Thank you to all who attended and contributed to our Meet and Greet! This year I wanted to include parents in the student induction assembly. Thank you for being a part of this. Our captains did a superb job at speaking confidently on stage. Student leaders also attended the student leaders' camp this week. This is two days at the Gap State School with student leaders from our cluster schools organised by the Deputy Principals. They engaged in leadership activities, team building and planning the year ahead. When I visited the captains they were incredibly motivated and excited about their roles this year ahead. It was great to engage in conversations about the vision that they had for the students at Grovely. We will hear more about what their reflections were on assembly next week.

OPEN DAY is this Friday 26 February. This is one of the first official duties for our student captains. Come and hear about our community from the students, as they are our best advocates, being at the centre of what we do.

Communication is imperative between all stakeholders in a school setting. If you or your child’s teacher have any concerns it is always best to make a time to discuss them with your child’s teacher first face to face. Often timely communication resolves minor concerns and establishes and builds relationships. Making a time to speak with teachers is best done by email or through the office. I am also meeting with the room parents at 2pm in GPAC (meeting room) tomorrow. For any of those room parents who are unable to attend, I will arrange another time for next week as well.

At Grovely we have a Thinking Room for students to reflect on the choices they make with the support of an adult. I speak to students quite often about "Tomorrow depends on the choices you make today." As communication is an imperative part of this, when the thinking room slips are not returned, they are posted, as they have been for the last 6 months. Working together often is the key to overcoming any concerns.

Friday sport starts next Friday 4 March. Mitchell Bidner (PE Teacher) has worked hard to ensure this runs well in his absence. He is taking some leave booked before he commenced at Grovely. Ms Katie Bobridge will be taking his place for PE. She has spent some time meeting the students and working with Mitchell this week.

Have a great fortnight!

Leanne Duncan
FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Student Leadership Camp
Congratulations to our new student leaders for 2016. It was lovely to have the community come together to present them with their leadership badges last Thursday. Monday and Tuesday saw all of the Student Captains from the North West District come together for the 20th Annual Student leadership camp at The Gap SS. 73 Student Leaders engaged with guest speaker Bianca Goebel – CEO of youth Without Borders – who shared her leadership journey. Students learned about Leadership traits, collaboration, communication and strategic planning through sessions led by the Cluster School Chaplains and high school Student Leaders from The Gap SHS, Ferny Grove SHS and Mitchelton SHS. Students developed a leadership action Plan, including a digital presentation, which was shared with their principals – we look forward to seeing their plans come to fruition. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to meet other school leaders and build their leadership qualities.

Cross Country
The nominations for district cross country have been moved forward which now means that we must run our school cross country this term. Please put in your diary Monday 21 March (the last Monday of term). Training to prepare for Cross Country will begin next Wednesday morning 8.15-8.45am on the school oval and will continue Mondays, Wednesday and Friday mornings until the event.

Dianne Davis Visit
Dianne Davis our Montessori consultant will visit us from Tuesday 8 March till Saturday 12 March. She will be working with our teachers to support us to ensure our teachers are receiving professional development that they need to support Montessori in our school.

Tuesday 8 March - Parent information session – Developing Independence and Montessori at home. 3:15-4pm school library
Friday 11 March and Saturday 12 March - Journey and Discovery (see flyer)

Interschool sport
Thanks to everyone who returned the forms regarding interschool sport. Mitchell has been coordinating all of the nominations and students will begin to prepare for the sports that they have been chosen to play. More information and permission slips will come home today.

ICAS
ICAS letters will come home with the newsletter today. Please make sure you complete the form and return your money by Monday 14 March to ensure your child/children are registered to participate in these assessments.

Sue McVor

RED CROSS WORKSHOPS

THE POWER OF CHOICE WORKSHOP
Held on Wednesday 9, 16 & 23 March from 9.30am-12pm in GPAC Marshalling Room. This workshop invites you to come and explore in a very interactive, stimulating and fun way the power of choice, and the concept of paradigms in one’s personal development.

STRESS & RELAXATION WORKSHOP
Held on Wednesday 2 March from 9.30-11.00am in GPAC Marshalling Room.

RSVP to Tracey Scantlebury (Family Support Coordinator) on 3855 0166, 0448 352 536 or email ts scantlebury@redcross.org.au

CURRICULUM CORNER

To assist you in helping your child to read at home, try these techniques. This simple tool is used to support your child when they get to an unknown word or when they make an error with their reading.

Pause
If your child is experiencing difficulty, wait 5 seconds to give them the opportunity to work it out.
NB: If your child makes a mistake that they are not aware of, simply prompt them by saying... Does it make sense? This can be done as they read if you detect a break down in meaning. Or it can be done at the end of their reading. You can go back and find the mistake and talk to them about it.

Prompt
As your child is trying to work out the word, think about which prompt you will use to help them to work out the word. Your choices are
• Use the pictures to work out the word.
• Reread the sentence to work out the word.
• Read on until the end of the sentence to work out the word.
• Try to sound the word out. What does it start with?
• Can you see any small words inside the big word?

Praise
Praise your child at every opportunity, especially when they make attempts but are not successful.
• that was a good try or I liked the way you tried to work that out
• that was well read or good reading or excellent or well done
• that was a really hard word or I liked how you used...to work out that word

Do not be concerned if they are not able to work out the word. Praise them for their efforts and simply tell them what the word is and have them reread the sentence saying the word.

Tips
• Reading should be fun and we want children to LOVE reading. If your child is getting upset or frustrated, put it away and come back to it later. Or you could consider trying an easier book.
• If your child has difficulty tracking words, ask them to point to the words as they read.
• If the book is too difficult or too easy, let your child’s teacher know to ensure the appropriate level is being sent home.
• Take the time to read to them also. They can never get enough reading!!!

LIBRARY NEWS

Borrowing for all classes has commenced for 2016! Please remember to send a library bag with your child to protect our precious books.

Library Opening Times
Before School: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30am - 8:50am
Lunchtime: Every day 1:15pm - 1:45pm

Should you wish to donate any good quality board games such as Scrabble, Upwords or numeracy/literacy games please see me in the library or call the office. The students enjoy playing these games every lunch time.

Overdue items can also be discussed with me in person Tuesday to Thursday 8:30am - 2pm or phone the office at these times. I look forward to helping every student find books they love to read in 2016!

Kerri Walters (Teacher Aide in the Library)
Thank you Samford Village Pumps for donating a water pump to Grovely Growers. This pump will help the school to produce organic produce for our tuckshop and teach students about growing plants with our own harvested rain water. The pump is a much needed resource in this hot weather so we are very appreciative!

Samford Village Pumps are located 6/39 Main Street, Samford QLD 4520  Phone: (07) 3289 2111
Like them on facebook!

Next Friday 4 March, LETS CLEAN UP GROVELY as part of SCHOOLS CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY! Please volunteer yourself as a parent or carer to supervise and join in on fun lunchtime activities FROM 12.30pm TIL 2pm. All students will be invited to participate in artsy and physical activities: 'WALK the TALK' clean-up, eco-badge making, MUSIC, discussion, GAMES. Please RSVP if you can help out, or pop in to the GGGarden to find us in the SHADE OF A TREE. Contact Tali 0432924279/ growers@grovelyschool.com.au

Volunteer help in Grovely Growers
Our amazing parent gardener Belinda needs some help down in Grovely Growers on Wednesdays from 8:50am. It’s hot at the moment so quick gardening maintenance and watering is the aim! Please drop in any week you have an hour free. Keep up to date on our facebook page Grovely Growers

YMCA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Hello Everyone, I hope you have all had a wonderful start to the Term. With Term 1 already half way through; it’s that time to start thinking of Vacation Care. Our Vacation Care flyers are out now! We have lots of really exciting themes this holidays as well as an excursion to Brisbane Planetarium. So make sure you secure your place today.

What we’ve been doing:
At YMCA Grovely OSHC we value our children’s’ ideas and input. Our children’s theme for the first half of Term 1 has been Sustainability. We have been learning about growing our own food, Lifecycles of animals, how plants grow and why it important to keep our earth clean. We made a great upside down garden which is hanging from our roof and the children absolutely love lying under it looking at all the creations they have made.

Join us next week for:
Over the next few weeks we are spending time looking at Community Helpers and Life Skills. We will be having cooking lessons, learning about healthy eating, exercise and the importance of keeping our teeth clean. 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@ymcabrasbane.org or pop up to our YMCA room located in the Prep building upstairs.
Rochelle & the Team
P: 3855 9997 or M: 0438 155 230

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

TRIPLE P (POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM) is one of the most effective evidence-based parenting programs in the world backed by more than 30 years of ongoing research. The program will be held at Ferny Grove State School, details below.
7.00pm, Thurs 25 Feb – The power of positive parenting
To Register: www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-uchen/get-help/find-a-triple-p-session/2699

7.00pm, Thurs 3 March – Raising confident, competent children
To Register: www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-uchen/get-help/find-a-triple-p-session/2701

7.00pm, Thurs 10 March – Raising resilient children
To Register: www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-uchen/get-help/find-a-triple-p-session/2702
For more information email leonie.willis@triplep.net or call 3226 8561.

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, Mitchelon (Just off Casey St, opposite the school on Dawson Pde). Each week has a theme with fun, food and activities.
25 February Movie
3 March Cooking
For more information, contact Meralda on 0401 012 615 or Chris on 0419 820 810.