Principal’s Page

Volunteer’s morning tea was just lovely. I encourage you to attend next year as well. It is lovely to acknowledge all of you who came along as well as those who couldn’t. This year in particular I would like to acknowledge Ms Emma Hain. This is for the putting in many hours to establish the community coffee we have today. Emma was a mum who was instrumental in a vision for this for our community. It not only created a meeting place for families and children but a connection from school and home. Thank you Emma for having the vision to create through hard work and time something our community would value and be able to enjoy for the years to come. Thank you for ensuring its continued success by recruiting volunteers just as you started. Any barristers out there… let us know! A heartfelt thank you Emma for your contribution to our community. I also acknowledged the executive of the P&C. I could not have asked for a more dedicated group of individuals as Principal of Grovely. Thank you for the endless unpaid hours you do to benefit our students, staff and school and the contribution to the 60th celebrations this year. Speaking of the 60th - I lastly acknowledge Julie Smith, Helen Lauder (and her mum), and Rachelle Meyer. Without you all, we would have not have had the 60th we had as a community. Your vision and hard work we all are still talking about! Thank you to everyone no matter how small the contribution you make. Never underestimate that everything little or not makes a difference to our students and our teachers and our community. Thankyou!

Report Cards
These will be sent home next Wednesday if on track with our printing. These will come home with a letter of explanation. It is important we celebrate the C’s – this is year level expectation unlike when we went to school! There will also be a Behaviour letter acknowledging students who epitomise what it is to be a student here at Grovely State School. This is the third year we will be including the Distribution of Achievement Codes. The graphs on the report card shows your child’s achievement in the learning areas/subjects studied, in comparison to that of other children in the childs peer group at the school. This information will show you the number of students in each of the achievement ratings. This information is subject to privacy of individual students being maintained (as a result some graphs may not be displayed).

I appreciate your patience with classes. A significant amount of time has been spent to ensure we have staff coming to our community with the right fit. We care deeply for our student’s quality education and success to create lifelong curious learners equipped with increased opportunities and achievements. For two years now our teachers have had input to a best fit of students placement.

This is very valuable. A final letter will go out next week after staffing is finalised. Our last assembly is next Thursday. We take this opportunity to announce the 2017 student leader positions and farewell staff that are leaving us. This assembly will start at 2 pm. We farewell Ms Emma who is returning to a position in Special School. We also welcome back Mrs Kiri Childs, we look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Mrs Louise Barry is returning to teaching as a SEP teacher at Kelvin Grove. Mrs Barry has been a part of our school community for 12 years as it has grown. We will miss the contribution and commitment Mrs Barry has given to the Grovely community and the education of our students. I would like to say Thank you to Mrs Barry, on behalf of our community, for the difference you have made in our special education unit and school community. We wish Mrs Barry all the very best for her future endeavours and opportunities. Another member of our teacher aide staff that has been associated with Grovely since 1994 is also finishing her role in education. Mrs Susan Reith started working at Grovely in 1999 and gave many years of dedication and service to the Grovely community. Mrs Reith is remembered fondly by students, staff, parents both past and present in our community for the contribution and warmth she has given to Grovely. Thank you Mrs Reith for being a part of our school for a significant period of time. We will miss you and wish you all the very best for the future. It’s very exciting for us to confirm that Mr Mitchell Bidner will be returning to us in 2017 in the role of PE and various roles so we can keep him full time! Ms Melissa K will also be returning as our LOTE teacher. At this stage I have been unable to confirm music.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the partnership and investment you have with us for your children. Have a happy and safe holiday with your family and friends and enjoy every moment! Thank you for supporting another fabulous Community Christmas Concert and the P&C raffle. Winners of the most raffle tickets sold will be announced next week. Thank you to Mr Moore for stepping in and running our night.

It is with great pleasure that I share with you all that from 2017, Grovely State School will be an Independent Public School. I am very excited to move forward next year into a review year in which we can determine our priorities for Grovely students with staff and the community.

We have had one confirmed case of whooping cough recently so we ask all parents/carers to seek medical advice should your child present with symptoms. See you soon, for what I believe will be exciting times ahead in 2017!!

Leanne Duncan
FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Grovely State School Community

Well...we are nearly at the end of another busy year and I am struggling to work out where the last six months have gone since I first arrived here at Grovely.

It has been a time of learning new things. I often talk to the children about finding their bravery and stepping into the unknown each and every day. This is what I have needed to do as well in my short time working here. Each and every day has presented itself with new understandings, new learning and reflexion. I hope to take what I have learnt so far into the 2017 school year and continue to work and support our students, staff and community.

My sincere best wishes to staff and families moving on to new adventures and to the Year 6 students especially as they move into the next phase of their schooling journey. Remember to take every opportunity you are given and make the most of them. Be involved, participate often and be grateful for what you have.

I hope that everyone has a safe and joyous festive season and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Holt Bolt Kids Visit

It was a pleasure to watch our students run, jump, swing, crawl, creep, slide and laugh as they ventured around the Holt Bolt Kids Obstacle Course last Thursday. They were all excellently behaved and had a thoroughly good time. They would have all gone home wet, slimed and exhausted!! Check out just some of their photos!!

Have a safe and enjoyable week. Be generous every chance you get!

Jay Moore

Computer Science Day

All year 4 and 5 students are invited to attend a computer science day at Mitchelton SHS next Monday. Please make sure that your child has returned their permission form or they will be unable to participate in the day. Students need to be at school by 8:30am so that they can do class rolls and walk up to the high school to begin their day. Students will return to school by 3pm. Mitchelton SHS has partnered with QUT for this event and it will be a great day for our students.

Junior Swimming Carnival

Next Monday (5th) our P-2 students will participate in the P-2 swimming carnival. We encourage all parents to come and cheer on our students as they have a go at a variety of swimming races and activities. The aim of the day is participation and fun! Come down and cheer them on!!

5 Way Meet

The 5 way meet is rescheduled to next Tuesday evening. Please note the P&C will sell sausages, drinks and Zoorop Doppeis on the night. Warm up will begin from 5:15pm with races starting at 6:00pm. Gold Coin donation appreciated.

Celebrations of Learning

Most classes have begun their celebrations of learning for the last term. It is lovely to share with your child their successes over the year and to see how much they have grown and what they have learnt. It is a great time to reflect on their learning journey and set goals for future learning.

ICAS results

ICAS results were presented to students on assembly last week. Congratulations to all of the students who chose to participate in these assessments. We had a number of students who received distinctions and high distinctions in a variety of areas.

We also acknowledge Sam Meredith who will this weekend receive the Year Six medal for Maths and Science. This recognises him for the highest mark in Queensland for these subjects. Well done Sam what a great effort!

Congratulations to all of our students for a great year at Grovely. Please stay safe in the holidays...read a lot and we look forward to seeing you back to learning in 2017.

Sue McIvor

CHAPLAINS CHAT

2nd HAND UNIFORMS - If you have any uniforms which no longer fit your child or you are leaving the school, please consider donating them. A reminder to parents, there is a limited selection of 2nd hand uniforms for sale each Wednesday-Friday in the Rainbow Room during school term.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. I hope you enjoy spending time with your family and friends over the holidays and I look forward to seeing you all 2017.

Cathy Longford

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will not be held on Wednesday 7 December (last week of school). It will recommence in week 2 of term 1, 2017. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Grovely Bankers.

Renee Hayes

CURRICULUM CORNER

Student Academic Reporting

Next week (Wednesday 07/12/16), 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. I wish all of our Grovely families a safe and happy holiday!

David Covington (Head of Curriculum)

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

BEGINNER MUSIC CAMP - FRIDAY 27 & MONDAY 30 JANUARY

Venues?

Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone) - Ferny Grove State Primary School, Finnvo Street, Ferny Grove
Brass (Bass Guitar, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone) - Samford State School, School Road, Samford
Percussion (glockenspiel and drums) - Mitchelton State School Hall, Glen Retreat Road, Mitchelton
Strings (Viola, Cello, Violin, Double Bass) - Ferny Hills State School, Illluta Avenue, Ferny Hills

What to bring?

Instrument
Equipment needed on list provided by Angela Batch (strings) and Penny Hall (Woodwind, Brass and Percussion Teacher)
Music Stand
2 pencils and a rubber
Morning Tea
Lunch
Water Bottle

Concert on Monday 30 January?

2.00pm (at each school venue - Woodwind (Ferny Grove Primary School), Bass (Samford State School), Percussion (Mitchelton State School) and Strings (Ferny Hills State School)

What time does camp start and who is responsible for transport?

8.45am and parents/guardians are responsible for transport

What time does it finish?

2.45 pm (parents/guardians are responsible for collection of students)

Who do I contact for further information?

Nicola Seneviratne - nscen1@eq.edu.au (strings camp co-ordinator)
Rhonda Haring崩溃 - rhar1@eq.edu.au (woodwind, brass and percussion co-ordinator)
Katie Stubbing - kstub@eq.edu.au (Camp Administrator)

Penny Hall will be teaching band at our school on Thursdays in 2017. *** Please note that Senior Band will be commencing in week 3 of term 1 and will be after school at Mitchelton State High School from 3.30-4.30 pm*** Information will be sent home before the end of week 10 about this wonderful venture.

Angela Batch will be teaching strings at our school on Tuesdays in 2017.

Bravo to all of our wonderful students who performed very well at Mitchelton State School last week. A special thank you from Angela and I for all of your beautiful flowers and gifts!!! We look forward to seeing you in the coming year!!!

Viva La Musica

Penny Hall - phall35@eq.edu.au
Angela Batch - abat0@eq.edu.au
**FINANCE MATTERS**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**ROAD SAFETY CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

To make sure that you and your loved ones are safe this Christmas remember........

- To buckle up
- To avoid driving tired
- To stick to the speed limit
- Texting and driving is like driving blind
- It is storm season, if it is flooded – forget it
- To plan your night out - dry drivers we salute you
- To check road conditions, call 131940 for the latest updates
- To make sure your vehicle is properly maintained and safe to drive/ride

**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 (off Casey St, opposite the school on Dawson Pde). Each week has a theme with fun, food and activities.

- 1 December Christmas BBQ
  - For more information, contact Meralda on 0401 012 615.

**HOLIDAY HEROES** Monday 16 – Thursday 19 January 2017 – 2.5pm. Holiday program for primary-schoolers, afternoon-tea, games, stories (gold coin donation) at Grovely Community Church, 38 Woking St, Mitchelton.

**WESTSIDE GROVEY FOOTBALL CLUB HOLIDAY SOCCER CAMPS** will be held 5 & 6 Jan & 9-10 Jan from 8.30am-2.30pm at 32 Hanran St Keperra. Sign-On Days for 2017 Season are 28 Jan & 4 Feb from 9.30am-2.30pm for ages 5 and up. More info: westsidesports.com.au

**GRASSHOPPER SOCCER HOLIDAY CAMPS** will be held 13-15 December & 17-19 January at Hilder Rd SS for $109. For information call Maurice on 0430 588 067.

**LIFELINE BOOKFEST** is the largest second hand book sale in Qld with millions of books, magazines, records, puzzles, DVDs, CDs, vinyl, board games and much more for prices as low as a dollar. Held from 14-26 January 2017 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre and open 8.30am-6.00pm weekends and Australia Day, 9.00am-5.00pm weekdays. For more information visit www.lifelinebookfest.com.au phone 3862 1034 or email marketing@lifeline.org.au

**BCC LIBRARIES SUMMER READING PROGRAM** will be held from 10 December to 22 January, encouraging children to enjoy the experience of reading by collecting stickers to complete their Summer Reading pocket book each time they attend a library event or finish reading a book. Children who have collected 10 stickers in their pocket book will receive an exciting prize as a reward! Free events and activities include cartoon & writing workshops, live performances and music & science activities. For more information call 3403 8888 or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries

**THE JUNIOR HEAT CRICKET CLINICS** will be held 12-14 December & 17-19 January. Train the Heat way with 4 hours of quality coaching per day plus meet members of the team. Visit www.brisbaneheat.com.au/junior-heat-clinics or clinics@qldielement.com

**YOUNG ENGINEERS HALF DAY/FULL DAY HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS** will be held at the Arana Hills Community Centre for people aged 3yrs – adult. Our programs teach a scientific / engineering principle and the children build the model using LEGO technics. We also offer ROBOTICS using EV3 and block programming. For further information/dates or to book online, go to www.brisbanenorth.youniep.com.au/lego-workshops or call 0451 969 754.

**ARANA NETBALL SIGN-ON 2017** will be held on Sunday 29 January from 4-6pm at the Netball courts in Olearia St, Arana Hills. Have fun, make friends, be part of a team. More information is available on Arana Netball site. All enquiries to Lorraine Sharpies 0432 216 407 or email aranannessic@gmail.com

**RSPCA ANIMAL/WILDLIFE EMERGENCIES**

1300 264 625 (1300 ANIMAL)
