Principal’s Page

It always astounds me how quickly time passes! We are in Week 7 with many events behind us with photos that create memories to share. One of the very well attended events at Grovely is the Father’s Day Breakfast next Friday. This morning is co-ordinated by our Chappy with the support of staff. It is also a great morning – come along and join us!

It is also teacher aide day next Friday. Our teacher aides provide a layer of support and relationships to our students that is very valuable. We would like to acknowledge what they do at assembly next week. Please join us!

The Director General released the application and new framework for Independent Public Schools last Thursday. I believe there are benefits for Grovely to apply for this. From the new framework, it states:

There are three key features of IPS:
• IPS provide a critical mass for system-wide improvement
• IPS have the capacity to – and are expected to – innovate, trial and share good practice across the state school system
• IPS are accountable to their local community and the broader state school system through arrangements that value community participation.

The consultative strategy will include sharing information through our established methods of communication. This will be through P&C meetings, community coffee, staff meetings, T/Aide meetings, and newsletter. There is also a question box at the front office. I am happy to field questions. Please feel free to chat or make a time to meet with me. I will have information at community coffee.

Yesterday the Assistant Regional Director visited us. We had many fairies, captains and characters all around our Book Week Character Dress up day. I am pleased to say that she has given her support to move towards putting in an application for Independent Public schools.

Some staffing news. I endeavour to make staffing consistency a priority in our context. As you are aware Mrs Nicole Sawyer is embarking on a new adventure with the arrival of an addition to the family. I am pleased to say that Ivy Hanley who has been working in our school and is known to the students will be taking on PA for the remainder of the year when Mrs Sawyer goes on Maternity leave. In her place in the Special Education Placement is Ms Emma Lancaster, who is experienced in the program and has worked in various contexts. Ms Lancaster has also been working in our school in different relief roles and students have become familiar with her.

In the next couple of weeks there are many COL. See you there! I can’t wait for our Celebration of the Arts end of term community event!

See you at Community Coffee!
Leanne Duncan

Alumni 60th Anniversary Cocktail Evening

Friday 7th October
6:30-10:30pm
Foundation Room
Arana Leagues Club
Cocktail food and cash bar
Smart casual dress
$25 per head

Please RSVP via the school office and your place will be confirmed with payment. Numbers are limited. A flyer will go out shortly with further details. We look forward to seeing all past and present Grovely State School Alumni.

We will be opening classrooms at the school prior to the Cocktail evening. Student leaders will take alumni on a short tour of the school. Please note this will not be available on the Saturday.
FROM THE DEPUTIES

"...being a part of something larger than yourself, a part of something that in some significant way defines you, will amplify your sense of self and afford you perspective, attachment and acceptance.” - Wilson McCaskill

Why do we wear school uniforms?? Put simply it is so that we are part of something larger that we belong to. Our uniform identifies us. We don’t ask children if they go to school...we ask them which school do you go to? Their answer in some way informs us more fully of who they are! Our uniform is the symbol of something beyond the material, it represents who we are and what we stand for!

Over the last couple of weeks I have been talking with students about the importance of wearing our uniform as well as why it is important. Grovely State School lives with the values of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, RESILIENCE and CURIOSITY. These are the expectations that define the work we do here. Our school uniform is a symbol of these values. Every time they put the uniform on it means something. It tells everyone who we are and that we stand for RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, RESILIENCE and CURIOSITY.

Can children be proud of going to our school? Of course they can. Can children follow, live and breathe the values of our school? Of course they can. And if children are proud of their school and follow the values, will they in turn want to be identified as belonging to our school? Of course they will!! Wearing your school uniform each day matters.

MATHS TOURNAMENT

In order to finalise preparations for the upcoming Maths Tournament the following students will be required in the Library on Monday 29 August and Tuesday 30 August from 1:00 - 1:45pm: Sam M, Bella C, Owen H, Zahn D, Claudia D, Anais FF, Riley M, Sam ES, Lachlan B, Brendan M, Harris W, Mia J, Robin S and in Year 5 (Angelo, Mia A, Flynn and Ellie X) We will settle on teams for the tournament, how to work as a team and prepare for the types of questions that we will be presented with in both the Team and Relay events!! Good luck to all on Monday September 5 for the real thing!!

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

Jay Moore

SINGFEST

Choir students from year 4-6 will be attending Singfest next Tuesday at the old museum building. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to sing in a mass choir, work with a masterful choral director and perform in a professional auditorium. It will be a long day that finishes with a very professional performance. Congratulations to all of the students who are attending, we are very proud of your efforts.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

It is that time of the year again when we encourage parents to make a time to meet with their child’s class teacher. Parent teacher interviews are an important part of our work together supporting your child and keeping up to date with how they are progressing in their learning journey. Look out for further information from your teachers so you can organise an appropriate time.

60th CELEBRATIONS

It is getting very exciting as the 8th October gets closer. All of the teachers have chosen stalls to run on the day and they will need your support. Please keep an eye out for volunteer lists to help each stall run on the day. Thank you to everyone for bringing in the chocolates we are looking forward to see which class gets to celebrate with a pizza party. Last day is tomorrow so there is still time to help!!

If you would like to help out across the day Jay and I will be coordinating volunteers. Please leave your name and number at the office and we will be in touch.

One of the games stalls will involve soft drinks as the prize. To enable this to run well we would love for every student to bring in one bottle of soft drink starting next week. Please send this to your child’s classroom. Thank you!

FATHER’S DAY

We are looking forward to our Father’s Day Breakfast next Friday 2 September from 7-9am. It is always great to see our dads come and have breakfast with their children. It is a lovely morning and we hope you can make it. A reminder also that the Father’s Day Stall is on Thursday 1 September. Classes will visit across the day to make purchases from the stall.

JOURNEY AND DISCOVERY

It would like to offer another Journey and Discovery for our community in term four. A Journey and Discovery is a wonderful opportunity for parents to learn more about Montessori. It works across a Friday evening and Saturday morning and participants need to attend both sessions. Friday evening is a Journey into Montessori. Our teachers share understandings of the planes of development and participant’s journey through each cycle to better understand how the cycles support student learning. The Saturday morning gives participants the opportunity to discover the 3 hour work cycle. Our teachers prepare the environment to support parents to use and learn from the Montessori equipment, helping them to discover how the prepared environment supports student learning. If you would like to be a part of this experience please contact the office or email smcvz2@eq.edu.au. We are proposing Friday 21 October (5:30-7:30pm)and Saturday 22 October (8:45am-12pm) Please make sure you let us know if you would like to join us so that the event will be able to go ahead.

TEACHER AIDE DAY

Next Friday is teacher aide day. We would like to celebrate the work that our teacher aides do to support our teachers and our students. Please join us in thanking them for all the hard work that they do and the way they care for and support our students. Sue McIvor

CURRICULUM CORNER

We have commenced our instructional coaching rounds and it has been great to get into classrooms and work with the students and teachers at Grovely! The instructional coaching round entails the teacher and coach to have a pre-conference that outlines the specific goals and purpose of the coaching, based on school goals. From this the coach then models practices for the teacher, observes teaching and works with the teacher to reflect on and improve their professional practice. Instructional coaching is focussed on helping teachers to learn, rather than teaching them.

Currently, Sue, Donna and I have done/are doing modelled lessons for the teachers around the Curiosity and Powerful Learning theory of Harness Learning Intention, Narrative and Pace. Now the teachers are implementing these practices before we go and observe them in the next two weeks. It is positive to see the great work happening in our classrooms and commitment that our teachers have to improving student outcomes.

David Cogovan

RED CROSS CHAMPIONS

The Red Cross Champions meet every Wednesday at second break for awesome activities and fun at the Rainbow Room. Last week explosions were heard throughout the school as the Red Cross Champions mastered science to create an impressive bang with Exploding Lunch Bags.

Here’s how to do it at home:

EXPLODING LUNCH BAGS

1 Snap Lock bag
1 Tissue
4tbs Vinegar
2tbs Bicarb Soda

Pour the Vinegar into the snap lock bag. Wrap the Bicarb inside the tissue and place inside the bag. Seal it tightly! This will explode for you.

Next week we do a Scavengers Hunt. Meet you on the Oval!

RAISING KIDS

http://raisingchildren.net.au is a fantastic website for all sorts of parenting questions. They have tips and videos with information on how to handle many challenging behaviours. This week we’re having a look at tantrums. Tantrums look different on every child ranging from crying, screaming, running away, holding their breath or getting aggressive. Typically they are caused by situations that children cannot cope with. Some common reasons could be hungry, tired, overstimulated, overwhelmed or frustrated. For infrequent or less severe tantrums try:

• Reduce stress. Tired, hungry and overstimulated children are more likely to throw tantrums
• When a tantrum occurs, stay calm (or pretend to). If you get angry, it will make the situation worse and harder for both of you. If you need to speak at all, keep your voice calm and level, and act deliberately and slowly.
• Wait out the tantrum. Ignore the behaviour until it stops. Once a temper tantrum is in full swing, it’s too late for reason or distraction. Your child won’t be in the mood to listen
• Make sure there’s no pay-off for the tantrum. If the tantrum occurs because your child wants something, don’t give her/him what they want.
• Be consistent and calm and reward good behaviour, especially times when they manage frustration well!

If these tips aren’t working or your child’s tantrums are more severe and are disrupting family life there are more strategies to try on the Raising Kids website which are designed to address more persistent and difficult tantrums. Have a Great Fortnight

Amanda Andersen, Project Co-ordinator Ready Step Grow.

LIBRARY NEWS

Premiers Reading Challenge Forms Due - Fri 26 August - Please hand in your completed Premiers’ Reading Challenge forms to your class teacher by this Friday 26 August. Please ensure all the details are written on the form including the student’s full name, Year level eg. Yr 2, Yr 6 (not just the name of your class) and gender.

Book Week was great with Australian book displays in the library and a multitude of amazing book character costumes yesterday.

Library Book Overdues/lost Books - Parents and caregivers need to contact Kerri Walters (Teacher Aide) in the library if books are overdue and cannot be located at home. It is not enough to send a message with your child to say it is lost. Action to either 1). pay the overdue fine at Administration (see the item cost on the overdue notice) or 2). parents/caregivers to volunteer in the library must be taken, for overdue books to be wiped from a student’s name. We have many unresolved overdues still from 2015. Printed overdue notices will be sent home through students in week 8 so please keep an eye out inside their bags. I will also be ringing parents/caregivers of unresolved 2015 overdue books so please contact me if we do not get to speak.

To contact Kerri Walters (Teacher Aide in the Library) please either drop into the library Tuesday to Thursday 8:30am to 3:00pm, phone at these times on 3354 6444 (ask to be put through to the library) or email kwalt130@eq.edu.au. Thanks, Kerri Walters (Library Teacher Aide)

PLEASE HELP KNOCK-OUT HEADLICE TODAY!
CHECK YOUR CHILD’S HAIR DAILY.
TREAT IMMEDIATELY WHEN NECESSARY.


**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**AUGUST**
- 30 Singfest

**SEPTEMBER**
- 1 Assembly
- 2 Father's Day Stalls
- 5-6 World of Maths Incursions
- 8 Grovely SS Art Show
- 12 P&C Meeting
- 14 Double Dollamite Day
- 15 Assembly
- 16 Crazy Hair Day — Gold Coin Donation
- 16 End of Term 3

**OCTOBER**
- 3 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 4 School Resumes for Term 4
- 7 Alumni: 60th Anniversary Cocktail Evening
- 8 Grovely’s 60th — The Big Spring Thing
- 12 Combined Concert Band Performance with Mitchelton SS
- 15 Concert Band Rehearsals
- 22 Springtime Show

**NOV**
- 2017 Instrumental Music Evening — 6pm @ GPAC

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2017**

In coming weeks, information will be sent home about our Instrumental Music Program for 2017. The Strings program is for children entering year 3 in 2017 and our woodwind, brass and percussion program is for children entering years 4 in 2017. There will be an Information Evening about Instrumental Music on THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER at 6pm at our school in GPAC.

A special thank you to all of our parents/guardians who helped with car-pooling our year 5 and 6 students to the Ferry Grove Gala Concert last Friday. It was very much appreciated!!!

**CONCERT BAND REHEARSALS**

Our Senior and Junior Band members are NOW rehearsing at 8.00am on Thursday mornings. Please make sure your child has arrived by 8.00am so that we are ready to play at 8.10am.

**REMEMBER PRACTICE = PROGRESS!!!**

Please make sure that your child is regularly practising their instruments and are completing their practice sheets!!!

**FORTHCOMING PERFORMANCES FOR CONCERT BAND**

(Penny Hall’s groups)

- 9 October — Saturday 9 October – Grovely State School Art Show
- 29 October — Thursday 29 October — Grovely’s 60th Birthday Celebration
- 23 November — Saturday 23 November — Combined Concert Band Performance with Mitchelton State School for their Mitchelton State School’s Centenary Celebration.

For all string queries contact Angela Batch at abatt@eq.edu.au (Angela teaches at our school on Tuesdays)

For all band queries contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au (Penny teaches at our school on Thursdays)

For all classroom queries or choir queries contact Rebecca Penna at rpenn28@eq.edu.au (Rebecca teaches at our school Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays)

Viva La Musical!!!

**SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER**

Penny Hall will be performing with Queensland Wind and Brass in their concert ‘Witchcraft and Wizardry’ featuring music from Harry Potter, Lord Of The Rings, Wicked and The Wizard of Oz. The concert will be held on Saturday 10 September at 7.30pm at the old museum, Gregory Tce.

For further information go to www.qwab.com.au

Children’s tickets are free and they are more than welcome to get dressed up!!!

**SCHOOL BANKING**

School Banking is held each Wednesday from 8.30am outside the Library. Double Dollamite Day will be held on 14 September. Deposit $5 or more to receive a bonus token. In order to receive a bonus token we need to split the deposits – one will show on 14 September and the other on 15 September.

To open new accounts, please come and see me for an application form.

Renee Hayes

**YMCA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

**VACATION CARE**

School Holidays are not far away and we are open for Spring Holiday Club. We have some exciting theme days, activities and an excursions to Bowling and Putt Putt Golf. If you would like to book your child, whether it is casual or permanent; feel free to email me at agr@ymcbrisbane.org or pop up to our YMCA room located in the Prep building upstairs.

Remember it’s never too late to place your child/ren into our wonderful Before and After School Care Program. If you would like more information feel free to email me at agr@ymcbrisbane.org or pop up to our YMCA room located in the Prep building upstairs.

Thank you,

Rochelle and the Team

**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE**

3354 6366