Welcome back to what I believe will be a year of growth and belonging for our wonderful Grovely community. Welcome to all of our new families and to all of our new prep students! It is such an exciting and unknown time for them it has made me feel incredibly proud to see how well they are adjusting. I have now been appointed permanently to the position of Principal and Mrs Sue McIvor is also continuing in the Acting Deputy role.

Our staff have started the year with a twilight professional development session after their first day. This session was focused on social and emotional wellbeing and conflict resolution. Their commitment and enthusiasm is something I feel privileged to work with.

With today’s newsletter is our community calendar. One of the first events we have coming up is the Meet and Greet on 17 February at 5.30pm in GPAC. For those new to the community, our meet and greet is an opportunity to come together as a community, for information, meet new staff and reconnect with existing staff over a sausage sizzle.

In the coming weeks, there will also be the opportunity to meet with your child and your child’s class teacher in a three way interview. This is to have a collaborative meeting about the goals ahead.

We have a number of new staff joining us at Grovely this year. We welcome David Covington as Head of Curriculum. Dianna Skillen has joined our SEP full time. Dianna has worked in this role and brings to us her experiences. We also welcome back Angela Batch to our instrumental music program. A welcome to Indi Alford. Indi was a part of our school community last year and it is wonderful to have her back. I have been given the thumbs up from the students about their new space!

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All the very best to those students that are at their Beginning music camp today and Monday. I always look forward to what they share when they return! Visiting classrooms, I have seen how engaged our Grovely learners are.

See you in at the first assembly or in the playground!

Warm Regards
Leanne Duncan

FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK
Welcome back to 2016. It is lovely to be back working with the children and teachers and I am excited for what the New Year will hold for everyone. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and are ready for a new year of learning. It has been nice to welcome all of our new prepers to school and to see them walk into their classes so grown up in their new uniforms. I have been visiting their classrooms and it is great to see how well they are settling in. I look forward to working with our community again in 2016.

Sue McIvor

HEAD OF CURRICULUM
Hello Grovely Community! My name is David Covington and I am joining the Grovely team as the Head of Curriculum in 2016. In my 16 years with Education Queensland I have experience as an Acting Deputy Principal, an Acting Head of Curriculum, a Behaviour Support Specialist and, of course, a classroom teacher. In my role as Head of Curriculum I will be involved in strategic planning regarding the implementation and maintenance of the school curriculum, planning and negotiation with staff related to curriculum issues and changes, and training of teaching staff regarding professional standards, pedagogy and development. I look forward to working in partnership with you, the community, and the school to support our students to deliver a high-quality, real-world and rigorous curriculum. Thank-you for welcoming me to Grovely!

Curriculum Corner 1
As part of the whole-school Improvement Agenda, Grovely continues to have a focus on developing and improving student’s literacy. Literacy skills are vital to ensuring that your child has the best chance to succeed at school and in life. To be literate is to confidently and appropriately read, write, speak and listen in a range of contexts. This may include cultural knowledge, such as knowing the meaning of phrases like a task being “a piece of cake”. Literacy allows us to make sense of a range of written, visual and spoken texts including books, newspapers, magazines, timetables, DVDs, television and radio programs, signs, maps, conversations, and instructions. Research has shown that children’s motivation and achievement improve when their parents or carers are involved in their education. Therefore, over the next couple of newsletters, I will be providing some strategies and ways that you can assist in your child’s literacy development.

David Covington (Head of Curriculum)

P&C
P&C website - www.groveyschool.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).

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|     | 12  | Journey & Discovery 6-8pm |
| 13  | 14  | Journey & Discovery 9am-12pm |
| 15  | 16  | Metropolitan Choral Honours Program |
| 17  |     | Harmony Day |
| 17  | 18  | Beginner Concert 4pm |
| 18  | 19  | Anti-Bullying Day |
| 20  |     | March Council Election |
| 21-24 | Celebrations of Learning |
| 24  | 24  | Easter Hat Parade |
| 24  | 25  | End of Term 1 |
|     |      | GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY |

GROVELY GROWERS
Thanks to the Grovely community for eating many (delicious) burgers and voting for our Grovely Growers local matters jar at Grill’d Everton Park last November. We came in third place and received $100 for the P& from Simone and the staff. This money will be put toward resources for the school garden. We are currently in need of a new water tank pump and seeking the donation of one in-kind. Should anyone have one lying around or know a business who may be able to help please contact me (details below) or leave a message at the office.

Stay tuned for which time during the week the gardeners will regularly visit classroom or in the playground!

Grovely Growers local matter jar vote.

Thanks
Kerri Walters

COMMUNITY 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

P&C MEETING
Tuesday 9 February
7pm in the Staffroom