2 more sleeps until Grovely celebrates 60 years with a Big Spring Thing Event. Music, Rides, Food Vans, Stalls, Historical display and Fireworks!! We would love to see you there!!!

We would still appreciate any volunteer support for set up (8-10am) and pack up at the conclusion of the fireworks. Stall organisers are still looking for volunteers to assist on class stalls. Please let your child’s teacher know if you can offer any time at all to help look after their stall.

It is only because of the efforts of our parental group and staff that makes Grovely events quite spectacular and memorable. The Art Show this year raised approximately $1500 for the student council and was a testament that each year it grows! Thanks to all of those who supported the work of our talented students and their teachers!

After the fun and frivolity of the Big Spring Thing on Saturday, we have a great term ahead. Our students have 9 weeks and 1 day until they move into their next year of learning.

Currently we have the Life Education van at Grovely SS for the second year. Our Prep information night is on 25 October @ 6.30pm in GPAC. This is an opportunity for our new families to come and hear about our school and meet our prep teachers followed by a transition morning in a prep classroom. From 2017 Prep is compulsory in Queensland, 6 schools in these places. It was an amazing learning opportunity. My takeaways were the high expectations of learning and engagement, the extent to which they are global learners and identity. I was able to experience many cultural aspects as well – my most memorable being walking the great wall!!

Finally our Independent public schools application is due this term. This will be voted on at the P&C and I believe this is a wonderful opportunity for Grovely and its context. Applications close on 11 November. For the application to be considered 3 criteria need to be met first. The first is audit requirements - these need to be Satisfactory or Effective. Our school is Effective. Then a vote from P&C, our consultative group and staff members will also be undertaken this first half of the term.

As the warmer weather approaches, we remind parents and students of the uniform requirements at Grovely State School

- Black shoes
- White Socks
- NO ROLLER SHOES

See you at the Big Spring Thing on Saturday!!!

Leanne Duncan
FROM THE DEPUTY
Welcome everyone to the start of the final term for the year! What a busy but exciting start it is going to be with the Alumni Evening for all past and present Grovely State School members on Friday night and the Big Spring Thing celebration on Saturday. I look forward to seeing you all there on Saturday (I am especially excited for the Fireworks!!). I’ll be in the Dunk Tank from 6.00pm also so I expect to see a few students then and maybe even some parents!

I often describe the year to students and parents as resembling a race. It isn’t a sprint though it is a long distance marathon. The race gets hardest towards the end because that is when you are the most tired and fatigued. This is then the time to be at your personal best. To not strive for perfection but for personal excellence in all that you do. Whether that is completing school work, managing relationships and friendships making consistently strong, right decisions on a daily basis. By doing your personal best during the final stages will ensure you not only get to the finish line but do so with a feeling of satisfaction and success!

Have a wonderful and safe week. Be generous and kind every chance you get!

Jay Moore

ALUMNI 60Ž ANNIVERSARY COCKTAIL EVENING
An invitation is extended to all present and past students, parents, staff and community members to attend our 60Ž Anniversary Cocktail Evening at the Arana Leagues Club on Friday 7 October. Tickets may be purchased at the door for $25 per person (cash only). Finger food will be served and a cash bar available. Please invite any friends, neighbours or relatives that have or had an association with Grovely State School. We would love to see as many faces there as possible. We’re hoping to make it a great night with lots of laughs and memories. Spread the word!!

Sue McIvor

SCHOOL TOURS
We are conducting school tours for past students, parents and staff on Friday afternoon from 5-6pm, before the Alumni Evening. If you know of any past students or staff, please pass on the information so that they know they are welcome to come and have a look around their old school at that time. Unfortunately, tours will not be offered on Saturday at the Big Spring Thing.

P&C
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.

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)

GROVELY GROWERS
New outdoor classroom ready!!
Thanks to the hard work of some amazing community-minded people, we now have an outdoor classroom in the Grovely Growers area, with seating for a whole class in the shade! This will be a great space for outdoor lessons, music lessons (your outdoor music amphitheatre awaits your return Mrs Rossouw!) and for the YMCA to use before and after school. Go and check it out everyone!

I would particularly like to thank the landscaping apprentices at Grovely TAFE for pre-building the bench seats and TAFE Teachers Stephen Bray and Alex Bauer for their support to make this happen. Thanks to Bunnings Warehouse Stafford for the discounted materials, and Grovely P & C for funding the project (and to our fabulous P & C President Scott Fineran for picking up the materials). Thank you to YMCA Grovely for their donation of the $200 Bunnings gift voucher for incidental materials used during construction. And thanks to Steve Jones at Everton Hills for a bit of free gravel too! Finally, I would also like to thank Grovely staff members Di Lowe and Steve O’Donnell, our Groundsman, for their assistance with the project. Everyone please enjoy this great outdoor space! Thanks, Kerri Walters

Check out the new outdoor seating area in the Grovely Growers Garden!

STARLAB INCURSION
DATE CHANGE

There has been a date change for this incursion at our school. It has changed from Friday 28 October to Monday 31 October due to unavoidable circumstances.

ANIMATION WORKSHOPS
The Grovely Community Animation Festival is ON!!
Workshops will be held over two Saturdays this month – 22 & 29 October, teaching the basics of animation and storytelling for film.
Two workshops = $50 / discount for family groups
Participants will leave the workshops with a film on the go and four weeks to complete it in time for the Gala Screening – at the Christmas Event on 1 December. For more information please phone Anne on 0404 768 761 or speak to Deputy Principal Jay Moore.

LOST PROPERTY
A REMINDER TO PARENTS AND CARERS
Lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats and jumpers MUST be labelled. The lost property baskets are full of items not labelled and we are unable to return them to their owners. All unclaimed lost property will be donated to charity at the end of each term, so please ensure your child’s belongings are labelled. Lost property is located at the base of the stairwell in A block, between administration and the staffroom. Please come and have a look through the baskets if your child is missing any belongings.

SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking is held each Wednesday from 8.30am outside the Library. To open new accounts, please come and see me for an application form.

Reene Hayes
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT
7 Alumni 60th Anniversary Cocktail Evening
8 Grovely's 60th – The Big Spring Thing
13 Prestige Music Fest 2pm (string ensemble)
17 Assembly
19 Student Free Day
22 Combined Concert Band Performance with Mitchelton SS
25 Prep 2017 Parent Info Night – 6.30pm @ GPAC
27 Assembly
31 Star Lab Incursion

NOV
1 Holt Bolt Kids Afternoon
3 Music – Count Us In (12.30pm)
4 2017 Music Recruitment Evening – 6pm @ GPAC
4 Free Dress Day – When I Grow Up (gold coin donation)
7-11 Prep 2017 Transition Week
8 Six-Way-Swim-Meet – 5pm
10 Assembly
17 Student Leader Speeches & Voting – 2pm GPAC
22 EOY Recital with Mitchelton-Strings & Band
24 Instruments to be returned to Mrs Hall & Mrs Batch
24 Instrumental Break Up Breakfast – 8am GPAC
25 Assembly
25 Senior Swimming Carnival
28 Volunteers Morning Tea 9.30-11am @ GPAC
28 Year 6 Orientation Day – Mitchelton SHS & Kedron SHS
29 Year 6 Orientation Day - Mitchelton SHS & Albany Creek SHS

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

JAN 2017
1 Term 1 commences
26 Australia Day Public Holiday

CHAPLAINS CHAT

TEA TOWELS
Thank you to everyone who supported the Tea Towel Chaplaincy Fundraiser. The tea towels have arrived and will be sent home with your child today. If you missed out on ordering one last term, they will be available for purchase at the Big Spring Thing on Saturday for $12.00.

Cathy Longford.

THE BIG SPRING THING
The Big Spring Thing needs your help with Baking – cakes, cupcakes, slices, biscuits, fudge, sweets, small jars of jam, chutney, lemon curd, dessert pies, anything yummy!! The Baking Group will be in GPAC on Friday 7 October from 9am-3pm and would love some help. Basic baking ingredients provided, some donations required. To become involved please contact Clare on 3110 7240. If you haven't time to lend a hand but wish to donate ingredients, please leave them off at the office.

To ensure the day runs smoothly, we are seeking parents/volunteers to help out with setting up the event and packing down after the fireworks. Class stalls are still looking for volunteers, so if you have any time to spare please see your child's teacher.

WILDFIRE EMERGENCIES – 1300 264 625 / 1300 ANIMAL
Acts of cruelty or neglect - RSPCA 3426 9971
Sick or injured stray animals - RSPCA Animal Ambulance 3426 9971
24 Hour Call Centre – 3426 9999

MAGPIE SEASON
Magpie season is well and truly upon us! Some are threatened only by pedestrians and others only by cyclists. The few magpies that swoop anyone are usually nesting near a concentration of people, where harassment by people (especially children) has probably occurred. If you are concerned about being swooped, protect your head with a good hat or umbrella. NEVER harass the bird, that only ensures an even worse attack next time. It is best to learn to co-exist for the breeding period of about six weeks and take precautions