It’s very hard to believe that we are half way through the year! It’s a great time to reflect and consider the distance travelled for students, not just in terms of academic achievement but also socially and emotionally. Celebrations of Learning are currently taking place across the school providing parents with a valuable opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations with their children about their individual learning journeys. These events have the potential to form a very important part of our work and contribute significantly to your child’s learning. It’s quite amazing of just how aware children are of the gains they’ve made as well as where they need to focus their energy. Many of our young people have made gains that exceed their own expectations….. Much to celebrate. Avoid disappointment by ensuring you know when your child’s Celebration is on.

Changes to staffing…At the end of this term we farewell Mrs Herne and Mrs Keays as their contracts come to a close. We thank them most sincerely for their work while in our community and wish them all the very best with future endeavours. Ms Maguire is taking five weeks well deserved long service leave and will return as our Learning Support teacher. She will be replaced by Mr David Smith.

Yesterday we hosted another Open Day for future enrolments. Looking very smart in their formal uniforms our school captains took great pride in showing prospective parents around our school and talking about what we have to offer. The feedback as always from those who attended was overwhelmingly positive. Congratulations and thank you to our school captains. Thank you also to the many parents who actively encourage neighbours, friends and family to choose us. What you say matters. If you are aware of any folk in the community looking for a great school encourage them to make an appointment to see either myself, Mrs Duncan, Mrs McIvor or Mrs Barry for a school tour.

Congratulations also to the courageous students in year four who led last week’s assembly. They presented confidently, capably and with great enthusiasm. They’re proving to be just awesome leaders in our community. Your community is very proud of you.

Sports Days…Our sport’s days are coming up… the Junior Sports day is Monday 23 June from 9-11am and the Senior Sport’s Day is all day Tuesday 24 June. In keeping with the Grovely Spirit every child is encouraged to come along and simply give every event and every activity their best shot. Participation is the focus of the day. Please encourage this spirit in your children. We’d also love to have your presence on the days to cheer our students along.

Students and staff alike absolutely loved the time they spent with Joffa from ToonSchool last week. One of parents has taken the time to provide some feedback about what she is seeing from her children at home. Term 3 is our Art Focus and this experience has ignited interest in students. Joffa has a wonderful capacity for blending art with messages. He artfully (couldn’t resist!!!!) spoke about our 7 Habits as he captured the attention of students with his skilful cartooning.

Report Cards will be issued in the first week of next term. We’re a Parenting Ideas school and recently Michael Grose sent out a short media clip that had some very useful information for parents to consider at this time. I’ve included the link to this in the newsletter for you.

Professional Learning: Next Monday five staff will be visiting a school in Victoria to investigate their inquiry-based learning process. Inquiry based learning is the second key driver in our school’s pedagogical framework and our next whole of staff focus. I had the opportunity to visit this school just recently and came away affirmed in some ways but also inspired in regard to what’s possible. Can’t wait to hear their feedback.

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE – 3354 6366
The Bush Dance is this Friday evening, 20 June from 6.30-7.30pm. Commencing with a BBQ, soup, coffee and cake as well as a range of activities from 5pm this event promises to be a wonderful way for our community to gather, celebrate the end of term and simply have fun.

So put on your dancing’ shoes, your best attitude and come along and join in the fun!

A range of activities to entertain the children prior to the dance have been planned. Seating will be limited. Parents are encouraged to bring along a picnic rug and ‘set up’ in the hall. Those who come along early always get the best spots. I look forward to seeing you there!!!!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

TRACK AND FIELD CARNIVALS

Please mark your calendars for the annual Grovely SS Track and Field Carnival Days:

**Prep – 2 Track and Field Carnival Day:** Monday June 23

**Year 3 – 7 Track and Field Carnival Day:** Tuesday June 24

**Year 3 – 7 Track and Field Carnival**

This year’s carnival will be held on the school top oval, beginning at 9.00am. Events will include; Long Jump, Shot Put, 100m, 200m, 800m, Relays and Ball Games.

High Jump and Discus Trials will be held during PE lessons in the weeks prior to the carnival.

Prep – Year 2 Track and Field Carnival

Students in Prep – Year 2 will participate in a variety of fun events and races on the school top oval starting at 9.00am. Events will include sprint races, relays, ball games and tabloid activities. The carnival will finish at approximately 11.00am.

Children will need to wear their house colours and come along prepared to cheer, try their best and have fun! We’d also love to see parents come along to enjoy the carnivals and support the kids.

Many thanks, Anna Ittensohn (PE Teacher)

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

**BAND PERFORMANCE DAY - THURSDAY 26 JUNE** (This tour day is for Mrs Hall’s band students and information has been sent home - please return your child’s permission slip into the school office ASAP)

**ITINERARY FOR THE DAY**

- **7:30 am** for a 7:45 start Meet at Grovely State School’s – Performing Arts complex (opposite the Arana Leagues club on Dawson Parade)
- **7:45 am** – 8.30 am Rehearsal with all students
- **9:30 – 10.00 am** Performance at Everton Park Childcare Centre 25 Halle Street, Everton Park
- **10:30 – 11:00 am** Performance Brookside Childcare and Pre-School Centre 180 Osborne Road Mitchelton
- **11.20 – 11.50** Performance at Mother Duck Childcare Centre, 23 Helipolis Pde Mitchelton
- **12.15 pm** Lunch at Teralba Park (corner of Pullen Road and Osborne road)
- **1.30 pm** - Performance at Regis Nursing Home – 39 Lanita Road, Ferny Grove
- **2.30 pm – 3.00 pm** Concert for parents/guardians at Grovely State School Performing Arts Complex
- **3.00 pm** - Students will be dismissed and parents/guardians to come and collect their children from Grovely State School (GPAC)

**What does my child need to bring?**

Instrument, Band folder, Pencil, morning tea, school hat, Water bottle and Bass Amp (if your child plays the bass guitar), lunch and music stand.

**How will my child be travelling during the day?**

Our students will be travelling by a seat-belt fitted coach and this service is provided free of charge.

**What are the uniform arrangements for the day performance?**

Your child will be required to wear their formal school uniform.

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

For any strings information please contact Angela Batch at abhbat0@eq.edu.au

FROM THE DEPUTYS DESK

**Student Resource Scheme (SRS)** A letter will go home early next term for parents who have chosen not to be involved in the SRS. There will be a list of materials that you will need to purchase so that your child is able to have the appropriate resources to fully participate in all classroom activities. The SRS has been established to assist parents lessen the cost of purchasing yearly resources such as atlases, dictionaries, novels (just to name a few!) The cost to participate in the scheme is $98. To purchase the resources individually is well over $200. If you have not yet joined the scheme there is still time to do so. Please speak to our office staff.

**Reporting**

All of the teachers have been very busy preparing student reports for the end of Semester Two. As mentioned in the last newsletter these reports will be sent home during the first week of term three. Please make sure that if you have any concerns or questions that you make a time to discuss these with your child’s teacher. Your child’s report is a formality at our school as we believe there should be no surprises for parents when they receive the report. There is also a lovely youtube channel that your class teacher should have sent to you about reading your child’s report. If you have not yet received the link please ask your teacher for it.

**Visits to Mitchelton SHS**

Our students have enjoyed their visits to Mitchelton SHS this year. Our year six students visited during this term and our year 5 students will visit next term. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience “A day in the life of a high school” and assists in preparing them to transition into the high school environment. If any parents or students have feedback they would like to give regarding their visits we would love to be able to share with the high school as they like to hear what you think and what you expect from the visits. Please email to smcv2@eq.edu.au and we can pass on your ideas, feedback and suggestions.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Leanne Duncan & Sue McIvor

Over the winter vacation please keep a watchful eye over our school. Holidays are problematic and schools often become a soft target for vandals. The costs to schools financially and emotionally is significant. Please report any suspicious behaviour to Schoolwatch on 131788. Your vigilance is appreciated.
Feedback.....
Just wanted to pass on my thanks to you and whoever else was responsible for bringing Toon School to Grovely. My children enjoyed the experience immensely.

I love seeing their new skills and am also impressed with the way the lessons focussed on the seven habits. They have both been bitten by the cartooning bug and are drawing as I type tonight. These “extras” enrich their school experience.

BUSH DANCE
The Bush Dance will be held on Friday 20 June from 6.30-7.30pm in GPAC featuring class dances, live music, raffle prizes, hobby horse races and more. Coffee shop will be open from 5.30pm and a BBQ/Soup & Roll will be available for purchase. Please remember to bring a picnic rug to sit on and your favourite bush clothes. Just a reminder that this is a family event and parents are responsible for the supervision of their children.

CHAPLAINCY
Hot Dog Meal Deal
Hot Dog Day will be held next Wednesday 25 June to help raise funds for Chaplaincy. For $5.00 your child will receive a hot dog, ice block and something to drink. The deadline for orders and payment has been extended to 9.00am, Friday 20 June. Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted, so remember to return your order form and money on time to avoid disappointment.

Volunteers are needed to assist with preparation of orders on the day. Please see Cathy Longford or leave a message at the office if you are able to help. Thank you for supporting the Chaplaincy Program.

TUCKSHOP – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Our Tuckshop Convenor, Sherine, is looking for volunteers to assist her with food preparation each Wednesday from 11am-1pm. Volunteers are also required in the Tuckshop each Thursday and Friday. Please leave a message at the office of drop in and see Sherine at the Tuckshop if you have a few hours to spare. Any help would be much appreciated.

RED CROSS
Parent Support Group
A free support group is being offered for parents/carer of children with disabilities. Come along to gain information, education and parent-to-parent support in a relaxed and friendly environment with a cuppa and something yummy to eat. The group will be run the 3rd Thursday of every month starting at 9.00am. For more information feel free to contact Tracey on 0448 352 536 or Cathy the School’s Chaplain.

FOR SALE - THE MONTESSORI WAY BOOK
The Montessori Way, Tim Seldin and Paul Epstein.
We are lucky enough to have copies available for purchase for $40. That’s a saving of $25! The Montessori Way book is a great resource. Some of the areas covered include: Montessori’s Philosophy, The Prepared Environment, The Plans of Development and Sensitive Periods. If you would like to purchase a copy please enquire at the office.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Vacation care program starts in one week at Grovely! The children are most excited about the excursion to Laserzone (Wooloongabba) and a trampolining centre (Just Jumps) as well as incursions such as Zorb balls and Kindigenous. Pick up an enrolment form from our OSHC room, school office or email Sarah at agr@ymcabrisbane.org. Get in quick to save any disappointment as spaces are filling up fast! So far the Laserzone & Jumping excursions are the only days that are full. Also, if you have any fantastic ideas for activities you would like us to do with your children now or over the holidays, please let us know! Thankyou!
The OSHC team

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

JUST FOR KIDS (JFK) is 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.
Thursday 19 June – Escape from Jail
Thursday 26 June – Lego Day
For more information contact Meralda Livermore on 0401 012 615.

GUIDE DOG OPEN DAY will be held on Sunday 6 July from 10am-3pm at the Breeding and Training Centre, 1978 Gympie Road, Bald Hills. Highlights include Guide Dog training demonstrations, kennel tours, kids activities, Police Dog Squad, RAAF Military Dogs and More! Entry by gold coin donation or $5 per car (limited parking). Please leave your pets at home. For more information Freecall 1800 810 122 or visit guidedogslq.com.au

MITCHELTON YOUTH CLUB GYMNASTICS CLINIC is being held Monday, Wednesday & Friday (30/6-11/7/14) from 9am-3pm at Tel-El-Kebir Street, Mitchelton. Cost is $45 per day, activities include circus skills, gymnastics skill development, organised games and more. BYO Lunch. Ages from Grade 1, beginners welcome. Call 3355 7900 – mitcheltonyouthclub@bigpond.com

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

SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY 14 JULY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

20 Advanced Music Camp
20 Bush Dance
P-2 Sports Day
3-7 Sports Day
Hot Dog Meal Deal Day
Assembly
Band Performance (Mrs Hall’s students)
Out of the Box excursion
End of Term 2 – Winter Vacation

JULY

14 School Resumes, Term 3
23 Assembly
29 ICAS English Test

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6 Assembly
12 P&C Meeting
20 Assembly

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Fees now due include: Student Resource Scheme, Montessori 2014 Fees, Instrumental Music 2014 Fees and Lion King (for selected Choir students only)

Lion King
Money is due no later than Friday 20 June at 9.00am. All outstanding monies (including instrumental music fees for 2014) must be paid or payment plans up to date for your child to attend this performance.

Student Resource Scheme – Now Due

- Some families have returned their completed and signed Student Resource Scheme Participation Forms (Invoices were posted) but have not made any payment or payment instalments as indicated on the form. Payment of the Student Resource Scheme is outstanding and requires immediate payment.
- Part of the resource scheme includes three upcoming incursions in Term Three and if you have not paid the resource scheme or your payment plan is not up to date, your child/ren will be unable to attend.
- If you have not returned your completed Student Resource Scheme Participation Form but would like your child/ren to take advantage of this scheme please return your form (sent at the end of last year and earlier this year) or drop into the office to obtain one.

Di Lowe
Business Services Manager

VACATION CARE @ YMCA

JULY

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