Commendations to all involved in making the school’s ANZAC Day ceremony such a memorable occasion. Our school captains Caitlin, Naina and Taliesin did a superb job of leading the ceremony. Special guests Mr Tom Hamilton, Mr Shaun Hanson and Captain Ernest Felix addressed students and were full of praise for our young people, commending them for their respectful behaviour. The number of students attending the Dawn Service at Gaythorne was also outstanding. To commemorate this event a special newsletter will be issued early next week.

Last Friday Ms Katrina and I joined staff from other Montessori public schools for the first Public School’s Forum in Melbourne. This was a wonderful opportunity to share practice and consider ways of networking and moving forward. The Montessori Australia Foundation hosted the event. They are committed to increasing the accessibility of Montessori education and supporting schools in their quest to deliver quality programs. A huge thank you to Ms Katrina for her leadership of the school’s program and for giving up her time to participate in this event.

Learning is the work! Last week teaching staff were joined for collaborative planning by our supervisor Rob Mills. Rob commended staff for their dedication and commitment to improving their practice. This year all teachers have shared video footage of their practice, watched each other work and given and received feedback. This is a truly outstanding accomplishment and testament to a collective commitment to ensure that quality teaching is delivered to every student in this community.

Mrs Duncan, Mrs Lowe our BSM and I have returned from our three day study tour in Perth with staff from Aspley and Bald Hills State Schools, both weary and invigorated. Research from the Grattan Institute on ‘Making Time for Great Teaching’ motivated the tour. We had the opportunity to spend time with the leadership teams in five very different schools to consider how staff collaborate to improve practice and student outcomes. Three of the five schools were Independent Public Schools (IPS). Their experiences and capacity to work with the community at a very local level to make decisions about how their schools are managed has affirmed my commitment to re-open this discussion with our community with the view to applying this year if this opportunity is offered. The generosity of schools across the nation to engage and share is commendable. These schools opened their doors without hesitation. I was able to see and hear about exemplary practice much of which has affirmed the quality of work happening in this community. We need to be very proud of our work and the collective commitment of staff to continually improve practice. I will continue to network with a number of the schools we visited as we progress collaborative practice and inquiry based learning.

A reminder about our winter uniform...
It’s time to bring out the winter woollies. It’s starting to get a little chilly!!!!!! I’d like to remind you that our winter uniform is a maroon track suit pant or maroon / black tights (with feet). **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 shop are of a much higher quality and have the school logo. Please remember to name articles so they can be identified and returned if lost. Every year we have a significant number of outer garments find their way to lost property not able to be returned to their rightful owners.

Vicki Baker  
Principal

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**ENROLMENTS FOR 2016**

Out next **Open Day** is being held on **Tuesday 26 May**. To ensure our enrolment processes are informed and accurate it would be greatly appreciated that all enrolment requirements are completed for children starting prep in 2016.
FROM THE DEPUTYS DESK

NAPLAN
NAPLAN is here next week for our students in year 3 and 5. NAPLAN tests are one form of measure to show what students have learnt. The students have discussed with their teachers what it looks like and feels like.

To minimise disruption, it is crucial that students are on time as the tests will commence in the morning after the roll is called. If students are absent on the day of the test, there will be an opportunity for students to complete catch up tests on Friday 15 May.

Parents are encouraged to ensure that their child has a good breakfast and night's sleep. We encourage students to do their best!

MITCHELTON HIGH EXPERIENCE DAY
Letters will be going home today for the Mitchelton experience day on the 19 May for students in year 5. We encourage all year 5’s to attend as this is a great opportunity to spend a day in a high school setting and understand how it works.

Leanne Duncan & Sue McIvor

CHAPLAINS CHAT

Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea
You are invited to attend the Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea on Friday 8 May from 2-3pm in GPAC. All Mums, step-mums, grandmothers and other significant female role models are invited to come along. Non-school age children are also welcome. Hope to see you there.

Volunteer Training
Volunteer training will be once held on Thursday the 21st of May at 9.15am in the GPAC meeting room. This training is for people wishing to volunteer in any capacity in the school. This is not for Chaplaincy training.

QLD Father of the Year
Nominate a deserving dad or father-figure today for the 2015 Queensland Father of the Year Award. He could win a five night family holiday to Sea World Resort & Water Park. Nominations close 17 July 2015. For more information go to qldfatheroftheyear.org.au

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.

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.

Cathy Longford

FREE RED CROSS WORKSHOPS

EMPOWERMENT – 27 May 9.30am-12pm – GPAC Meeting Room
Self-esteem is the way you feel about yourself, and is reflected in the way you treat yourself and how others treat you. Self-esteem is one of the most important factors in determining your effectiveness as a human being. It is also the key to your success and happiness. We will be discussing the foundations for building and ways to improve your self-esteem. Morning tea provided. Please RSVP by Tuesday 19 May to Tracey (Red Cross) on 3855 0166/0448 352 536 or Cathy (Chaplain).

BUILDING HAPPINESS – A JOURNEY TO MINDFULNESS AND WELLBEING – 10 June 9.30am-12.30pm – GPAC Meeting Room
Please RSVP to Tracey or Cathy by Tuesday 9 June.

Unfortunately, child minding is not available. Please make your own arrangements.

OSHC

Dear families

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LIBRARY

Library Lexicon

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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.
3. Do – Attack the problem and use the strategy to answer the problem.
4. Check – To see if the answer makes sense.

Each month we are starting to focus on a certain problem solving strategy around the 4 step process. Your child has probably used some of these strategies already and are a great way to engage with them when a mathematical problem arises.

This month’s focus is ‘Draw a picture or diagram’. As the strategy suggests getting children to draw the problem out can make it easier when it comes to putting the question in to a number sentence or sum.

Khan: It was great to see and hear the amazing activities that 5/6A were doing with Khan Academy this week. Remember to get those permission slips in so everyone can start using Khan Academy and unlocking ‘awesomeness’ of maths.

The answer from last newsletter: 13 000 000 users would need to answer 11.8 million questions each per week to reach 8 billion problems in a year.

This weeks’ problem: Walter’s book starts on page 1 and has 690 pages. There are 10 equal length chapters in the book and he has read up to page 437. What chapter is he reading in?

Joey Limb – Head of Learning

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Hopefully this process is as smooth as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your wonderful support, feedback and understanding over the past year, getting to know you and your children has been such an amazing experience, and I will miss you all!

This Friday (8th) we will be having a small farewell get-together. This will be from around 3:30- 4:30ish, there will be some drinks and snacks. I welcome you all to pop in when you can!

If you have any questions or concerns about the next few weeks, as always, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, Melissa Leatherbarrow

DISABLED CAR SPACES

Parents/carers are asked not to park in the disabled spaces in both the lower and upper carparks as they are reserved for students with disabilities. Parking in these spaces makes it extremely difficult & dangerous for the students to navigate their way into the school grounds. Please be considerate when parking. Thank you.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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COMMUNITY COFFEE BAKING ROSTER

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Friday 8 May
2.00pm in GPAC

End of Term 2
Assembly

Advanced Music Camp

P&C Meeting

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

ICAS Writing Test

Year 3

ICAS Science Test – 8am

6 Sports Day

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JUNE

1 ICAS Science Test – 8am

8 PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Queen’s Birthday

9 P&C Meeting

10 Building Happiness Workshop

11 Assembly

15 ICAS Writing Test

16 ICAS Spelling Test – 8am

19 P-2 Sports Day

26 National Sorry Day

OPEN DAY - 9:30-11am

27 Empowerment Workshop

28 Assembly

MOTHERS DAY TWILIGHT EXPO

Join our email list growers@grovelyschool.com.au and our Grovely Growers Facebook group.

Congratulations and well done to the 12 students who competed at the North West District Cross Country event at Teralba Park, Mitchelton on Tuesday 28 April. Thank you to Ms Marissa Campbell and all of the parents who went to support the students. It was a great day and all students competed really well. Awesome effort Grovely SS!!

Below is a list of the results:

STUDENTS NAME  PLACE

Aya F  44th

Caroline R  37th

Riley M  36th

Thomas F  53rd

Mason K  48th

Georgia H  12th

Monica F  31st

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Anna Ittensohn (PE Teacher)

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