Principal’s Page

WEEK 3 already!
We are already in Week 3 with the term moving along! This week our teaching team engaged in professional learning on Pupil Free Day on 19 October. Over 500 teachers converged on the one site to hear the message of Wayne Craig. Wayne has given school a framework for school improvement that has allowed schools across the metropolitan region to collaborate with support from the region. Our staff travelled back to Grovely to continue with a session that focused Culture that promotes learning in our school, followed by collaboration around the teaching of reading. World Teachers day is on 30 October 2015. This is truly a time to say thank you for the work of our teachers. Thank you!

One of the things that I absolutely love about being a part of this community is the sincerity to others that is modelled/extended. I was asked to extend a thank you in this newsletter to the Grovely parent who stopped and assisted at a 4 car accident on Patricks Road last week. I was told this person moved the damaged car off the road and was a big help in general. I would love to thank you personally if you would make yourself known. I do appreciate and value the empathy and compassion shown by those in our community.

I have started a reflective journey of practice in regards to a culture that promotes learning with staff. I would like to extend the offer to you to give the same opportunity. I would like to extend a welcome to attend some informal discussions at community coffee on 30th October and 13 November and also run a focus group session before the next P&C Meeting on 10 November in the staffroom. All welcome to attend. This meeting will start at 6pm.

Absences
Every day counts for our students. We need to be notified of absences and schools are obligated to follow up on absences that are more than 3 consecutive days. Absences that will include more than 9 days require families to complete paperwork to be returned to the office.

Report Cards
Report cards will be released in the last week of school. I encourage you to talk with your child’s teachers if you have any concerns prior to this time. The most important thing you need to know is there should be no surprises as we highly value communication between our teaching staff and you!

Working with children really is the best job in the world and ensuring their progress is at heart. Classes for 2016 are underway in terms of planning and designing. If you have any concerns please email them to me to be taken under advisement. We value the input of teachers when designing classes for the following year and endeavour to take into account a number of factors including male/female ratios etc.

The Senior Leader process is about to begin! An exciting time for those who wish to nominate. Keep in mind “being the best me I can be” in every facet of our life.

Up and coming events...

19 November 2015 Enrolment Information forum Prep 2016 6.30pm in GPAC

Leanne Duncan
Acting Principal

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE – 3354 6366

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Value of the Week: – I LISTEN TO THE ADULTS AND MY CLASSMATES.

Habit of the Week: SYNERGISE – I value other people’s strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different than me. I work well in groups. I seek out other people’s ideas to solve problems because I know that by learning with others we can create better solutions than any one of us alone. I am humble.

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High school orientation days
As the end of the year approaches our local high schools offer orientation days to support our students transition from year 6 into year 7 at high school. These days are carefully planned to make sure they help students prepare for moving into a new school next year. We highly recommend that your child participates in these activities. To ensure that you do not miss out please contact the school of your choice to make sure your child has been enrolled in the school and has all of the information about when the day/s are so that they do not miss out.

Ferny Grove SHS is Tuesday 1st December
Mitchelton SHS is Monday 30 November & Tuesday 1 December

Booklists
The P&C is currently sourcing information from local suppliers to provide year level book packs for our parents. This will allow parents to order what they need from the booklist and have it delivered, rather than sourcing yourself over the holidays. These prices are comparable to what you can get in the shops without the running around. We are currently finalising the last details of these and will get them to you as soon as possible.

Reading
On the Pupil Free Day last Monday, staff spent time reviewing our practice of Guided Reading. Teachers shared how they approach Guided Reading in their classrooms and learnt from each other. Guided Reading is a procedure that our teachers use to support students as they learn to read. It provides teachers with invaluable information as they set students up to read a book successfully and then listen to students read and provide them with the feedback and support they need to continue to learn about the reading process. Our teachers value their Guided Reading practices by working collaboratively and using researched based information.

Have a great fortnight
Sue McIvor

LIBRARY LEXICON

Maths Problem Solving Day of Excellence: Last Thursday 34 students and two teachers made their way up to Mitchelton State High School to participate in various STEM activities. These included engineering, robotics, game theory and science. Students investigated the links between mathematical reasoning and problem solving using a range of technologies, mathematical and scientific concepts. Students thoroughly enjoyed having hands on experiences that aren’t always available at the primary school level. Here are some thoughts from the students:

‘It was exciting, new and challenging.’
‘This is why I want to become an engineer when I graduate.’

‘It showed me a new way to problem solve.’

Problem Solving at Grovely: As you are aware that Grovely uses Polya’s 4 steps to problem solving approach and one of the strategies that we have been using with teachers in the class room is the, The multi-step approach. This is used when problems or questions need to be broken down into their steps to find the final solution.

This template allows students to break a problem into manageable parts and allows to simplify problems for them.

The answer for the last problem: This problem we needed to work backwards from Lucy’s finishing position. She finished in 8th position. 5 cars passed her to put her in 8th position so 8 – 5 = 3. This put her in 3rd position after she had passed 11 cars. 3+11= 14. Therefore, she would have started in the 14th position out of 18 cars if she had finished 8th.

This week’s problem: I am 2/3 the age of my brother, he is three times younger than my dad. Mum is 5 years younger than Dad. If Dad is 54, how old are my brother and my mum and how old am I?

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2016
If your children will be a new member of our Instrumental Music Program in 2016 please make sure you return your form to our school office by THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER.

There is a very important meeting for new parents who will have children in our Instrumental Music Program as part of the Ferny Grove Cluster of schools, at Ferny Grove State School Hall, Finvoy Street, Ferny Grove on Thursday 5 November at 6.00 pm.

CONTINUING STUDENTS 2016
Please advise Mrs Hall if your child will be continuing in our band program in 2016 by Thursday 26 November. Letters were sent home two weeks ago.

For all string queries contact Jamie-Lee Melvin at jfmel0@eq.edu.au

For all band queries contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au

For all classroom music queries contact Annie Rossouw at aross172@eq.edu.au

Viva la musica!

STUDENT LEADER APPLICATIONS 2016
Student Leader process for 2016 will commence in the coming weeks. Students in year 5 will have the opportunity to apply to become school captain, house captain, arts captain or a student leader. Students in year 4 will be able to apply to become a student leader only. Those wishing to apply will need to fill in an application booklet and have it signed by various staff members. Only students in year 5 who are applying for a captain position, and notified their application is successful, will be required to present a speech. Application booklets will be handed out to students by the end of week 3.

Kristy Leighton

HEALTHSTREAM SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming Lessons – Pool is heated!
Healthstream will be conducting Swimming Lessons on Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons in the heated school swimming pool. Please contact Healthstream on 3236 9059 for details on enrolling and more information

GROVELY GROWERS

We are on a mission to collect around 200 used coffee cups and small pots by next Wednesday, to plant up for our P &C Christmas stall. Please place used cups in the Grovely Growers box at community coffee instead of the bin!! If you have a few unwanted small pots at home (roughly coffee cup size or from mother’s day stall) please drop them into community coffee or outside school garden shed. Donations of unused potting mix or seed raising mix also welcome by the shed door! We already have plenty of medium and larger pots.

Volunteers Help Needed!
If you are interested in volunteering, please meet us in the garden any Wednesday morning. We always have a great time. Inquiries to Kerri Walters growerslist@grovelyschool.com.au

Viva la musica!

RADIO VISIT
We are excited to announce that we have 96.5fm Family Radio coming to visit our school and do a live broadcast from our school oval on 11 November from 6am to 9am. We have a special visit from the channel 7 helicopter as well as jumping castle, games, coffee van, and more! AND THE BEST PART IS IT’S ALL FREE! Watch this space for more info. All are welcome to attend! It will be a great community morning.

TO HELP ERADICATE HEAD LICE, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD’S HAIR DAILY, AND TREAT IMMEDIATELY IF NECESSARY.
Your child can commence Prep at Grovely State School. Please collect an enrolment pack from the office and make an interview time.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Students who open a new account get a choice of a free prize. Unfortunately we have run out of stock for the following items:
- Planet Handball
- Glow in the Dark Solar System
- Cosmic Beam Torch
- Lunar Light Band

Children who have not received their first choice of prize are welcome to come and see me and select another prize.

**PRIZE DRAW – 29 October – 25 November**

We have 6 prizes to give away, so every deposit during this time will automatically go into the draw to win a prize. Winners will be announced on Assembly on 26 November.

**MEET & GREET ABBY – 4 November**

Come and meet Abby from Dollarmites on Wednesday 4 November. If parents would like their child to be photographed with Abby, please come and see me beforehand as photos can only be done with parent permission.

**DOUBLE DOLLARMITE DAY – 2 December**

Deposit $5.00 or more to receive 2 tokens instead of one. In order to receive 2 tokens we need to split the deposits, so your statement will show one deposit on 2/12/15 and the other deposit on 3/12/15.

* Renee Hayes

**P&C**

- **P&C Meeting:** Tuesday 10 November 7pm Staffroom
- **P&C website:** 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).

**Qkr App ORDER CONFIRMATION**

Once you have checked out and paid for your Qkr order you will receive an on-screen message “Your order has been submitted. Thank you for using Qkr!. If this message does not appear, your order HAS NOT been processed.

**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 Pde). Each week has a theme with fun, food and activities.

**HOMEWORK CLUB** is held each Tuesday from 3-4.30pm at Grovely Christian Church (see above). Contact Chris on 0419 820 810 or check out www.grovelychurch.org.au

**PURE TENNIS ACADEMY** offers tennis lessons each Thursday morning before school. Term 4 lessons have already commenced, call 3851 0444 for information or contact Dave Prickett on 3351 4483.

**WILDLIFE EMERGENCIES** – 1300 264 625 / 1300 ANIMAL

**ACTS OF CRUELTY OR NEGLECT** - RSPCA Inspectors contact 3426 9711 or 1300 852 188, DPI call centre 3289 3111 or your local police station.

**SICK OR INJURED STRAY ANIMALS** - RSPCA Animal Control 3426 9971 or 1300 852 188.

**24 Hour Call Centre** – 3426 9999

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Student Resource Scheme 2015**

There are families who elected to join the scheme earlier this year but still owe the full balance or have a remaining balance owing. A letter was sent home detailing outstanding amounts last Friday. These fees are now overdue and require immediate payment.

**2015 Montessori Fees Outstanding**

Unfortunately there are still families who have not paid in full their 2015 Montessori Fees. A letter and statement were sent home last week detailing outstanding amounts last Friday.

**Fees now due**

All outstanding fees must be paid prior to attending the upcoming excursions.

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**PREP 2016 ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS**

If you wish to enrol your child into Prep 2016, please collect an enrolment pack from the office and make an interview time. Proof of age (birth certificate or passport) must be shown before your child can commence Prep at Grovely State School.