Last Thursday at assembly our community recognised National Sorry Day. Students were introduced to Aunty Flo Watson who is the grandmother of one of our newly enrolled students Ronald. Aunty Flo very articulately shared her experiences, insights and perspectives with students. Our relationship with Aunty Flo has just started. She will return on 25 June to work with students as part of our NAIDOC celebrations. We are most grateful to her for her generosity and preparedness to give her time to work with our young people.

We honour two outstanding teachers....
Last week we farewelled our PE teacher Mrs Ittensohn (Mrs I) for a time, as she leaves to prepare for the birth of her first child. Mrs I has been absolutely outstanding in her role. I’d like to thank her for her contributions. We look forward to her return at some point in the future.

Her replacement Mr Chris Ure started with us this week and is very quickly getting to know the students, staff and our ways of working. We welcome him most warmly.

Next week we farewell Mrs Alex Hughes who is also leaving to have a baby. She will very shortly welcome her second child. Alex has worked with Ms Maguire in Learning Support for much of this year. Even in this very short time her contributions have been significant and the progress she’s made with some of our students has been remarkable. Alex just ‘hit the ground running’ when she started in term one. We will be making every effort to facilitate her returning to our community when she is ready.

As we enter our Semester One reporting Cycle we celebrate the outstanding progress and achievements of our students. For many the gains have been remarkable. Next week Mrs Duncan and I have been invited to present some of these stories of success at a District Principals meeting. The collaborative practices of staff and a collective responsibility for student achievement in our community has been instrumental in motivating and encouraging students to ‘own’ their learning and do their very best. There will be many students really looking forward to sharing their success with parents. Celebrations of Learning will occur in the last two weeks of school and parents are strongly urged to set aside the time to come and spend time talking with their children.

This week I brought students across the school together to talk about our commitment to supporting them to be kids with character. A determinant of character is what you do when no one is watching....in our community kids with character do not need to be reminded about the expectation to be kind, how to speak, what language to choose, to be considerate and how to play in ways that are enjoyable for everyone. They don’t need to be supervised in order to do what’s right, and they choose to do what’s right most of the time. Their efforts contribute to making our community a happy and safe place to learn. I explained that no one gets it right 100% of the time, but you can get it right most of the time. I encouraged students to think carefully about the choices they make. My message was; if you wouldn’t do it in front of your parents, your teacher or me, then it’s probably not a good idea. Your follow up and support at home with this is appreciated greatly.

Thanks to very strong support from our community the Book Fair was an outstanding success. An additional $1200 worth of books will find their way into our library and into the hands of your children. A huge thank you to Mr Limb for his leadership and the volunteers who gave of their time.

A reminder about our winter uniform....
Just a reminder.... Our winter uniform is a maroon track suit or maroon tights. Coloured sweaters, hoodies and black leggings are not part of the uniform. Items can be purchased from the school’s uniform shop or from retail outlets. Items purchased through the uniform are of a much higher quality and have the school logo. I know many parents are struggling to find maroon tights for their girls so in the interim black tights are permissible. I have it on good authority maroon tights can be found online. At the last P&C meeting we made a commitment to source tights for purchase through the uniform shop.

Unidentified garments are piling up already. Please remember to name articles so they can be identified and returned if lost. Miss Cathy has some pre-loved winter garments for sale. Remember she is in the school from Wednesday to Friday.

Vicki Baker
Principal
REPORTING
All of the teachers have been very busy preparing student reports for the end of Semester Two. These will be sent home in the last week of school. Please make sure that if you have any concerns or questions that you make a time to discuss these with your child’s teacher. Your child’s report is a formality at our school as we believe there should be no surprises for parents when they receive the report. Comments and efforts are a very valuable reflection of your child as a learner.

SUPPORT-A-READER PARENT SESSION
You are welcome to attend a parent session next Thursday 11 June at 1:30 in the library (ELC). See you there!

ICAS SPELLING/ADVANCED MUSIC CAMP
For those students attending advanced music camp in week 9 – if you also have opted to do ICAS spelling, you are welcome to come earlier than 8am to accommodate both activities. For all year levels it is 25 minutes long with an additional 15 minutes dictation.

AEDC
The AEDC is a nationwide collection of information that looks at how well children are developing across Australia. It looks at 5 elements that are important for children’s development. These are: physical health and wellbeing, social competence, emotional maturity, language and cognitive skills (school based) and communication skills and general knowledge.

The AEDC is completed every 3 years. Teachers at Grovely will complete this in the coming weeks. They do not need to withdraw students from class. Findings from the AEDC are used to support future planning to ensure support for optimal early childhood development. If you have any questions regarding this please contact us via the office.

Have a good fortnight!
Leanne and Sue

NATIONAL COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY
Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. This data encompasses the broader definition of disability in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- Number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- Level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- Broad category of disability

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Louise Barry (HOSES)

MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOLARSHIPS
In 2016, Academic, Cultural and Sporting scholarships will be offered to students entering Year 7. If you would like to apply, collect an application form from the Mitchelton High School office, weekdays between 8am-4pm. Enrolment interviews will be conducted in Term 2. Call 3550 1111 for further information.

P&C

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS are available for purchase by visiting www.grovelyschool.com.au/entbook Cost of the books are $65 each giving you over $20,000 of value! Contact the P&C for more information.

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Sherine our convenor is in need of volunteers to help out in the Tuckshop on Thursdays and Fridays. Even if you can only spare a few hours a month, it would help. Please contact the P&C or the office if you are able to assist. Thank you.

UNIFORM SHOP
New House shirts have arrived. All sizes are available for $15. Make sure you have your shirt ready for Sports Day on 15 June. Online orders welcome. Uniform Shop is open every Thursday 8:30-9:30. Eftpos preferred.

MUSIC NEWS
Advanced Music Camp will be held at Ferny Hills State Primary School, Illuta Ave from Tuesday 16 - Thursday 18 June. There will be a fabulous free camp concert at 6.30pm. The performance uniform for the camp will be long black dress trousers or pants with your child’s camp T-shirt.

We wish the following band and strings children all the very best for their camp: Christopher T, Lily M, Huxley C, Talyssa M, Zohri D, Lilly P, Jessie P, Farah T & , Caroline R

Your child needs to bring the following items to the camp:
- Instrument, Pencil, Spare reeds, valve oil, Water bottle, Morning Tea (TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY), Lunch (TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY ONLY - A pizza lunch will be provided on Thursday).

- What is the dress for camp? Free Dress and please make sure your child has their hat. (Please make sure your child’s camp shirt is clean for the concert on Thursday night)

- What time is the camp from? 8.15 am until 2.45 pm (Meet at Ferny Hills State Primary School Hall, Illuta Ave, Ferny Hills)

Who is responsible for transport to and from camp? Parents/Guardians
***If you have any further information regarding your child from the strings program who will be attending Advanced Music Camp please contact Jamie Melvin at jfmel0@eq.edu.au***

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO LESSONS AND NO BAND REHEARSALS WITH PENNY HALL ON THURSDAY 11 JUNE AND THURSDAY 18 JUNE AS SHE IS ATTENDING NORTH DISTRICT MUSIC CAMPS.

LESSONS AND BAND REHEARSALS WILL RESUME WITH PENNY IN WEEK 10 ON THURSDAY 25 JUNE.

Viva La Musica!
For all band queries contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au
For all string queries contact Jamie-Lee Melvin at jfmel0@eq.edu.au

CHAPLAINS CHAT

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
With the colder weather upon us I have bought out the jumpers and track pants. I have a range of sizes. I have some jumpers with zippers and the school logo and others that are the pullover type. They will be for sale (B block) at my room Wednesday-Friday.

SU CAMPS
Scripture Union has a range of winter camps for primary and secondary age children. For information on these camps go to www.sucamps.org.au or contact me. If cost is an issue, financial assistance MAY be available for these camps.
Cathy Longford
If you have been without a permanent ambulance you would be aware that we have been without a permanent coordinator the past few weeks. We have now been informed that a new coordinator has been found. She is undergoing training next week and as such we still have ‘Guess the teacher’s favourite book’ running until next Thursday, where the winner will be announced on parade.

Problem Solving at Grovely: We have embarked on a journey of higher order thinking at Grovely and have been using Polya’s 4 step problem solving process in Maths. These steps are:

1. See – Look at what the question is and any other important information needed to help answer the question.
2. Plan – Choose a strategy to help you tackle the problem.
3. Do – Attack the problem and use the strategy to answer the problem.
4. Check – To see if the answer makes sense.

Khan: I saw some awesome Khan happening at lunch time with some of the students from M3/2E. They were really keen and excited about going through the activities the teacher had set them. Thank you to those parents who have filled in the form to allow your teacher to join them up and start coaching them. This is a free service that can last all the way through high school. If you have lost the form please contact your teacher or give permission via email.

IF you are using Khan but are having some technical issues try using Google Chrome or Fire Fox (for apple users). If you are finding the page not loading still, look at cleaning the cache files to see if this works.

The answer for the last problem: There would be 69 pages in each chapter. If Walter was up to page 437 he would be reading Chapter 7.

This week’s problem: Michelle delivered 652 newspapers in seven hours. She can be paid by the number of newspapers she delivers or by the hour. The rate per newspaper is 5.5c and the hourly rate is $4.25 for the first hour and $3.50 for each other hour. Which option pays more money?

MYCA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Many of you would be aware that we have been without a permanent coordinator the past few weeks. We have now been informed that a new coordinator has been found. She is undergoing training next week and as such will be starting with us the week after that. We would like to thank you all for the patience and understanding you have given us during this time of transition. A further thanks from Joel and Zac.

MESSAGE FROM MRS ITTENSOHN (PE)

Thank you and goodbye to all the gorgeous Grovely students, passionate and friendly staff and supportive parents that I have had the pleasure of knowing at Grovely SS over the past 1 ½ years. I have really enjoyed teaching PE at Grovely SS and I hope to return in the future. But for now, I am looking forward to my next exciting challenge, becoming a mum! Best wishes and kind regards.

Mrs Ittensohn

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Term Three Incursions
On Friday 22 May letters were sent home (green) in regards to the three Student Activities coming up in Term Three. If you received this letter, payment of $13 along with the completed permission slip is required by Friday 26 June 9am at the school office. This letter went home to families who have chosen not to join the 2015 Student Resource Scheme or haven’t returned their completed participation form.

If you are participating in the scheme, a white letter was sent home detailing the activities – no payment is required as these activities are included in the scheme.

Student Resource Scheme 2015 – Payment in full is now due
Statements will be sent home via students (youngest in the family) for outstanding fees.

- If no payment has been received, you will receive a statement
- If you have a written authority with the school to make instalments via credit card, you will not have received a statement.
- If you have indicated that you will be paying instalments yourself and these are not up to date you will receive a statement.

If you have opted not to join the scheme or not returned the completed participation form we will be forwarding a letter along with an invoice and a list of resources for you to purchase. Commencing the beginning of Term Three you will be required to provide the listed resources. All students have been benefiting from the resource scheme to date but for families not participating this will mean that these benefits your child has been receiving will cease.

CANCELLLED – RED CROSS WORKSHOP

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Red Cross Workshop “Building Happiness” which was to be held on 10 June has been cancelled.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

MISSING – a child’s scooter went missing from the C block bike racks on Friday 22 May. It had white handle bars with blue grips and blue wheels with purple spikes. Please contact the office if you have any information.

LEGO EXPO will be held at the Strathpine Community Centre on June 13-14. BrisBricks is a not for profit organisation with a focus on the community, bringing enjoyable to the young and the young at heart through LEGO. For more information please contact the office if you have any information.

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

Thursday 4 June – Writing on the wall
Thursday 11 June – Lion’s Den part 1

MTC TENNIS HOT SHOTS INTER SCHOOLS CHALLENGE CUP is an opportunity for students in Grades 1-3 to represent your school in the tennis team and play against 6 other local schools in your area. Please read the details in the flyer sent home with your child on Tuesday. For information call 3851 0444 or go to fernyhills.puretennis.com.au

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