Principal’s Page

Cupcake Day
Congratulations and thankyou to Caitlyn, Caroline, Paige and Lilli who with the support of their families organised a stall outside GPAC to sell cupcakes to raise money for the RSPCA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). They raised an amount of $172.20. It is wonderful to see students take action to raise money for an issue which is of importance to them.

Disco
It was great to see many families and members of staff participate in the school Disco last Friday night. The children loved dressing in their finest and busting a move. As it was the first community event I attended, I was so impressed at the efforts of the parent body in arranging all aspects of this successful evening including a massive clean-up after the event.

Year 5/6 Camp
Year 5/6 Camp was held at Camp Currimundi on the Sunshine Coast from Monday to Wednesday this week. Students participated in activities such as the Giant Swing, Team Catapult Making, Beach Games, Fishing, Canoeing, Mini-Orienteering and Circus Skills. I had the privilege of attending on Tuesday and the children enjoyed watching myself and their teachers flying from great heights on the Giant Swing and splashing large volumes of water over us whilst paddling a canoe. I would like to commend students for the manner in which they participated on camp and lived together for three days as a harmonious community. Special thanks to the staff namely Candice, Cathy, Danny, Kamal, Katrina and Lynne who gave up precious family time to spend time with students on camp. Camp can’t happen without the staff donating a large amount of personal time.

Professional Development Twilight Wednesday 2 September
Next Wednesday afternoon/evening at Ferny Grove State High School, Grovely staff will participate with other local schools in the North West Cluster conference. Staff will attend sessions about positive psychology, student well-being, reading, group work, engaging learners, problem-solving, literacy and numeracy, information communication technology, physical education, mental maths, science and writing.

Have a good week,
Kathy Canavan
Acting Principal

MONTESSORI IS COMING TO MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL
You are invited to attend an information session to hear about our exciting plans for the future.
When: Tuesday 8 September 2015
Where: Grovely State School Staff Room (A block)
Time: 6.30-7.00pm (followed by Q & A session)

ART SHOW & SILENT AUCTION
The Art Show & Silent Auction will be held on Thursday 10 September from 6.00-7.00pm in GPAC. An A5 flyer has been sent home today with the newsletter.

Volunteers Needed - We are looking for several people who can help out with face painting for the Art Show. Anyone who can help from 6:00-6:45pm please contact Jill King in 2/3A.
**FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK**

**Maria Montessori’s Birthday 31 August**

We recognise Maria Montessori’s birthday next Monday by celebrating the wonderful work that she pioneered in education. We are very privileged at our school to offer both Montessori and Mainstream pathways allowing our students the “best of both worlds”. We would like to recognise the amazing work that our teachers do to support our children.

**Father’s Day Breakfast**

We look forward to the Father’s Day breakfast next Friday 4 September. It has been a wonderful event that has been well supported over the years and it will be great to see our Dad’s again this year.

**Reading**

We mentioned in the last newsletter that we were asking students about what they like to read, where they like to read and who they like to read with. It has been interesting to gather this information to support the work we do around student reading. We encourage you to discuss what your child reads, with them. What do they like to read? If you have a reluctant reader find out what they would like to read so they can have access to something they are interested in. The more they read the better readers they will become!

**Prep 2016**

Letters of offer have been sent home this week for Montessori Prep classes 2016. There will be a second round of offers later in the year. If you know anyone who has a prep aged child please ensure they know to contact the office to find out about enrolment at our school.

Have a great fortnight.  
Leanne and Sue

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**OPTI-MINDS**

CONGRATULATIONS to all the students who participated and performed in Opti-minds on Sunday. We were awarded honours in the Social Sciences Division 1 group. This is a wonderful outcome for the students and our school. A special thanks to Mrs Jill King for giving up her lunch times to allow for this wonderful opportunity.

**LIBRARY LEXICON**

**Library Lexicon:** Book week 2015 is well under way. We’ve had a display that has changed every few days with a spotlight on a different author and their life. There were several activities that happened throughout the week, culminating with a dress-up of your child’s favourite book character/costume today. Gold coin donations from this event will be used to make the Year 6 graduation a roaring success.

**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 Multiplication and Division Triangle or MAD-T for short. This strategy is useful for multiplication and division sums and uses the following template:

This template allows students to break a problem into manageable parts and allows students to simplify problems for them. This can be used as a double MAD-Triangle too.

**The answer for the last problem:** 624 (whole), 287(part), 265 (part), 298 (part)

Add the parts together and then take the whole away from them.

287+265+298= 850

850 – 624 = 226. Therefore, the baker needs to bake 226 more.

**This week’s problem:** (Try using the MAD-T strategy to help with working this out).

If there are 10 ice-cream cones in a box and 10 boxes fit into a carton how many ice-cream cones would Anna have if she had 9 boxes and 24 cartons of ice-cream cones altogether?

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**FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST**

Friday 4 September

Dads, Stepdads, Grandads, significant male role models & children, you are invited to attend our Fathers’ Day Breakfast on Friday 4 September from 7-9am in GPAC. Guest Speaker Shane Doherty, (Channel 9 Political Reporter) will be speaking from 8.00-8.15am. Raffles will be held on the morning, breakfast is available for purchase with menu/prices below:

- Sausage on Bread with cold/hot drink $4.00
- Bacon & Egg Sandwich with cold/hot drink $5.00

Cathy Longford - Chaplain

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2016**

A special thank you to parents/guardians who helped and attended our Instrumental Music program afternoon, our Singfest excursion and our Gala concert excursion last week.

**Instrumental Music Program 2016**

Expression of interest forms for our band program will be sent home to children who are entering year 3 & 4 in 2016 and are not already learning a string instrument.

**Art Show - Thursday 10 September**

Our string ensembles and concert bands are performing at our Art exhibition on Thursday 10 September at 6.00pm. Letters will be going home about this special performance during this coming week.

Viva La Music!

For all strings queries contact Jamie-Lee Melvin jfmel0@eq.edu.au
For all band queries contact Penny Hall phall35@eq.edu.au
For all other music queries please contact Mrs Rosssouw.

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**YMCA Outside Hours School Care**

**IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE COORDINATOR:**

Hello everyone, my name is Rochelle and I am the new Coordinator here at YMCA Grovely OSHC. I started here at the beginning of Term 3 and I am absolutely loving Grovely State School. Everyone I have met so far has been very welcoming and friendly. Grovely SS is a great community.

Here at YMCA Grovely OSHC we have had some fantastic changes. We have had a brand new room make over and have lots of new and exciting equipment and resources.

**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 3 has been ‘Space’. We have been learning about all our planets and making wall displays. We also made an imaginative space display; where children made aliens, ufo’s and fluffy planets. We have also been learning about friendships and how we can be a ‘superhero’ in our own lives. Children have learnt that Superheroes come in all shapes and sizes and all have different powers. Some powers our children have come up with is:- Making people smile, stop bullying, being strong and making chocolate appear out of thin air. Mmmm... If only that was real.

**Join us next week for:**

With our space theme finishing up, we have been looking at a lot of other themes. Our new theme will be on Our World. Our World Theme will consist of countries around the world, our environment and sustainability. We are all very excited for this theme.

**VACATION CARE**

School Holidays are fast approaching and we are open for Spring Holiday Club. We have some exciting theme days, activities and an excursion. If you would like to book your child, whether it is casual or permanent, feel free to email me at agr@ymcabrisbane.org or pop up to your YMCA room located in the Prep building upstairs. Brochures are available from the display stand in the school office.

Rochelle and the YMCA Grovely OSHC Team

YMCA Grovely OSHC
P: 07 3855 9997
M: 0438 155 230
agr@ymcabrisbane.org

If you are new to the school and would like a tour of our service, please call to make an appointment. Our team members will show you around and explain all things OSHC. We look forward to meeting you!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| AUG  | Grovely Growers Working Bee |
| SEPT | Assembly             |
|      | Father’s Day Breakfast  |
|      | Fathers Day Stall      |
|      | Montessori at Mitchelton High information session |
|      | P&C Meeting           |
|      | Junior Choir Performance – Kindy Patch |
|      | Art Show & Silent Auction |
|      | Showcase for Success   |
|      | Double Dollarmite Day  |
|      | Chaplaincy Hot Dog Day |
|      | Assembly              |
|      | End of Term 3         |

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| 5   | PUBLIC HOLIDAY          |
| 6   | School Resumes for Term 4 |
| 15  | Assembly               |

QSchools smartphone app

The QSchools smartphone app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about Queensland State Schools. The app is designed to integrate with Websites for Schools websites and is automatically updated when a school updates their website with the latest news, newsletters, events and information. App users can also access tuckshop and uniform shop information, class times and school social medical pages that are available on the school’s website. Emergency announcements, such as information about natural disasters and school closures, are published via the app. The app is particularly useful for parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools in a single view. All Queensland State Schools are searchable via the app, however only schools who have upgraded their school website with Websites for Schools will benefit from all the features of the app.

Features of the app to benefit parents/caregivers:
- Access the latest school news and calendar events, tuckshop and uniform shop information
- Receive emergency announcements and information around school closures
- Search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb and view school contact details
- Follow multiple schools
- Free for schools and parents


GROVELY GROWERS

WORKING BEE – Saturday 29 August

Please join us in the Grovely Growers area anytime between 8am – 11am to get the garden ready for spring time. Look out for sign-up sheets around the school and pick a fun job you can volunteer to do at the working bee. Please drop in even for an hour … many hands make light work.

SCHOOL BANKING

PRODUCT RECALL - The Cosmic Light Torch has been recalled due to battery problems. Please come and see me to re-order one.

DOUBLE DOLLARMITE DAY – 16 SEPTEMBER - When you deposit $5.00 or more you will get 2 tokens instead of one, but ONLY on 16 September.

NEW ACCOUNTS – Come and see me if you wish to open an account and don’t already have one. I also have parent packs available.

Renee Hayes

SHOWCASE FOR SUCCESS

PARENTING DIVERSE LEARNERS

Sunday 13 September 1-5pm

In today’s newsletter you will find a flyer for this showcase event being held at Ferny Grove State Primary School.

This is a fabulous opportunity for families to come along and hear from Keynote Speaker Professor Tony Attwood as well as a range of other specialist workshops and information sessions from OT’s, SLP’s and even SPELD. The day will cater to developing understanding of the broad range of issues that can impact on student learning and how we all work together across communities to provide the best opportunities possible for students.

This community event is open to families from all local schools and is being supported by the schools, with key staff giving presentations on the day also. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you would like further information. This is a wonderful opportunity for us as a community to be involved and I hope to see some of you there.

Louise Barry (HOSES)

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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

27/08 Make Movie

03/09 Fathers’ Day

For more info contact Meralda Livermore on 0401 012 615 or Chris Poulsen on 0419 840 810.

festiValley will be held on Saturday 29 August at Samford Valley Steiner School, Narrawa Drive, Wights Mountain (FREE entry) from 11.00am – 4.00pm with a Finale Concert from 4.30-5.30pm. Activities for all ages, food & drinks including Chai café, Tibetan momos & wood fired pizzas, Artisan Market, Games & Rides and entertainment. For more details call 3430 9600 or visit www.facebook.com/festivalley

GET IN 2 FUN GET IN 2 CRICKET – MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys aged 5-8 to Australia’s favourite sport. MILO T20BLAST gives girls and boys aged 7-12 the opportunity to play fun games of cricket in an active and social setting. Visit playcricket.com.au/kids to find out more and register today.

PEACH Program (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age and consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each.

When: Term 4, Tues 4-5.30pm (weekly)
Where: Mitchelton State School
Cost: FREE

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com

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

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