Principal’s Page

The end of the year is upon us in 5 busy but fulfilling weeks. In this time there is still a great deal of learning to be done. Teachers are working on a depth of information in regards to your child’s progress for this semester. This time of the year also brings some uncomfortableness of change to a new year.

Staffing is for any school a challenge but not insurmountable. This year we have Miss Kristy Leighton transferring out. Miss Leighton has spent six years at Grovely. In this time she has been committed to the education of our students and formed incredibly strong relationships with many students and families. Miss Leighton has contributed significantly to the student leadership and the growth and development of our students at Grovely in this time. Miss Leighton will be missed by staff, the community and students. I wish, as I am sure you do, all the very best for continuing bright future.

Transferring in is Mr Aaron O’Brien. Mr O’Brien is eager and keen to join our community here at Grovely. His expertise and experience lie in the lower years.

Miss Indi has made the decision to leave our community and travel overseas with her partner. We wish her the very best in her travels. Ms Natasha has accepted a job for 2017 in a new Montessori school on the Sunshine Coast. Ms Kellie Jones has accepted a contract at another location. Thank you sincerely for all that you have given the Grovely community and our students, we wish you all the very best.

Class design for the last 2 years has had the input of staff. I value and ask for this. These are the professionals that know your children in the most depth. This time of the year I ask you for some trust in the difficult and sometimes uncertainty in regards to staffing/classes bring. I will respond to communication of any concerns in the coming weeks. I will update staffing and classes in the last newsletter for the year.

Classes will be released the week prior to school commencing, unless I can assure the configuration of classes before this. You are able to ring the office to find out your child’s class from Tuesday 17 January and lists will be posted up in GPAC from Thursday 19 January.

I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Ronelle Perkins has been offered and accepted a permanent position at Grovely. Mrs Hanley will also be continuing with us. I have been recruiting to find staff with the best fit for our community. Each year we have overcome doubt and the unknown. I assure you I will commit to doing the very best for our students that is possible. We are a community that has a passionate, committed and quality staff for your children.

Finally as you are aware we have had a number of babies join us this year! Some exciting news to share - Ms Lisa O’Brien is expecting and will be taking leave at the end of this year. Whilst we have benefited from having Ms O’Brien, we support her as she enjoys this part of her life and look forward to her return!!

Report cards are well and truly underway. Please remember that effort is very important in determining character and should be looked at in conjunction with achievement. These will be sent home on the last Wednesday of term. Our student leaders have also been busy refining their speeches for student leader positions. It is great to see them striving to be the best they can be!

See you at celebration of learning and our Christmas community event with glow candles!!!

Leanne Duncan
FROM THE DEPUTY

PITW (Play is the Way)
Last week I wrote about our initial steps towards implementing a Whole School approach with Behaviour Education called PITW (Play is the Way). Our starting point is to focus on consistency with good manners/greeting and farewells across the school this term and into the first term of 2017.

Once these are embedded as our foundation then we can begin to build in the next level which will involve playing social and emotional games to give children the opportunity to develop and practice the necessary skills. They will also begin to interact with the 5 Life Raft Skills that form the basis of the language and concepts involved in the PITW approach.

It is these 5 Life Raft Skills that I want to share with you this week

1. Treat Others As You Would Like Them To Treat You – If someone is unlike you, seek to understand them.
2. Be Brave … Participate to Progress – School is about stepping bravely into the unknown. The unknown is often uncomfortable. The braver you are, the more you learn.
3. Pursue Your Personal Best No Matter Who You Work With – We don’t come to school to be better than others. We come to school to better ourselves by being able to work with others.
4. Have Reasons for The Things You Say and Do – If you don’t know why you’re doing something then don’t do it because it is most likely wrong.
5. It Takes Great Strength To Be Sensible – We do the right thing because it is the best thing to do.

As you can see all 5 Life Raft Skills will fit neatly with our School Values of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, RESILIENCE and CURIOSITY. Each Life Skill will be introduced and explicitly taught.

I would love to hear any feedback from parents around these Life Raft Skills or the PITW approach. I look forward to catching up and discussing this with you soon. If you would like more information about the PITW approach go to www.playistheway.com.au and check out the resources and the Terrific Parents section.

Good luck to all our Year 5 Student Leaders this week who are giving their speeches for a Captain position in 2017. It is always a nervious time getting up and speaking in front of your teachers and peers. Remember that school is a place where you often need to step bravely into the unknown! The braver you are, the more you will learn about your abilities and strengths and the better leader you will become!

Have a great week everyone. Stay safe and be generous every chance you get.
Jay Moore

Swimming Carnivals
Next Friday 25 November is our Senior Swimming Carnival. This is always a wonderful day and Mr Bidner has been busy organising this day to enable every student to have a go and do their best. It will be a fun day and we look forward to having our community there to cheer the kids on.

Monday 5 December will be our Junior Swimming Carnival for the P-2 students. This carnival runs from 9-11am. All students are encouraged to have a go and get involved in a fun day where they are able to swim some races as well as have fun in the pool. We hope you can join us.

5 Way Swim Meet
It was disappointing that we had a second storm last Tuesday just as we were about to begin the 5 way swim meet. Thankfully this has been rescheduled to Tuesday 6 December at our pool, same time and details. Please let Mr Bidner know if this is a problem for you to attend so that he can arrange for students to participate in every race. A huge thank you is extended to Mr Bidner and Ryan from RM swimming for all of their hard work in organising this event.

Mitchelton SHS Computer Science excellence day
Our year four and five students have an amazing opportunity on Monday 5 December at Mitchelton State High School. They have been invited to participate in a Computer Science excellence day. This day will provide them with a high school experience using a timetable and engaging in lessons across the day in Computer Science. QUT has partnered with the high school which will be wonderful in providing a unique experience for our students. A permission letter with further details will go out shortly.

CURRICULUM CORNER

Student Academic Reporting
In three weeks’ time your child’s end of year academic report will be going home. Your child’s achievement is rated against the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standard in each subject area. Achievement Standards refer to the quality of learning (the depth of understanding, extent of knowledge and sophistication of skill) demonstrated by students within a given subject.

Teachers at Grovely use the Achievement Standards to determine what each student has learnt in relation to the Australian Curriculum. The report going home provides parents with achievement levels, effort levels and comments outlining what knowledge and skills have been covered throughout the year. Comments about behaviour and overall effort and work are also provided. Each year level uses a five point rating scale, dependent on their developmental abilities. These scales are as follows:

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Students achieving Work With, Sound or a C are working at year level expectations. A “C” means that the student has met the criteria for a learner at the appropriate year/age level. The best description is to say that a “C” means that your student’s academic development is exactly where it needs to be! Therefore, attaining a “C” for Achievement means that your child is ON TARGET for their year/age level.

Your student will also receive an Effort grade for each subject area. An effort grade indicates that the student’s work habits and whether they have independently and consistently displayed solid work habits like staying on task, remaining focussed, and applying effort in an attempt to aim for mastery of the concepts being taught. Effort grades are also rated on a five point scale.

If you have any questions about your child’s report, please arrange a mutually convenient time with your child’s class teacher to discuss any concerns that you may have.

David Covington (Head of Curriculum)

CHAPLAINS CHAT
The Salvation Army is offering Christmas Hampers to families in need. Sign up at The Salvation Army 32-54 Hayward Street Stafford between 1-4pm on 24 Nov & 1 Dec. Please bring Photo ID and Health care/Pension card that lists family members.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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ANIMAL EMERGENCIES – 1300 264 625 (1300 ANIMAL)
RSPCA CALL CENTRE – 3426 9999

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

FINAL END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE - Tuesday 22 November - Our final end of year music performance will be on Tuesday 22 November at Mitchelton State School at 4.00pm. Information will be sent home about this event in the coming weeks.

***please note that all school band instruments and band folders need to be returned to Mrs Hall on Thursday 24 November at the Music Breakfast Party, 8am in GPAC***

STRING NEWS

FINAL END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE - Tuesday 22 November - Our end of year music performance will be on Tuesday 22 November at Mitchelton State School at 4.00pm. More information will be sent home about this event in the coming weeks.

***please note that all school string instruments and band folders need to be returned to Mrs Batch on Tuesday 29 November***

Band queries contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au
String queries contact Angela Batch at ahibat@eq.edu.au
Choir/classroom music queries contact Rebecca Penna at ppenn28@eq.edu.au

VACANCY – CASUAL SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

Positions exist for Casual School Crossing Supervisors at schools in the local area. Some pre-employment conditions apply. May be required for roster five days per week in all weather conditions, 1 hour 15 mins per day on a rostered basis. Pay Rate $28.18 per hour. Please contact the Road Safety Office on 3863 9873 for further information.

P&C

Tuckshop

Tuckshop operates every Thursday and Friday. Online (Qkr) orders close at 8.30am - Counter orders close 9.00am. Volunteers are always welcome, so if you have some spare time after dropping the kids off, please pop into the Tuckshop.

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)

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. For more information, contact Meralda on 0401 012 615.

WONDERS OF THE WORLD LEGO EXHIBITION will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from 23 November – 14 December from 9.30am-4.00pm. More than 50 never-seen-before models will be on display including LEGO Arc de Triomphe, LEGO sinking Titanic, LEGO Leaning Tower of Pisa and more. Tickets available through Ticketek – bit.ly/WOTWBrisbane16

SMASH AND SPLASH SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP is the coolest holiday camp in town this summer held 12 - 21 December & 9 – 20 January. Joining forces once again with Ferny Hills swimming pool we let the kids warm up on court in the morning and cool down in the pool in the afternoon with loads of fun activities and cool themes on offer each day. Early drop off and late pick up options also available. For more details on camp itinerary check out fernyhills.puretennis.com.au or phone 3851 0444.

MITCHELTON LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN will be held 3-19 January with lots of exciting workshops and events for kids. For bookings or enquiries please call 3403 7410 or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or pick up a copy of What’s On in Libraries.

ARANA HILLS LIBRARY FREE HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS will be held for kids in Prep-Year 6. For bookings and information please go to www.morstonbay.qld.gov.au/library/shoolholidays or call 3351 3401. Summer Reading Club offers participants FREE reservations and competitions and prizes to encourage a love of reading and ongoing multi-literacy skills development. The Readiculous Book Club (Grades 4-6) will be kicking off Summer Reading Club theme of Heroes and Villians with a Library hunt and quizzes – come dressed as your favourite Hero or Villian. Book to reserve your place! Membership is required for most activities and services, however, joining is easy and FREE. For further information please call Arana Hills Library on 3351 3401.

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