoyment of the event.
Cher
Buffy Lavery (Principal)

FROM THE DEPUTYS DESK

Science Week
It is Science week this week and we would like to thank the Science club for arranging experiments in GPAC during lunch times on Monday and Tuesday for students to investigate a range of scientific phenomena!!! Students were able to participate in a range of experiments with their friends. The prep also had an opportunity to visit the experiments. These are some comments they had:

“We made invisible paint.”
“I was painting my name and then I put a secret ingredient on and it turned out real!”
“I was making sure we were all being safe”
“I liked the balloons I got to blow them up”

Dianne Davis Visit
We had a great visit from Dianne last week. Dianne had an opportunity to support our teachers and further the development of resources in our school. We also spent time looking at Cosmic Education and Cultural Studies and how they work with the new Australian Curriculum in the areas of History and Geography. Dianne spoke to parents on Tuesday afternoon and addressed topics such as building resilience in our children; transition across the cycles and observations in Montessori classrooms.

Montessori observations
Montessori classes should have received information about the observations in classrooms that we are trialling this term. It is important that you consider observing in a different classroom to your own child as the objective for the observations is to better understand the prepared environment and how teachers interact with students in that environment. We also suggest that if your child is due to move into another cycle that you may like to look at the cycle they will be entering so you have an understanding of what they will be doing. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher for further information.

Little Blossoms Playgroup - Come and join us!
Playgroup is a great place to meet new faces from within and outside our school community! Nicole Baron runs our teacher led playgroup every Friday from 9.15am next to the outside hours care room in the prep precinct. Come along this week and meet Grovely’s Chaplain – Cathy Longford. There is no need to register beforehand, just come along on the morning. We’d love to see you there! Information and Brochures can be collected from the Office.

Reading
Earlier this year we were encouraging everyone to develop “reading mileage”. Hopefully you and your child are still enjoying reading as many books as possible whenever you can!! We encourage students to read books they enjoy again and improve their fluency and comprehension of what they are reading. It is also important that students get to read what they enjoy. I know we certainly do not pull out a chemistry magazine just for the fun if it!!! Students will be motivated to read something they are interested in.

Have a great fortnight!!!
Leanne Duncan & Sue McIvor

CAR PARK SAFETY
Parents are reminded that parking in the upper staff car park at any time is not permitted. This includes short term parking when dropping off or collecting your children. To avoid potential accidents please use alternative parking areas.

Amped parking is available in the lower car parks behind GPAC and the pool. These areas can become quite busy and we urge everyone to use extreme caution and keep a watchful eye out for children. Please obey the signage and carefully reverse your car in where requested. Alternatively you may park on Dawson Parade or Madsen Street where signage permits. Thank you for your help in keeping our children and staff safe.

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.

Cathy Longford

NORTH WEST DISTRICT TRACK & FIELD CARNIVAL
Well done to all of the Grovely SS students that competed at the North West District Track and Field Championships at Leslie Park on Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 July. It was great to see the Grovely SS team trying their best and enjoying themselves in their individual events. Congratulations to Cassie C who made it into the Girls 13 Years 800m Final.

Thank you very much to Mrs Paula Bosher for being the Team Manager over the two days and for supporting the students at their events. Thanks also to the Grovely parents that encouraged and cheered on the students at the carnival over the two days. Great work Grovely!

Thanks
Anna Ittensohn (PE Teacher)

GROVELY GROWERS

Spring is in the air! The Grovely growers invite all Grovely parents and grandparents regardless of experience to join our active garden community. Wednesday: 9:00am at the garden next to the Prep area. Enjoy a sense of community and interaction with our children and the environment. Let us grow!

Kind regards,
Amanda Murray

YMCA GROVELY OSHC

Spring Holiday Club programs and booking forms will soon be distributed through the school. These holidays we will be having a YMCA Zone day, which is like having our very own show day! We are having magic shows, laser tag, go karts, jumping castles, face painting and much, much more! Come in and test how fast you can kick a ball, play some giant ball games and more with our fantastic Physikids incursion! We’re looking forward to seeing lots of new and familiar faces over the holiday period!
**BOOK WEEK/LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK**

Grovely State School celebrates Book Week and National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2014 from 18-22 August. Please join in the weeks events as we celebrate Book Week and Literacy/Numeracy Week. Activities include "Reach for the Stars", Pocket Poems, Book Character Dress-Up and Read for Grovely. Please see attached flyer for details including specific day events, as well as required items and expectations.

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**UPCOMING INCURSION Monday 8 September**

On Monday 8 September “Best of Brass” will be presented by Musica Viva. If your child/ren are participating in the 2014 Student Resource Scheme and have paid or presently up to date with a payment plan, your student will be attending. Other students not participating in the scheme will not be attending and will be supervised by a teacher.

**SCHOOL FEES OVERDUE**

The school provides to the students various resources which include the Student Resource Scheme, Instrumental Music resources, School Camps, Montessori resources as well as other resources. As a school we are obligated to pay our accounts and we in turn need our accounts to be paid promptly.

We have a number of families who presently have outstanding fees. These fees are overdue for payment and statements have been sent home this week. **Please pay these no later than Monday 8 September.**

Di Lowe
Business Services Manager

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**LITTLE BLOSSOMS PLAYGROUP** is held each Friday during the school term from 9.15-11.15am at Grovely State School. For more information please collect a brochure from the office or call 3354 6333.

**C&K ARANA HILLS KINDERGARTEN** are currently offering positions at Kindergarten for 2015. For more information please contact Joanne Sorensen or Sara Wenck (Co Directors/Teachers Groups 1&2) on 3355 9160, fax: 3355 9147 or email arana@candk.asn.au

**RSPCA CUPCAKE DAY** is a national event being held on Monday 18 August. All proceeds go to the RSPCA to help continue the fight to make animal cruelty a thing of the past. Become a mini event planner, register your event with the RSPCA and they will send you an official RSPCA Cupcake Day Host Kit. All you supply are the cupcakes, the venue and lots of hungry friends and workmates who hopefully will donate generously to help out the animals. For ideas, information or registration, check out [www.rspcacupcakeday.com.au](http://www.rspcacupcakeday.com.au) , call 3426 9943 or email events@rspcaqld.org.au

**JUST FOR KIDS (JFK)** is being held each Thursday afternoon 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 Parade). Each week will have a theme with fun, food and activities.

**FERNY DISTRICTS CRICKET CLUB** (FERNY FIREBALLS) are holding Sign-On days on Saturday 16 August from 10am-12pm and Sunday 24 August from 12-2pm at Tramway Street, Ferny Grove. For more details email registrar@fernyfireballs.org.au or check out their website [www.fernyfireballs.qld.cricket.com.au](http://www.fernyfireballs.qld.cricket.com.au)

**PURE TENNIS ACADEMY** is holding a FREE Hot Shots Tennis Come and Try day on Saturday 16 August. Call 3851 0444 for more information.

**TEENIS 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