This week we welcome Mr Stiven (pronounced Steven) Micevski, Mr M to our school community. Stiven will be taking our Prep/1 class and will co-teach with Mrs Sawyer. It’s just fabulous for our little ones to have a male teacher so early in their education. In Stiven we also have the added bonus of having someone who is passionate about Rugby League. This has been news that has been really well received by our older boys. I know Stiven will enjoy his time in our community.

With Stiven’s arrival classes are now settled. Due to the weather, contact details not being up to date and an unforeseen circumstance with one of our Leadership Team, there were some issues in getting in contact with folk to discuss class arrangements. For this we apologise. Hopefully our little ones are now settled and it will be smooth sailing from here. Many thanks to everyone for their patience and support as we’ve navigated this process.

Last Thursday 67 students in year 5 and 6 were inducted as Student Leaders. This is the largest cohort of students to date. In our community this privileged position is accessible to all. It simply needs to be earned by demonstrating a commitment to the school’s Values and Habits. For many of those inducted this has been quite a smooth process and for others they’ve really had to work to be in this position. No matter the road travelled, to all who’ve been successful to date, congratulations. I know you will continue to bring pride to yourselves and our community and set a great example to our younger students. Students who were not successful at this point have been encouraged to aspire to this position. Students can be inducted on any assembly. My goal has always been to have 100% of students in years 5 and 6 recognised in this way. There’s still time!

Over the last two assemblies I have introduced the students to Kid President. Kid President is a nine year old boy from the US who has taken it upon himself to inspire children across the globe to be ‘awesome’. His messages are profound and his delivery is highly entertaining. He speaks passionately to kids about changing the world. In our community we have many students already who have a deep commitment to do ‘things’ that make a difference to others. Last week on assembly Jessica Mitchell and her friend Abi proudly spoke about the money they raised at the Market Day last year that will go to a school in Vietnam that we have a kindred relationship with through Hope City Church. Thanks to the generosity and support of people within our community who donated books and toys, Jessica raised almost $500. Mr Ali pastor of Hope City Church put this amount of money into perspective for our students when he told them that the average family in this part of Vietnam lives on $12 a month. $500 will go a very long way. Jessica and Abi, you’re awesome

Are your contact details up to date? It is quite concerning the number of times school staff attempt to make contact with parents and carers only to find that contact details have been changed. It would be appreciated if you could ensure that your details are always kept current.

Across our school we’re really working on every student building reading mileage. Please ensure that your child is either being read to every night or reading for a minimum of 10 minutes for P-2 and 20 for all other year levels.

Last week I challenged one of our students in the senior school who is a reluctant reader to put a time for reading into his afternoon schedule, asking for just ten minutes. This week he’s told me with great pride that he is now putting in 50 minutes and really enjoying it. It can be done!

I will be out of the school for the next three days. Today and Friday I will join principals from across the state at the Convention Centre. Every two years we gather and engage in some very important professional learning. I look forward to sharing my learnings and key messages with you in the next newsletter.

On Monday I will be joining a team of five staff from our school as well as Bald Hills State School for a study tour of three high performing schools in Melbourne. The team will be looking closely at collaborative practices and inquiry based learning. They will stay for three days and work alongside staff in these schools. Miss Katrina and Mrs McIvor will spend some time visiting Mitchum Primary School which is the school in Melbourne with a Montessori pathway.

Vicki Baker
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

Journey and Discovery

Thanks to the parents who have already contacted us to secure their spot at the next Journey and Discovery. A reminder that we still have a few vacancies for the two day program and invite all of our Montessori families to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience what it is like to be a child in their learning environment. Feedback from our last Journey and Discovery encouraged every parent to attend. For more information or to register a place please contact Sue McVor smciv1@eq.edu.au. Friday 13 March 6-8pm and Saturday 14 March 8.30am-12.15pm.

School Leaders

Next Monday and Tuesday our school leaders will be participating in a cluster leadership camp. This is a great opportunity to meet other leaders at our local schools and develop and refine the great qualities that they have which enable them to be chosen as leaders. We hope they have a great time and look forward to hearing about their learning.

Experience Day at Mitchelton SHS

On Thursday the 12 March our year six students are invited to an experience day at Mitchelton SHS. This also coincides with their open day and we would encourage parents to pick their child up from the high school so that they can see what our local high school has to offer. Permission forms will go home shortly for this event.

Leanne Duncan & Sue McVor

PARKING IN THE STAFF CARPARK

Parents, you are kindly requested not to park in the Upper Staff Car Park including dropping your child/ren at before school care. Parking in this area is for staff and designated visitors only. Ample parking is provided in the lower car park. The concrete path will lead you straight past GPAC to the OHSC. Thank you.

SHAVE FOR A CURE

On Thursday 19 of March at assembly, Mrs Barry our HOSES is shaving her head to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. We also have a student that will be joining her and colouring his hair.

The day will be a special one for our community and your support will be greatly appreciated. We will also be celebrating Harmony Day by having a FREE DRESS DAY on the same day. All students are asked to wear Orange and bring a gold coin donation. All donations will be given to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Any families wishing to make a donation to the cause can do so by seeing Mrs Barry and her support crew outside GPAC on the following dates- Thursday 5 March 8.15-8.45am, Tuesday 10 March 8.15-8.45am and Thursday 15 March 8.15-8.45am.

All donations are tax deductible and Mrs Barry will provide you with receipts for your kind donation.

CHAPLAINS CHAT

Volunteer Training – It is a requirement of all volunteers in the school to complete volunteer training. The next training will be held on Thursday 26 March at 9.15am in the meeting room in GPAC.

Mapleton Easter Adventure Camp will be held 13-17 April at the Mapleton Holiday Centre for children in years 5-7 (co-ed). Cost is $350 including transport and lots of activities including flying fox, canoeing & giant swing. Register online http://www.suqld.org.au/camps/mapleton

SCHOOL BANKING – SIGN ON DAY

The ladies from the Commonwealth Bank will be visiting Grovely on Thursday 12 March to offer parents the opportunity to open a bank account for their child/ren. Siblings can also open an account even if they don’t attend school yet. Sign-on will be held from 8-9am outside the Library in D block. Please bring your licence for identification. School banking is held each Wednesday from 8.30am.

ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT OF FEARS AND ANXIETY IN CHILDREN

Parents, is your child fearful of certain situations or do they seem to experience ongoing feelings of anxiety? At Griffith University, we are conducting a large-scale study for children (10 to 13 years of age) with anxiety that includes a thorough assessment and a novel, home-based treatment using computers and telephone contact from a trained clinician. We are providing this service at no cost to families. To find out more about this project, please contact our team on 07-3735 3349, cadrp@griffith.edu.au.

How parents can assist the school’s administration team:
1. Read newsletters – school and class
2. Know your child’s timetable
3. Keep contact details up to date
4. Inform staff of absences
5. Meet financial commitments
6. Ensure your child knows their home time arrangement

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

BAND NEWS

JUNIOR BAND – THURSDAY MORNINGS – 8:15am (Please have your child ready to play at 8:15 am)

SENIOR BAND – THURSDAY MORNINGS – 7:30am (Please have your child ready to play at 7:30 am)

The senior music camp will be held from 16-18 June at Ferny Hills State School. There will be a number of our senior music students who will be assessed in week 9 of this term who may be given an invitation to attend this camp. I will be speaking to particular students about this at their lessons on Thursday.

They are to play for their assessment two major scales and 1 minor scale as well as either no.91 on page 24 in Tradition of Excellence book 1 or no.104 on page 25 in Tradition of Excellence book 1 as well as a piece of their own choice from the book after page 19.

We wish the following students all the very best for their assessments: Huxley C, Amy H, Frank B, Haydn A, Talysa M, Taliesin D and Shyler H.

Woodwind assessments at our school will take place on Monday 23 March and Thursday 26 March.

Brass and bass guitar assessments at our school will take place on Wednesday 25 March.

BEGINNER MUSIC CONCERT – Tuesday 24 March – 4.00 pm

There will be information sent home this week about our beginner music concert on Tuesday 24 March being held at Mitchelton State School to celebrate our beginner strings and beginner band students achievements.

For any queries please contact: Penny Hall (Percussion) phah03@eq.edu.au
Jamie-Lee Melvin (Strings) jmel05@eq.edu.au

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

North West District Swimming Carnival

On Friday 13 February, four students from Grovely SS competed at the North West District Swimming Championships; Lachie A, Will F, Alex R and Chris T. It was a fantastic effort by all students from Grovely SS for competing and trying their very best. Thank you to Marissa Campbell (Grovely Team Manager) and Therese Christiansen (Grovely Official) for assisting and supporting the students on the day.

Below is a list of the results from the North West District Swimming Carnival:

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Will Hall (PE Teacher)

LITTLE BLOSSOMS PLAYGROUP

is held upstairs in E block each Friday from 9.15-11.00am for children 0-5 years. All welcome, please spread the word.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**P&C**

The P&C are hoping to run a Disco for the kids at the end of term. If anyone has DJ equipment or experience with discos, any help would be really appreciated. Money raised will go towards our aim of installing air conditioners in classrooms for the children.

Please bear in mind that we have credit card/efptpos facilities available in the uniform shop and you can also purchase uniforms via the Qkr system if you know the sizes you are after and pick it up on Thursday morning when the shop is open. We would prefer to deal with minimal cash as Leanne has struggled to keep up with the amount of change required, particularly with the increase in numbers at the school.

We have a few adjustments to make to the Qkr facility but it is up and running. This system allows parents to purchase tuck shop, uniform shop and other P&C fund raising activities online or via the Qkr app with credit card. For more information on the system and other P&C activities, please check our web page, grovelyschool.com.au. Information can be found under the about P&C tab and payments.

**LIBRARY**

Thank you for welcoming me into your school community in 2015. We have started to put in some activities for the students in the library in the form of a weekly quiz based around problem solving and lateral thinking and a boggle activity where students need to make as many words as possible with the letters on display. Winners will be announced on assemblies.

Could we ask parents to donate plastic bags to the library so we can get every student borrowing and put it in a protective bag. If you have a library bag from previous years send this in as we are finding some bags are being damaged because of the moisture and humidity. The bags will help us protect our precious resources for all students to use for years to come. 

**GROVELY GROWERS**

Grovely Growers - Volunteer in the school garden

New volunteers welcome every Wednesday morning 9:00am - 11:00am.

A great way to meet new people and make friends. Young children are welcome. No gardening experience needed, just your enthusiasm. Drop in any week you have time. You will help to:

- Grow organic produce for the school tuckshop and community coffee shop.
- Reduce school waste through our new composting program.
- Provide our students and teachers with a natural learning area for outdoor lessons.

Save the date - Term 1 Working Bee - Saturday 14 March 8:00am - 11:00am - Stay up to date with what's happening in the school garden:

- Facebook Page Grovely Growers
- Join our email list by sending your details to growers@grovelyschool.com.au

Any questions or ideas? Please contact Kerri Walters growers@grovelyschool.com.au

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Student Resource Scheme 2015**

We have had an excellent response to the 2015 Student Resource Scheme. However, there are still some families who need to complete the form.

On Wednesday we posted out a letter and the Student Resource Participation form to families who had not responded. Upon receipt, please complete the form and return to the school office by Tuesday 3 March 2015.

**Montessori Program 2015**

Thank you to the many families who have made payments for the 2015 fees and returned the completed declaration form. If you have not paid or returned your declaration form please do so ASAP. If you are paying by instalments please check your dates. Full payment is due by 27 March 2015.

**Instrumental Program Continuing Students 2015 Instrumental Music Levy & Hire Fee (if applicable)**

All fees should have been paid in full by now. Please check with the Office if you are unsure.

Statements will be sent out early in March for any outstanding fees.

**New Students** – By now families whose children are borrowing a school instrument have paid their $80 instrumental hire fee. If you elected to pay the $100 Instrumental Music Levy fee later, please remember this is to be paid no later than Friday 27 February 9.30am.

**Year 6 & 7 Camp**

We have received the majority of student expression of interest forms from our Year 6 & 7 students. Next week a letter will be sent home to all students who returned this form detailing final costs and dates for deposit and finalisation of payment. If you did not return this form please return ASAP otherwise you will not receive any further notifications.

This year, unless all outstanding schools fee are paid including full payment for 2015 Camp prior to the camp, students will not be permitted to attend camp.

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY** will be held on Thursday 12 March from 2-5pm. Scholarships are available for academic, cultural, sporting and leadership achievements. For more information call 3550 1111 or check out www.mitcheltonshs.eq.edu.au

**JUST FOR KIDS (JKF)** is being held each Thursday afternoon 3.30-5.00pm for primary school kids. It operates at Grovely Christian Church, 38 Woking St, Mitchelton (Just off Casey St, opposite the school on Dawson Parade). Each week will have a theme with fun, food and activities.

**THE FERNY GROVE JUNIOR AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB (The Falcons)** are a Community Club that is seeking players aged 5-13 years. Phone 0435 977 500, e-mail fennygrovejuniors@albi.com, or visit www.falconsfootsy.org for further information.

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

**Acts of cruelty or neglect** - RSPCA Inspectorate 3426 9971 or 1300 852 188, DPI 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