Principal’s Page

As term 1 draws to a close there are lots of celebrations. I took the opportunity to attend as many celebrations of learning as possible.

The journey and discovery was very successful again with many parents attending to walk in the shoes of the child for a three hour cycle with John, Kamal, Maree and Ratan. Thank you to the teachers for enabling this opportunity to happen for our community.

Harmony Day was another example of coming together as a community to celebrate the diversity that enriches us here at Grovely. It was wonderful to see so many adults and students in their cultural dress. Thank you to Mr Bidner for the work towards the cross country. It encapsulates the Grovely spirit when I see parents join in as well as the student leaders to support our students on the morning. It was a great morning!!

Clean up Australia day could not have come alive without the help of our parent volunteers who gave our students, your children, a memorable experience.

Two of our students, Ty and Tianna went to a university experience day through the solid pathways program. Our lovely Miss Marissa accompanied them. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and I believe had their first experience in a university lecture setting!

9 weeks has passed...11 school weeks to go and we will be halfway through another year!

Grovely has been invited to share and present at the Montessori public education forum next term. I will never tire of sharing the Grovely journey. This is great for our wonderful school. Next term is also Naplan for our students in year 3 and 5. We prepare the students to experience these tests to increase their understanding and familiarity to them. It is a point in time measure at a systems level that is connected to funding the school receives. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to come and chat with me. An information brochure has been sent home with today's newsletter. The community calendar for next term is also being sent home with the newsletter today.

Some reminders - being on time is one of the most crucial aspects to being a member of a classroom and school community. Being late often misses one of the most important parts of the day in terms of setting up for the day ready for learning. Remind students that bikes are to be walked out of the school grounds to avoid any mishaps or accidents for the safety of the little people that are here at pick up time and other students.

Today we also farewell one of our longest serving Teacher Aides – Miss Pauline Busby. Pauline has been a part of the Grovely community for 16 years. Her contribution to our students, our school community and families here will always be remembered fondly. Miss Pauline, we wish you all the very best and enjoy the time ahead with your family and your trip to Italy! Now it is time for you and your family after being a part of ours for so long. A heartfelt thank you and all the best from the Grovely team and community.

See you at our Anzac assembly on 21 April.

Have a great holiday. Look forward to seeing you all next term.

Leanne Duncan
FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Cross Country
Congratulations to all of the students who had a great day on Monday running the cross country. It was wonderful to see everybody having a go and the support students gave each other was beautiful to watch. Well done!

National Day of action against bullying and violence
Last Friday was the National Day against bullying and violence. Our students recognised the importance of this day by dressing in Orange. They all received a special arm band to wear. Our school takes bullying seriously. It is not tolerated and it is important that as a community we understand what bullying is and the best way to stop it from happening. Our teachers work with their classes on this topic during the year. The Bullying no way website has great advice and resources on how to help your child if they talk about bullying. www.bullyingnoway.gov.au . It is important to us that we all work together if a child talks about bullying and makes sure that we create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

ICAS
Thank you to all of the parents who have returned and paid for the ICAS assessments. We do understand that some people have overlooked this option for their children and we have extended the registration and payment to Friday 15 April. Please note that the Digital technologies registration is due before then and will not be available to those who pay after the holidays. Details of the assessment dates and times are in our school calendar. Please note they will be run in the library and start promptly at 8am in the morning. If you have any queries please let me know.

Swimming
As this has been a short term we will have one last week of swimming next term. This will mean that students in M3/2D; 3/4A; M3B; 5/6B; M3C; M2C and M1B will swim the first week back to school after the holidays. Please make sure that they remember their togs and towels.

Reading
I have spoken often about reading and the importance of developing reading mileage. We know that when we practise something we get better at it. I would encourage you and your child to set some goals around reading in the holidays. It may be go on an adventure and find the answers to the passage but he/she must use their background or prior knowledge to answer the question.

Library News

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEA

Thursday 14 April 8.50am – 10.30am
Thursday 21 April 1.45pm – 3.00pm

Our school Book Fair is coming in May so I would like a volunteer group to help me plan and run the event! If you are interested in volunteering in the Library please join me for a morning tea on Thursday 14 April 8.50am – 10.30am, or Afternoon tea on Thursday 21 April at 1.45pm - 3pm.

The Library also needs volunteers throughout the year to help with jobs such as contacting, book repair and simple re-shelving. Please let me know if you are able to help - drop in library volunteers are welcome any day Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.30am - 3pm. Thanks.

Kerri Walters (Teacher Aide in the Library)

GROVELY GROWERS

GROVELY GROWERS WORKING BEE - Sunday 17 April 8.00-11.00am
Calling all parents and caregivers - we need your help to weed, clean up and plant out the Grovely Growers area. Supervised kids are welcome and love to join in. Please bring a hat and water bottle. Enquiries to Kerri Walters growers@grovelyschool.com.au

REGULAR GROVELY GROWERS SESSION
Wednesday Mornings – 9.10am – 11.00am
Supervised kids welcome. Please drop in any week you have an hour or so spare!

CURRICULUM CORNER

At Grovely, our students are taught the Question-Answer Relationship (QAR) model with regards to comprehending texts. Question-Answer relationship (QAR) is a strategy to be used after students have read. QAR teaches students how to decipher what types of questions they are being asked and where to find the answers to them. Four types of questions are examined in the QAR.

They include:

- Right There Questions: Literal questions whose answers can be found in the text. Often the words used in the question are the same words found in the text.
- Think and Search Questions: Answers are gathered from several parts of the text and put together to make meaning.
- Author and Me: These questions are based on information provided in the text but the student is required to relate it to their own experience. Although the answer does not lie directly in the text, the student must have read it in order to answer the question.
- On My Own: These questions do not require the student to have read the passage but he/she must use their background or prior knowledge to answer the question.

QAR empowers students to think about the text they are reading and beyond it, too. It inspires them to think creatively and work cooperatively while challenging them to use literal and higher-level thinking skills. Next newsletter, I will provide you with some questions that you can use at home to help reinforce the great work being done in our classrooms using the QAR strategy.

David Covington (Head of Curriculum)

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

MOTHERS DAY MORNING TEA

will be held on Friday 6 May from 9.45-11.00am in GPAC. Mothers, Step-Mothers, Grandmothers or other significant females are invited to come along and celebrate. Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring a plate of food to share (sweet or savoury). There will also be lucky door prizes and a choir performance. Students from P-6 who have a family member attending are also invited to bring their morning tea down to GPAC at 11am for a picnic.

I will be on personal leave from 21 March to 2 May 2016, and will not be replaced during this time. If you require assistance please contact Tracey Scantlebury (Red Cross) 3855 0166 / 0448 352 536 or call the school office.

ALUMNI ORCHESTRA

Celebrate 20 years of Advanced Music Camp and come play in our Alumni Orchestra! Did you ever play at one of the Primary School Advanced Music Camps? Do you still have your instrument and want to play it again?

Well if you answered yes to these questions, we hope you will join us this year in our Alumni Orchestra to perform at this year’s Advanced Music Camp to celebrate 20 years of Primary School Advanced Music Camp in our area! We will be rehearsing on Saturday afternoons and Thursday evening. We hope you will fit us in at least once a week. Rehearsals will be held in the Ferby Grove State School Hall. If you are interested in playing in this ensemble please come along to our first rehearsal and register your interest. If you are unable to attend the first rehearsal but would still like to be part of the fun please drop Rhonda or Nicola an email and we will prepare some music for you.

Registration and our first rehearsal will commence on Saturday 16 April at 4.30pm. All stands, chairs and percussion instruments will be provided.

Rehearsals: Thurs 21 April, Sat 30 April, Thurs 4 May, Sat 14 May, Thurs 19 May, Sat 28 May, Thurs 2 June, Sat 11 June.
Saturday rehearsals 4.30-5.30pm, Thursday rehearsal 6.00-7.00pm.

CONCERT THURSDAY 16 JUNE.

Rhonda Haringscuple: thar1@eq.edu.au
Nicola Senevratne: nsene1@eq.edu.au

HELP US KNOCK-OUT HEADLICE TODAY!
Please check your children’s hair daily and treat when necessary.
FAIRY GROVELY OPEN DAY
The school will be open to the public on Sunday 13 March from 10am-3pm with the following activities:

- School Tours
- Principal’s Address
- Teacher’s Workshops – Parents invited to come to school with their child/ren to focus on your family’s needs.


CRAIGSLEA SHS OPEN DAY will be held on Sunday 17 April from 1.30-4.00pm. For more information please call 3326 628.

P&C
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
NORTH BRISBANE EASTER FESTIVAL will be held 25-26 March from 10am-7pm at Mitchelton Park (Rugby Footy Fields). Easter egg hunt, blow up rides, live music, thai tent, food trucks and heaps more. Bring your family and friends!

PICABEEN COMMUNITY CENTRE is offering school holiday activities for kids aged 10-17 years including, Arts & Craft, Movies & Pizza, Medieval Manor and excursion to Sandgate Pier and Park. Bookings are essential so contact Amy on 3354 2555.

AUSTRALIAN ACTING ACADEMY will be holding acting classes for 7-12 year olds during term 2, each Tuesday at Samford 4.45-5.45pm. For more information or a $10 2 hour trial class over the holiday call 0412 728 628.

PARENTING CHILDREN COURSE is for all parents, step-parents, parents to be, guardians and carers of children. Over 5 fortnightly sessions will discover practical tools to help you improve and strengthen your family life. Starts Wednesday 13 April 2016, 7-9pm at Emmanuel Uniting Church, 92 Laurel St Enoggera. $20 per person (includes course materials and supper). Childdminding available. To register and for more information visit www.emmanueleluca.org.au/theparentingcourse or contact Jess Pinkerton, 0438 168 706 jess@emmanueleluca.org.au

WILDLIFE EMERGENCIES – 1300 264 625 / 1300 ANIMAL
Acts of cruelty or neglect - RSPCA Inspectorate 3426 9971
Or 1300 852 188, DIP 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

MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Open Day
Come along to the Mitchelton SHS Open day on Wednesday 27 April from 3.30-6.00pm. School tours, Principal’s address, Teacher meet n greet, Parent/Student workshops – Working with adolescents, Montessori. Scholarship applications can be handed in the day. For more information please call 3350 1111 or email the.principal@mitcheltonshs.eq.edu.au

Student Absence Line
3354 6366