It has been a fabulous start to the term! Thank you to the Grovely growers and parent group who volunteered their time to our garden last weekend. The time that goes into the garden and all the wonders it has to offer is as a result of a group of people with a common interest and passion. If you share this please don’t hesitate to make contact through the P&C! The P&C have a button on our website page to click which will take you to information from them and contact details!! Whilst talking about all things gardening! This group will plant some trees that will grow into shade along the fence line behind the hall. They will be there Friday throughout the day.

Selected students have gone off to compete in the North West Track and Field Carnival. We wish them all the best and eagerly await photos and news on how they went!

The safety and wellbeing of students and colleagues and community is paramount at our school. In schools, emergent situations may arise which requires urgent action across a whole school in order to ensure this safety and welfare. Such urgent action may require the movement of all student, school personnel and visitors to effect either:

a. Evacuation (fire drill) movement from and near building to designated assembly area OR
b. Lock Down – movement from open spaces to enclosed and secure areas, and to be positioned as inconspicuously as possible within that area.

All state schools are required to (at least once per term) to practice these appropriate emergency response procedures.

Next week on Thursday 4 August there will be a known Fire Drill before morning tea. Being a known this means that in the lead up to this teachers will be going over the routines, explanation of this with students. In term 4 there will be an unknown fire drill.

The School Opinion Survey is undertaken each year by the department’s state schools division to obtain the opinions of parents/caregivers, students and school staff about important aspects of schooling. The survey is designed to help schools identify what they do well and what they can improve. A letter was provided with more information as these are done online by any internet accessible device. We value your input and encourage you to please complete by tomorrow. If you need some information to do this please contact Jay Moore. Your opinions matter.

Independent public schools
As you are aware from previous information provided in the newsletter I will be applying for the next round of IPS schools. Staff attended an information session from the Queensland Teachers Union in yesterday’s staff meeting. There will be information and availability to ask questions through community coffee and through the P&C. I will finalise these dates in the next fortnight. There will also be a box placed at the office for any questions you have that you would like to be addressed at these discussions.

Grovely is 60.....Big Spring Thing – October 8th 2-9pm
Planning is well and truly underway for our 60th festival The Big Spring Thing. With over 4000 hits on the Grovely 60th anniversary Facebook page...it is being looked forward to by many.

We will be updating student contact details in the next week. Given the changes in policy to schools ensuring same day absence notification, ensuring student contact details are up to date is more important than ever.

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for the Department of Education and Training and for the Queensland Government. Recently, the report when a child is missing: Remembering Tialeigh – a report into Queensland’s children missing from out-of-home care was released and the
Queensland Government has accepted a recommendation from the Queensland Family and Child Commission that the Department will implement same day notifications advising parents/carers when a child has an unexplained absence from school. The Managing Student Absence and Enforcing Enrolment and Attendance at State Schools and Roll Marking in State Schools procedures have been updated to require same day notification for unexplained absences. Also from, when a student in out-of-home care is identified as missing from school, the school is to notify the caregiver without delay (either manually or electronically).

Currently we are doing this by phone call each morning as you may be aware. We are looking at what sustainable measure options we have for 2017. This may or may not involve an SMS text messaging system. An SMS text message will be sent to both mobile contact numbers listed unless specified differently by you.

The Lapathon is next Friday morning as per the information sent home from the P&C...It’s a great morning, come along and cheer the kids on!!

Leanne Duncan

FROM THE DEPUTIES

District Sports
Today is the first day of the district sports carnival. We have a number of students representing our school and we wish them well and look forward to celebrating their efforts.

ICAS – English
A reminder for all of the students who have put forward for the ICAS English assessment. This will be held in the library next Tuesday morning. Please arrive at 7:50 so students are ready for an 8am start.

Grovely Growers
A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who supported the Working Bee last Sunday. The garden is looking fantastic and is thriving with the loving care it receives as well as the beautiful weather we are having.

School Opinion Survey
Our year 4, 5 and 6 students have been completing the school opinion survey this week. We encourage all of our parents to do the same. It is very important to us that we have feedback from you about our school so that we can reflect and continue to grow for our community.

National Tree planting day
This Friday represents National tree planting day. There has been a lot of forward planning in where to plant the new trees and making sure that we have trees appropriate to the area. Some students will be involved in helping to plant the new trees this Friday.

Ferny Grove SHS
Our prep students will enjoy a clown performance from drama students at Ferny Grove SHS next Thursday 4th August. This is the second year that the students have shared their performance and we look forward to laughing a lot!!!

P-2 Sports Day
We look forward to all of our P-2 students having a great day at the P-2 sports day on Tuesday 9 August 9-11am. Please make sure you come and cheer on your child as they participate in a range of fun activities on this morning.

Have a great fortnight
Sue and Jay

GROVELY GROWERS

Thank you to our amazing parent/carer volunteers who helped out at the garden working bee on Sunday. The garden looks great with a weed and fresh mulch. Some seeds were planted so let’s hope we get a nice Spring time crop. Thanks to Belinda, Amanda, Scott, Gae, Neil, Jo, Emma, Karl and all the kids for your help!! Maree and Natasha’s classes have been visiting the garden regularly and the YMCA utilise this space before and after school too. Thanks for your support. Kerri Walters.

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY

This Friday 29 July is Schools National Tree Day! We will be planting five trees along the perimeter fence between the oval and bottom carpark from 8am-12pm. If you would like to be involved please contact Tali on 0432 924 279 or just rock up! Bring your favourite tool and a smile... Join us for 10 minutes or longer. Every little bit helps.

CURRICULUM CORNER

This term, all of our teachers will be involved in coaching cycles. This week all of our classroom teachers are having the opportunity to Watch others Work which is a professional, collaborative strategy that enables teachers to share and extend their repertoire of effective teaching skills. During this process, teachers have the opportunity to go and observe another teacher and provide feedback about the practice that they see. Classroom observation makes teaching and learning more visible and it encourages colleagues to collaborate to improve practice and student learning.

Next week, Mrs Maguire and I will be beginning Instructional Coaching with all teaching staff. This process involves us working one-on-one with a teacher to model and observe classroom practice and to support reflection and professional conversation. The aim is to build partnerships and to develop evidence based teaching practices. It is important to note that the focus is on supporting the professional growth of our teachers based on an identified need – not for Mrs Maguire and I to act as “experts”. If you have any questions about the coaching process, please feel free to contact me.

David Covington

CHAPLAINS CHAT

Pancake Breakfast
Thank you to everyone who came to support our pancake breakfast. Children and parents enjoyed a lovely warm breakfast on a cold winters’ morning. Please keep checking the calendar in the newsletter for the next one.

Tea Towel Fundraiser
Everyone should have received a letter in regards to our tea towel fundraiser this week. Tea towels are $12 each or $10 each if you order 2 or more. All orders and money need to be received no later than Thursday 11 August. A sample tea towel from another school is available for viewing at the office.

SU Camp
Hills to Hinterland Camp is coming up during the week of September 26-30/9/16. This camp will be held at Grice’s Nut Farm, Maleny. The cost of the camp is $200 which is inclusive of transport. This camp is for students in years 5 – 7. Sponsorship may be available. There is a limit of 40 spaces so please don’t hesitate to contact me should you be interested in your child attending or visit sucamps.org.au

Chaplaincy conference
I will be away next week at a conference. Any concerns please contact the office for assistance.

Cathy Longford

RED CROSS

READY STEP GROW
Do you have a child in your family that is 0 to 5 years old? Are you feeling really tired, run down and just not coping with life and kids? You want to be a Rockstar when dealing with kids tantrums. Want your kids be ready for school. Then READY STEP GROW is for you. READY STEP GROW is a family based program that wants to help to get your life working for you. We support families to access local early education services for your kids and assist you and your kids in the preparation for the transition to school. We help you and your family to get support in parenting, routines, and understanding around just how kids work. We are happy to come into your home for an hour just to work out if our service may be able to help you. It is totally free and with no judgement. We can also access other specialist services if needed and to link in with your local community to get your family where you want them to be. READY STEP GROW is based right here in Grovely State School on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Amanda would love to hear from you. We can help; if not sure just make the call to see if there is something we can assist you in. Call, text or email on: 3855 0166, 0448 352 536 aandersen@redcross.org.au www.redcross.org.au

LIBRARY NEWS

The library will now be open before school every day with Ms Paula or Ms Kerri from 8:30-8:50am. Please feel free to return and loan new books at this time, or drop in to discuss overdue. With the help of many parents, an amazing grandparent and our wonderful teacher aides we have new books on the shelf ready for borrowing from book fair! New titles will be available each week as the rest are made ready for the students shortly. Thank you in particular to my regular library volunteers Charlotte, Shirley and Tina! Your help is much appreciated! Enjoy reading the new books everyone! Kerri Walters

CREATING FUTURE SHADE FOR OUR STUDENTS!
PROGRAM celebrating its 60th anniversary this year and to celebrate the past, a new night time Zumba class, mud trenches, low ropes, traverses, rope swings for their participation in the site the school on Dawson Pde). Each week has a theme with fun, food and ip forms have been or em

2017 ENROLMENTS Shelley Bampton (Deputy Principal) 3550 1111 or collect an information sheet from the criteria, guidelines and closing date, please contact Meralda on 0401 012 615.

FINANCE MATTERS

Student Resource Scheme payment waived for 2 years
iPAD or similar electronic device at no cost (take-home device) for two (2) years
Student Resource Scheme payment waived for 2 years – currently $265
$200 uniform voucher to use at the School’s Uniform Shop
Fees/cost to participate in scholarship related activities (camps/competitions, University experience/excursions) waived for 2 years
$100 towards any education expense incurred during the first year of attending at MSHS.

For more information on the criteria, guidelines and closing date, please contact Shelley Bampton (Deputy Principal) 3550 1111 or collect an information sheet from the display stand in the office.

2017 ENROLMENTS – Enrolment interviews can be organised by calling 3550 1111 or emailing sbamp1@eq.edu.au to organise a suitable time.

MICHETDON STATE HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Mitchelton SHS is offering Scholarships for students who are attending MSHS in 2017. A scholarship will entitle the student the following:

• iPad or similar electronic device at no cost (take-home device) for two (2) years
• Student Resource Scheme payment waived for 2 years – currently $265
• $200 uniform voucher to use at the School’s Uniform Shop
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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - With over $20,000 worth of valuable offers, have you thought about buying a Membership for your family members or friends? For every Membership we sell, 20% of the purchase price goes directly to us. The money we raise this year will go to support Grovely State School P&C Committee. Take advantage of the great offers instantly on your smartphone with an Entertainment™ Digital Membership. www.grovelyschool.com.au/entbook

TUCKSHOP 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.

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)

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

ZUMBA - on Thursday 4 August, a new night time Zumba class will be starting at 7:00pm at Mitchelton State School hall, for only $10 per class. Don’t forget there are also 2 classes a week at Grovely State School GPAC on Monday & Friday mornings at 9-15am. Come along and put the fun into fitness! Contact Narelle McDowell on 0408 716 503 for more information.

JUST FOR KIDS (JKF) 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.

RSPCA CUPCAKE DAY is held nationally on Monday 15 August and is the purr-fect excuse to get together with friends, family and work mates to eat delicious cupcakes. But, more importantly, it’s an opportunity to raise much-needed funds for the many abandoned, injured, neglected and sick animals who come into the RSPCA’s care each and every year. Every dollar counts and every single cupcake has the power to change lives and create a brighter future for neglected animals. For more information on how to get involved or to register, please contact the RSPCA Qld Events Team via email or phone 3258 5608.

THE HOLT BOLT FAMILY FUN FRENZY will be held on 11 September at Bald Hills, Brisbane, bringing you 4km of muddy madness! An obstacle course for the whole family! Parents and kids bolt together across inflatable obstacles, mud slides, mud trenches, long ropes, traverses, rope climbs, walls and heaps more! Ages 5+ welcome! Bring the whole family along for an awesome day out! Register now at www.theholtbolt.com

WILDLIFE EMERGENCIES – 1300 264 625 / 1300 ANIMAL

SCHOOL LAP-A-THON FRIDAY 5 AUGUST

The Lap-a-thon is a school based event that helps promote exercise, health and teamwork. Students are encouraged to get “sponsors” for their participation in the event. Any amount can be collected and there are some wonderful prizes up for grabs. All donations should be returned to the Office in an envelope with the sponsorship form by 5th August. Sponsorship forms have been sent home and more can be obtained from the Office. If you would like to volunteer and help out on the day please email president@grovelyschool.com.au We would love to see you at our event!

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