Principal’s Page

This time of the year I acknowledge it can be difficult with the entering of a new year and the formation of classes. This is to some degree entering into what can feel like the unknown if we are to reflect and truly embrace our values of curiousness, respect, responsibility and resilience. We have to understand that going into the unknown is not always comfortable. I can say this because for the past two years I have talked, listened and planned with teachers about class placements and at the start of every year - it is okay. I ask you for your patience in regards to this planning. I have received emails around placement, and I will talk to you if the placement may not be able to be accommodated in the coming weeks. Please do not hesitate from picking up the phone to talk to me. The vision is to do the best we can by our students within the structures of what we have. This is our aim. At this time of year staffing is also being finalised. In the not so distant future, I will endeavour to share more information.

Term 4 is well and truly underway as we head into the last 5 weeks of 2016. Next week we welcome our new families as our Preppies come in for their experience morning at Grovely across the week. Every year has opportunities to build and consolidate who and why we do what we do in our community. Sharing the Grovely story and identity with new families is something I thoroughly enjoy!

As our teachers are in the midst of report card time it was timely that World Teacher’s Day was celebrated last week. Thank you to the P&C for an amazing cake to acknowledge from the community, the dedication and work our teachers do every day. Currently as a staff we are spending time forward panning our priorities and improvement agenda for 2017. This is based on data, our students and the resources we have available to us.

I need to say I have been reassured by the admissions of support for our Independent Public School application. We have endured many changes in the last 2 years and I truly believe we are succeeding and embracing the opportunities to thrive as a unique school. Today we joined the celebrations of Music Count us in led by the very talented Ms Penna. The experience of Music: Count Us In is a celebration day that sees more than 550,00 kids from over 2100 schools come together via live stream to celebrate music and music education.

Just a reminder that when calling our absence line, a reason for the absence is left. Students that are absent have a code recorded beside their name as to this reason. Thank you for your attention to this. Every day counts!!

The decision has been made to move forward with the end of year event for our graduating year sixes. There will be a change of venue to remove the uncertainty of what may unfold over the next few weeks at the previous venue, Dreamworld. The teachers and I are investigating three options at a similar cost. A letter with further information will be forthcoming once a decision on venue has been made.

Congratulations to all the students that have applied for leadership positions in 2017. We are looking forward to hearing their upcoming speeches with their aspirations and commitment to the student leader role.

Tomorrow is the student council Free Dress Day – “When I grow up”. We look forward to seeing students in costumes of a variety of professions. Funds raised will go towards air-conditioning. Gold coin donation is requested.

Leanne Duncan
Holt Bolt Kids

Due to the wet weather yesterday our planned Holt Bolt Kids visit needed to be postponed...that's the bad news, the good news is that it now gives everyone a chance who may have been missing out to now come along and join in the fun!

Our Holt Bolt Kids afternoon has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 22 November after school. Remember for a cost of $25.00 you can access the Giant inflatable obstacle course, climbing wall, laser tag arena, foam pit and more. Don't miss out on this second chance to be involved!! Register at www.theholtboltkids.com.au

Behaviour Education

Grovely State School is committed to the development of the whole child. Literacy and Numeracy are vital components to all children's learning and are a major focus of the day to day work we do, our core business if you like.

Another important focus of our core business is Behaviour Education. This aligns with the Social and Personal Capabilities as outlined in the Australian Curriculum - that is explicitly teaching children to develop their social and emotional learning, to become resilient, to have self-control and to be socially aware.

We are beginning the early stages of implementing an approach that will assist children to develop these important life skills called Play is the Way. We have started with a focus on consistently good manners, as well as, proper greetings and farewells. If we can consistently embed these foundation skills with children then we can begin to develop children who are more socially and personally capable.

For more information on Play is the Way visit - www.playistheway.com.au. There are some great parent resources in the parent section, general information, tips and helpful videos!

Have a great week everyone. Stay safe and be generous every chance you get.

Mr Jay Moore

P&C

AIR CONDITIONING

This year has been a busy one for the P&C and we have continued to raise money to air condition classrooms for the kids. Unfortunately due to the size and age of the classrooms, the cost to do each classroom is quite expensive.

The good news is we do have funds set aside to do some more classrooms. I was hoping we could have done some over the last lot of school holidays, however the 60th and other events got in the way of organising to have them installed.

We will look at installing some more over the summer holidays when the workers can get in there without endangering the students. Thank you to everyone in the community for your continued support in this matter. It has been a long road but we are making some headway.

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop operates every Thursday and Friday. Online (Qkr) orders close at 8.30am - Counter orders close 9.00am. Volunteers are always welcome, so if you have some spare time after dropping the kids off, please pop into the Tuckshop.

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)

CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE SIGN-UP

The Salvation Army is offering Christmas Hampers to families in need. To apply for a hamper you will need to sign up at The Salvation Army 32-54 Hayward Street Stafford between 1-4pm. Sign up days are 10, 17, 24 Nov & 1 Dec. Please bring Photo ID and Health care/Pension card that lists family members.

Cathy Longford.

FROM THE DEPUTY

Can you donate something for the Grovely Christmas Raffle and help us fundraise for more classrooms to be air conditioned? Do you have a business or know a business who could donate a prize? Last year we received some great donations of vouchers for massages, haircuts, kids sport, clothing, meals, camping, movies, miscellaneous products like hair straighteners, books, gift bags, wine and board games. If you would like a copy of our formal Donation Request Letter please PM me or email vp@grovelystateschool.com.au. Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 1 December at the school’s Christmas event. Donations can be left at the school’s office.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - Thursday 3 November

All new parents and students who will be in the band program for 2017 are encouraged to attend the Information Evening about Instrumental Music Program on Thursday 3 November at 6.00pm in GPAC. There will be shop displays available to visit from 5.30pm.

FORTHCOMING PERFORMANCES BAND - Thursday 3 November

Our concert band will be performing at our Parent Information Evening on Thursday 3 November at 6.00pm. All band members will need to meet Mrs Hall at GPAC at 5.20pm. Band members can go home after their performance.

FINAL END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE - Tuesday 22 November

Our final end of year music performance will be on Tuesday 22 November at Mitchelton State School at 4.00pm. Information will be sent home about this event in the coming weeks.

***please note that all school instruments and band folders need to be returned to Mrs Hall on Thursday 24 November***

STRINGS NEWS

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - Thursday 3 November

All new parents and students who will be in the strings program for 2017 are encouraged to attend the Information Evening about the Instrumental Music Program on Thursday 3 November at 6.00pm in GPAC. There will be shop displays available to visit from 5.30pm.

FORTHCOMING PERFORMANCES BAND - Thursday 3 November

Our beginner strings will be performing at our Parent Information Evening on Thursday 3 November at 6.00pm. All strings students will need to meet Mrs Batch at GPAC at 5.20pm. Beginner strings can go home after their performance.

FINAL END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE - Tuesday 22 November

Our end of year music performance will be on Tuesday 22 November at Mitchelton State School at 4.00pm. More information will be sent home about this event in the coming weeks.

***please note that all school instruments and band folders need to be returned to Mrs Batch on Tuesday 29 November***

Band queries contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au
String queries contact Angela Batch at abbat0@eq.edu.au
Choir/classroom music queries contact Rebecca Penna at roenn28@eq.edu.au

LIBRARY NEWS – VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED

The end of year is coming around fast, but we still have over 1000 new classroom readers we need to make ready for 2017. If parents or carers can spare some time to help contact/cover and label some resources, it would be greatly appreciated!

Drop into the Library any time Tuesday to Thursday 8.30am to 3.00pm. Straight after the bell on Thursday mornings is particularly a good time to help should you like the company of a few volunteers (always nice to chat and laugh while we work!) Please keep searching for any overdue books - it is amazing how they can turn up after a long time at the bottom of the bedroom. It is also worthwhile checking in your child’s classroom. Often the younger students are sure they bought the book back, but it may be up in a classroom rather than the library. Please make time to drop in, or phone or email me on kwalt130@eq.edu.au regarding your child’s overdue books so we can resolve any long term issues. We love our students borrowing each week and want to ensure this happens for as many children as possible! Happy Reading
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### DEC
1. Year 6 Orientation Day – Ferny Grove SHS
2. Christmas Community Event
3. Year 6 End of Year Excursion (to be decided)
4. Hills Community Carols – Junior & Senior Choirs
5. P-2 Swimming Carnival 9-11am
6. Computer Science Excellence Day Year 4/5
7. Year 6 Orientation Day – The Gap SHS & Kelvin Grove SHS
8. Year 6 Graduation
9. Report Cards issued
10. Final Assembly – School Captains Announced
11. End of Term 4

### JAN 2017
12. Term 1 commences
13. Australia Day Public Holiday

### FINANCIAL MATTERS

**2016 Outstanding Fees – All fees must be finalised by Friday 18 November**

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**FREE DRESS DAY**

**STUDENT COUNCIL’S FREE DRESS DAY**

will be held on Friday 4 November.

Dress up to the theme ‘When I Grow Up’... Gold coin donations will go towards fundraising for air conditioning for the Library.

Also, don’t forget to purchase your showbag! $6.50 per bag, notes went home last week.

**TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Tuckshop is in need of Volunteers on Thursdays and Fridays to assist with preparation of food and sorting of orders. Any time you can spare would make a huge difference, plus your kids would get a kick knowing you are there. If you are able to help after dropping the kids off, please see Sherrine (Convenor) or leave a message at the office.

Many hands make light work! Thank you.

**VACANCY – CASUAL SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS**

Positions exist for Casual School Crossing Supervisors at schools in the local area. Some pre-employment conditions apply. May be required for roster five days per week in all weather conditions, 1 hour 15 mins per day on a rostered basis. Pay Rate $28.18 per hour. Please contact the Road Safety Office on 3863 9873 for further information.

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**GROVELY TAFE PLANT SALE** – Spring has sprung! It’s time to dust off the gardening clothes and get back into the garden. TAFE’s Grovely campus will hold their next plant sale on Saturday 12 November from 9am – 12pm. So come along and take advantage of some great plants lovingly grown by our certificate ii & iii horticulture students at bargain prices. Parking is off Woking Street. Cash and Eftpos accepted. Coffee and career information will be available.

**EVERTON WOLVES JUNIOR AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB** is holding Come & Try for girls each Tuesday in November from 5.00-6.30pm at 93 Mott St, Gaythorne. For more info phone Charles 0401 647 511 or Corin 0478 772 152. Register online at www.evertonjuniors.aflq.com.au

**NO STRINGS ATTACHED COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND** are calling for all adult, high school and senior primary school instrumental band musicians to come along, have some fun and make some noise. Rehearsals are on Mondays nights during school term from 7-9pm at GPAC. For further information contact Terry on 3300 2991, email nsaband@gmail.com or check out www.nsaband.org

**ATHENA CHEER ACADEMY** is now open in Lawnton. Introductory offer $100 (all inclusive) for 8 weeks. 8 x 1 hour cheer sessions, club membership, shirt and more. Contact Kerry 0432 035 735 or call the office 3467 0040.

**MILOin2CRICKET & BLAST CRICKET PROGRAM** – Summer in Australia means CRICKET! Now is a great time to sign up to your local cricket club. For further information and registration, head to www.playcricket.com.au Click on the “Where Can I Play” box.

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

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