Welcome back! I hope that you had an enjoyable break. Term 3 is an exciting term ahead with planning for Grovely State Schools 60th The Big Spring Thing!!

The community calendar went home last newsletter and will be posted on the website. There are many things this term to look forward to and most of all the growth in learning for our students as we embark on the second half of the year!

I would like to officially welcome Mr Jay Moore to our remarkable school community. This term will be a period of transition with Mr Moore taking up the role of substantive Deputy Principal and Mrs McIvor continuing with us as Acting Deputy Principal. They will no doubt have a merging of roles and responsibilities. These roles will morph over time and Mrs McIvor will pick up different responsibilities as the year progresses.

Welcome Ms Rebecca Penna to Grovely whilst Ms Rossouw is on leave for semester 2. Rebecca comes to us with a musical background and experience!

I would also like to welcome Holley Hagen who this term will work part time (1 day a week) with M3B. I have been told many times that when people visit Grovely they feel embraced by a strong sense of community from our students, staff and parents. I also welcome back a familiar face for some, Mrs Lavery who since retiring is returning to the heart of what we do. Ms Lavery will be working with us this term supporting our students with their learning. We welcome her back to Grovely!

School Opinion Survey
The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted from 11 to 29 July 2016. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what we do well, and how we can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students tomorrow. Parents/Caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, and school computers will be available in the ELC from 8.30am from Monday 18 July for the week.

Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to Jay Moore or Leanne Duncan on telephone 33546333. The surveys will remain open until Friday 29 July 2016.

If you haven’t received any survey access details by the end of this week, please contact the office.

Same Day Absence Notification
The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for Grovely State School. Recently, the report “When a child is missing: Remembering Tialeigh” – a report into Queensland’s children missing from out-of-home care was released and the Queensland Government has accepted a recommendation from the Queensland Family and Child Commission that the Department will implement same day notifications advising parents/carers when a child has an unexplained absence from school.

Grovely State School has been implementing a process around this since Term 2. We will now refine the implementation of this policy in the first few weeks of this term. Currently, if the school is unaware of a student’s absence we will contact parents initially to advise of the non-attendance and seek a reason for the absence.
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Jay Moore

NAIDOC celebrations
It was wonderful to have performances on Tuesday from Fred Reid with “Let’s Bridge the Gap”. Fred began his performance with an acknowledgement and welcome dance and concluded with question time. He used music and musical instruments, stories of Dreamtime and body art to support the performance.

Student Resource Scheme
The NAIDOC performance was the first incursion for the student resource scheme (SRS). If your child missed out and you wish them to be involved in future incursions please contact the office so we can make sure payment is completed so they don’t miss out again. The next incursions are World of Maths later this term and Life Education in Term Four.

For those who have opted out of the resource scheme, invoice and lists of resources to be purchased were sent home last term so that your child has everything that they require to participate. If you have any questions please contact us via the office. If you need support to participate in the resource scheme via a payment plan please contact Leanne directly ldunc17@eq.edu.au.

Bakers Delight
Another big thankyou to Bakers Delight at Arana Plaza, the class for July is 3/4A. Each student from 3/4A should have received a VIP bread card which enables them to receive a free traditional loaf every day for the month of July.

Year Four experience day
A letter will go out next week for our year four students to attend a half day experience day at Mitchelton SHS on Tuesday 26 July. Students walk to the high school and return by 1pm. It is a great opportunity for students to experience what high school is like and is part of our transition program to assist students moving into Junior Secondary feeling confident about the next part of their learning journey. It does not matter if you have not yet decided which school you will send your child to as all students will benefit from this experience.

Chaplain Pancake breakfast
Wednesday morning 27 July will be the next Pancake Day to help raise funds for our Chaplain. We love the work Cathy does in supporting our students and our school and it would be great if you could buy a pancake for breakfast on this day to support her.

North – West Track and Field Carnival
Mr Bidner has been organising the students for the track and field carnival on 28 & 29 July. We wish everyone who is competing all the best and we look forward to hearing how everyone goes.

Garden Working Bee
Grovely Growers will be having a working Bee on Sunday 24 July from 8-11am in the garden. If you can spare some time to help out they would appreciate your help.

Sue McIvor

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**NAILDCO celebrations and the Gold Star Reading Club at the Mitchelton Library!!**

Thank you to Tina Mackay who spent time for these celebrations reading indigenous stories to our Growely kids (P-3) today with books from Mitchelton library. After reading and sharing, Tina asked the children to do a small aboriginal art to be displayed at Mitchelton library for book week in August!

Join us for our NAIDOC assembly in GPAC next Thursday at 2.15pm for some special guests.

At the moment our local library, the Mitchelton Library are running a “Gold Star Reading Club” - July is the last month for students to register for the program. Please help us celebrate this week and encourage other students to join.

Students need to read 3 books this month and they then go into the draw for a $25 book voucher and can pick up their library bag from the Mitchelton library!!

Students also go into the main draw for a $200 book voucher for themselves and for Grovely school!

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**60th Big Spring Thing Celebrations**

Preparation for our 60th celebration of food vans, rides and music on 8 October. There is a significant amount of work and support that is given for such an event for our community to share. If you would like to contribute in any way please contact the office to register your name and contact details and Julie Smith/Rochelle Meyer will be in contact with you.

Helen Lauder is also bringing together a large range of memorabilia. This will be set up in a room in our school in the many weeks prior to the event. Any assistance is greatly appreciated. Please support bringing our community together in what will be a great celebration!

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**Independent Public School**

This semester I will be applying for our school, Grovely State School, to be an Independent Public School. By becoming an Independent Public School, Queensland principals, teachers, parents and local communities have greater control and ownership of their school. The Independent Public School initiative provides opportunities for:

- Enhanced local governance
- Advancing innovation
- Locally-tailored workforce
- Financial flexibility
- Building for the future
- Public accountability, transparency and performance.

There is a process to follow that includes consultation. I will run community sessions to ensure the information is shared and any questions are discussed. More information will follow.

Remember to facilitate our students being on time and in uniform. As the cold weather seems to be staying, please ensure correct jumpers are being worn. If you require any support with this, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Community Coffee will be on tomorrow afternoon around 3pm. I encourage you to drop by for a chat. It’s a great opportunity to meet and mingle with other members of the community. If we have any keen baristas out there we would be appreciative of any time you could give to help keep Community Coffee running. If you can assist, please contact Ms Emma Hain through the Grovely Parent Facebook Page.

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Jay Moore
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY
21 Assembly
24 Grovely Growers Working Bee
26 Year 4 Experience ½ day – Mitchelton SHS
27 Caboiture Historical Village Excursion
27 Pancake Breakfast – Gold Coin Donation
28-29 North West Track and Field Carnival

AUGUST
2 ICAS English
4 Assembly
5 Lap-a-thon
9 P-2 Sports Day
9 Parents afternoon – Instrumental Music 2017
9 P&C Meeting
10 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
11 Intermediate Music Camp
15-19 Science Week
16 ICAS Maths
18 Assembly
18 Gala Concert FGSHS
22-26 Book Week
24 Free Dress Day – Book Character

SEPTEMBER
1 Assembly
1 Father’s Day Stall
2 Father’s Day Breakfast
5-6 World of Maths Incursions
13 P&C Meeting
15 Assembly
16 Crazy Hair Day – Gold Coin Donation
16 End of Term 3

OCTOBER
3 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
4 School Resumes for Term 4
8 Grovely’s 60th – The Big Spring Thing

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - With over $20,000 worth of valuable offers, have you thought about buying a Membership for your family members or friends? For every Membership we sell, 20% of the purchase price goes directly to us. The money we raise this year will go to support Grovely State School P&C Committee. Take advantage of the great offers instantly on your smartphone with an Entertainment™ Digital Membership. www.grovelyschool.com.au/entbook

TUCKSHOP
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.

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)

CHAPLAINS CHAT
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
The next Pancake Breakfast will be held on Wednesday 27 July from 8.00am under F block. Gold coin donation appreciated, funds raised will go towards supporting the Chaplaincy Program at Grovely State School. Hope to see you there!

UNIFORMS
It’s that time of the year when we need to start pulling out the winter woollies! If you require second hand winter uniforms, please come and see me in the Rainbow Room on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Cathy Longford

FINANCE MATTERS
Caboiture Historical Village – 5/6A, 5/6B, M3B, M3C & M3E on Wednesday 27 July 2016
Payment of $20 per student is due no later than Friday 22 July at 9.00am. This relates to payments directly through the office by cash, cheque or credit card and also any payments by 8 Point. No late payments will be accepted. An invoice and letter was sent home on 22 June.

Intermediate Music Camp – 9 & 11 August 2016
A letter along with forms for completion and an invoice were sent home on 23 June in regards to this music camp. Payment and forms are required back to Grovely school by 3.00pm on Monday 18 July. No late payments will be accepted.

Student Resource Scheme 2016
If you have elected to join the scheme for 2016 and not made any payment, your child will be unable to attend the shows visiting the school and be unable access to other resources until full payment is received.

If you have chosen not to participate this will mean your child will not be able to attend the shows visiting the school (Life Education and Maths Show) and be unable to access other resources as per the year level requirement list. Please refer to previous correspondence sent home.

LIBRARY NEWS – PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
This year the Premier has challenged all students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 9 to read 15 books. Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The reading period closes Friday 26 August.

Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier and all students receive a Certificate of Participation. Student record forms were sent home last term so keep up the good work filling them out!

I am always looking for parent volunteers to assist with contacting of books. We currently have 7 boxes of new student readers which require covering. Please drop in anytime Tuesday to Thursday 8:30am to 3:00pm if you would like to assist. Many hands make light work! Thanks.

Kerri Walters - Teacher Aide in the Library

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
COMMON GROUND MEN’S GROUP is holding a FREE intro night on Tuesday 19 July from 7-9pm at Picabeen Community Association, 22 Hoben St Mitchelton. If you want to build better relationships with your family, be better understood and find someone to talk things out with, Common Ground can deliver this and much more. For info or registration call Matty on 0419 172 890 or visit menswellbeing.org/commonground .

Women are welcome to attend our Common Ground free intro nights.

THE PARENTING CHILDREN COURSE will be held at Emmanuel Uniting Church, 92 Laurel St Enoggera each Wednesday from 7-9pm in Term 3, commencing on 20 July. Over 5 sessions, discover practical tools to equip your children, improve your relationships and strengthen the life of your family. Cost is $20 per person, supper included and childminding available. Contact Jess Pinkerton 0438 168 706 or check out www.emmanueluca.org.au/theparentingcourse

GRASSHOPPER SOCCER is an 8 week program held in term 3 for boys and girls aged 2-12 years old. For more information or to book a place please call 0430 588 067.

MUSIC TUTION – Piano lessons are being offered to keen and interested students and adults. Cello tuition is also available for students already enrolled in school instrumental programs. For further information please contact Juliet Hoey on 3351 2477 or 0409 898 201.

WILDLIFE EMERGENCIES – 1300 264 625 / 1300 ANIMAL

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE
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