Thank you to the student leaders and the Grovely families and students that attended the Anzac Day Ceremony on Monday morning (early!!) A group of our littlest members of the Grovely community carried a banner that was a big as they were followed by older students! I felt very proud of our students right through from Prep to year 6 at how respectful and engaged they were in the school ANZAC day ceremonies. Thank you again.

The classrooms are buzzing with learning! At Grovely we have been working on what our narrative or our story is. Research tells us that narrowing and deepening our focus has a great impact on student learning and outcomes. The four things that are imperative to our school community are:

- Community
- Relationships
- Engagement and
- Work.

Learning is always the work and at the centre of what we do for our students. Currently our focus has been on reading and following through with a consistency of understanding and strategies across our school. There will be parent sessions offered this term to share this work with you. Consistency in beliefs around what a good reader is with the staff, the students and the parents all add to the success of our learners.

Every Day Counts!!!!
At the moment we are following up absences daily. If your child is absent you can leave a message on the ABSENCE LINE on 3354 6366 or send a note/email to notify the teacher. If there are significant reasons for absences please make an appointment to have a chat with me. Significant absence is proven to have an impact on a child’s learning potential. Please seek our assistance if you need support in ensuring your child is here every day on time and in uniform.

Congratulations to all the students that attended District cross country last week! They did a commendable job! Congratulations to Indra for her 1st place!

On another note, scooters have become something we need your help in becoming more vigilant with. Ultimately it would be great to be able to have a place where bikes and scooters could be locked up. However in the meantime, students are asked and directed by staff to walk their bike or scooter out of the grounds for safety reasons. We have had two near misses due to this not happening. If this problem persists after reminders for any students, I will seek assistance from parents as the scooters may not be able to be used for a period of time. We all need to work together to ensure Grovely is a safe environment. Thanks for your support with this.

COME AND ADVERTISE ON OUR SIGN – GREAT FRONTAGE!!!
If there are any businesses that would like to advertise on our LED sign please call in to the office for an information pack!

Playgroup this term will be run by Mrs Nicole Sawyer (PA). Come along and meet the community! Sign up papers are available on the first visit. All welcome to attend, it is a great morning in the prep area.
FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Cross Country Age Champions

We will be recognising the cross country age champions at our next assembly on Thursday 5 May at 2.30pm. We also congratulate all of the students that represented us at the district cross country carnival last Thursday at Teralba Park. They all put in their best and made us all proud of their good sportsmanship and persistence. Congratulations to them all!! A special congratulations to Indra with her first placing, what a wonderful result. She can now compete in the regional cross country.

Student leaders

We have many students who are completing the student leader process and proving how they are good Grovely student leaders.

Mitchelton State High School Robotics Club

Tuesday saw the first Robotics Club start at Mitchelton SHS at 3pm in the afternoon. This sounds like a fantastic opportunity for our students and involves basic problem solving; computer programming; mechanical and electronic design. This will run every Tuesday for the rest of this term. Please contact Steve Low at the high school to register your child or if you have any questions slow43@eq.edu.au

Athletics Australia

Starting Tuesday 10 May Athletics Australia will be coming into our school 7.45-8.45 to run extra training in high jump, sprint coaching, discus and shot put. This is to support students to feel confident to participate in these areas in our sports carnival at the end of term. It will target students from years 3-6. Places are limited. Please contact Mr Bidner if your child is interested mbdn5@eq.edu.au or leave a message at the office.

Bakers Delight at Arana Hills

The lovely bakers at Bakers Delight Arana Hills will be providing each class with a free month of bread. They will start with one class at a time and bring in cards that enable parents to get a free loaf each day from their store. Keep an eye out for your child to bring a card home and we will pop the class name on the sign so you know to look out for it!

Have a great fortnight
Sue McIvor

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR: The 2016 Grovely Book Fair will be held on the 20, 23 - 25 May to coincide with "Read More for May" month. This is a great opportunity for students, parents and carers to purchase new books for home and help support our goal of fundraising $1500 for new library resources.

SAVE THE DATE: As part of Book Fair our school will participate in the National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 25 May. All students, parents/carers and grandparents are invited to attend the reading of the 2016 book "I Got This Hat" by Joel and Kate Temple, wearing their favourite hat (or a crazy hat if you like). More details and times will be in the next newsletter.

BOOK PRIZES FOR MAY: To encourage our students’ reading mileage this May, the Librarian will be giving away book prizes on the 25th of the month for Book Fair. To enter students simply read a book, fill out an entry form with your name, class and what you liked about the book, or draw a picture. Your children will bring home the entry form next week. Then simply drop it into our GIANT HAT located in the Library! The more books you read, the more chances you have to win a book prize. Happy reading, Kerri Walters (Library Teacher Aide)

CURRICULUM CORNER

To complete my series on reading and comprehension, here are some more question prompts for you to use at home.

Text Structure
What kind of text is this? How do you know?

Characters
What information did the author give about the main character?
Who are the other characters in the book?
Which characters do you like/ not like? Why?
Do any of the characters do anything wrong?
Do any of the characters remind you of anybody you know?
What is the character feeling?
Which words tell me how the character is feeling?

Plot
What is the main problem in the story?
How is the problem solved?
Can you retell the story and include the introduction, complication and resolution? (or problem and solution)
Can you come up with a different ending?

Reflection
Does this story remind you of anything?
Did you enjoy the story?
What did you like/ not like about the story?
Will you read other stories by the same author?
Why? Why not?

Happy Reading!
David Covington (Head of Curriculum)
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY
2 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
5 Mother’s Day Stall
5 Assembly
6 Year 5/6 Camp payment due
6 Out of the Box payment due
6 Mother’s Day Morning Tea – 9.45am @ GPAC
6 Out of the Box excursion payment due
10 P&C Meeting 7pm
10-12 NAPLAN
14 Hills Carnival
15 RSPCA Million Paws Walk
16-20 Chaplaincy Week
17 ICAS - Digital Technologies
17 Year 5 Experience Day – Mitchelton SHS
18 Grief & Loss Workshop
18 Ferry Grove SHS Open Day 3.30-7.00pm
19 Assembly
20-25 Book Fair
25-27 Year 5/6 Camp
31 ICAS - Science

JUNE
2 Assembly
2 River of Life Workshop
9 Winter Twilight Concert @ GPAC
10 Lone Pine excursion payment due
13-17 Advanced Music Camp – Ferny Hills SS
14 ICAS – Writing
14 P&C Meeting 7pm
15 ICAS - Spelling
16 Assembly
17 Under 8’s celebrations
20 Lone Pine excursion
21 Senior Choir – Fête de la Musique
21 Out of the Box excursion
22 3-6 Sports Day
24 End of Term 2

P&C

TUCKSHOP
Our Tuckshop uses Qkr! for online ordering. Download the app or visit www.grovelyschool.com.au/pay. Register an account and add your students to get started. It’s easy and convenient to use and we encourage you to try online ordering this term.

Tuckshop operates every Thursday and Friday. Online orders close 8.30am. Counter orders close 9am. The Tuckshop will no longer be able to take any over the counter orders after 9am. Thank you for your understanding.

CASH FOR CLASSROOMS
This April the Great Western Super Centre is hosting a ‘Cash for Classrooms’ campaign to raise funds for local schools in the community.

Please support our school to raise points and be in the running to win up to $1500 cash!

Entering is easy:
A) Make a purchase at any participating store at Great Western Super Centre during the Promotional Period.
B) Complete the entry form, enclose their receipts in the entry form, and place it in the selected schools entry box.
C) For every $1 spent 1 point will be allocated to the customers selected school.
Campaign closes 5pm Sunday 8 May 2016.

SAVE THE DATE!
Grovely State School is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year and to celebrate the P&C are planning a massive outdoor event on Saturday 8 October 2016. Save the date and keep an eye out for more details as plans come together.

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)

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE
3354 6366

RED CROSS WORKSHOPS
18 May – 9.00am-2.30pm Grief & Loss Workshop
8 June – 9.00am-2.30pm River of Life Workshop

The workshops will be held in the GPAC Marshalling Room. Please contact Tracey Scantlebuy 3855 0166 / 0448 352 536 to register or for more details.

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.

FINANCIAL MATTERS
Year 5 & 6 Camp – Full Payment due Friday 6 May at 9.00am
Camp is now drawing close. Please ensure that payment is complete by Friday 6 May. Other school fees must be paid up to date. If you are having difficulty, please contact the Principal as soon as possible. Please remember to complete the paperwork which was sent home last week and return to the class teacher.

Out of the Box – Classes: 1/2A, 1/2B, 1A, M1B, M1C & PA payment due Friday 6 May at 9.00am
Payment of $20 per student is due no later than Friday 6 May at 9.00am. A letter has been sent home this week along with an invoice.

Lone Pine – Classes 3/4A, 3/4B, M2B, M2C & M3/2D payment due Friday 10 June
Payment of $20 per student is due no later than Friday 10 June at 9.00am. A letter has been sent home this week along with an invoice.

Student Resource Scheme
Earlier this term a letter was sent home to the families who had indicated they did not wish to join this scheme or did not return the completed form.

The due date for payment is FRIDAY 6 MAY along with the purchased resources to the class teacher.

You are still able to join the Student Resource Scheme at $98 for the year which is a much cheaper option than not joining. Please complete the participation form which was sent home and return along with payment.

If payment is not received nor the purchased resources, this will mean your child will not have access to resources included in this scheme.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
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, Mitchelton (Just off Casey St, opposite the school on Dawson Pde). Each week has a theme with fun, food and activities.

28 April Which Way? String and Rope

For more information, contact Meralda on 0401 012 615 or Chris on 0419 820 810.

TLC CHILDCARE COMMUNITY DAY will be held on Saturday 14 May from 6am-6pm at 6-10 Camoola Street, Keperra to help raise funds for the Mater Little Miracles Foundation. Sausage sizzle, jumping castle, face painting, army truck, race cars, cake stall and loads more activities on offer. Call 3851 2229 for details.

RSPCA MILLION PAWS WALK will be held on Sunday 15 May across 22 locations in Queensland! It is the perfect opportunity to show your support and continue helping mistreated and abused animals. For more information call 3258 5608 or email events@rspcaqld.org.au

WILDLIFE EMERGENCIES – 1300 264 625 / 1300 ANIMAL