Welcome back to Term 4 – our last 10 weeks of 2015. By the time we get to the end of the term Grovely is always buzzing with fantastic community events and energy. This is my eighth year at Grovely State School and I have been proud to serve our school as the support teacher literacy and numeracy before successfully obtaining the Deputy Principal position in 2014. I am equally proud and feel very privileged to have been asked to act in the position of Principal for term four and I am excited to work with you and the fabulous and supportive team we have here at Grovely. Thank you to Mrs Sue McIvor who will be full time Acting Deputy Principal/Curriculum this term.

On speaking to the team this term, I have developed three major focus areas for this term. We will be continuing our work on reading, enhancing our focus on differentiating our teaching to cater for student diversity and delving into our culture to promote learning by reviewing our responsible behaviour plan. I look forward to working with our students, staff and community on these priorities throughout the term to achieve what we have set out to do.

As a part of re-invigorating discussions within our community around a culture that promotes learning, a number of focus groups will be held at different times to optimise participation from you. These dates along with the community calendar (some final confirmations need to be made) will be sent home next week.

I wanted to leave you with two thoughts - The first one I think of as we begin to review our responsible behaviour plan as a school community, “It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end.” — Ernest Hemingway

The other is one that I always keep in mind when I think about the improvement of every students reading here at Grovely and the part we all can play - “A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could!”

I look forward the term ahead. See you in the playground!

Leanne Duncan
Acting Principal

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Congratulations to Alex R who has been swimming and training hard in his first competitive season. He has done an amazing job swimming at major events at Chandler this year. Alex qualified for four events at the Queensland Short Course Swimming Championships. Alex decided not to attend school camp so that he could continue training and have the best chance at racing well at “States”. Alex puts in a huge amount of effort, training up to eight hours a week, every week. It really is a great achievement to have qualified for this major event.

FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Welcome back to the final term of 2015!! It is hard to believe how fast this year has gone.

Transitions to high school
A reminder to all of our Year Six parents that it is the time of year to make sure you have enrolled your Year Six student into the high school of your choice. All High schools run a transition program to make sure that your child is prepared for moving into the high school environment next year. If the high school does not know that your child is attending they will miss out on this very important opportunity. Mitchelton State High School will have their orientation days on the 30th November and the 1st of December. Parents will receive all of the information that they need for these days when they enrol at the school.

Reading
Last term we collected information from our students about what they like to read, when they read and who they read with. Reading is an essential skill. Our teachers support our students to learn to read by using teaching techniques such as Modelled reading where teachers can give the students an insight into what an expert does when they read. They use think alouds that explain to the students how they work out unfamiliar words, build understandings about what they are reading and understand how the text works etc. Students need to understand that reading is important to everyone. I would encourage you to talk to your child about what they like to read and why they read. Talk to them about what they would like to read so we can encourage them to read both for enjoyment and to assist them in learning more about the world they live in.

Sue McIvor
Congratulations to all of our book week celebration winners. The ‘spot light on reading’ winners have chosen their books and they should be at the school in the next week or 2. Each winner will be interviewed about their thoughts on the book they chose and read. These interviews will be displayed in the library.

**Problem Solving at Grovely:** As you are aware that Grovely uses Polya’s 4 steps to problem solving approach and one of the strategies that we have been using with teachers in the class room is the, The multi-step approach. This is used when problems or questions need to be broken down into their steps to find the final solution. This template allows students to break a problem into manageable parts and allows to simplify problems for them.

**The answer for the last problem:** 10 ice cream cones x 10 boxes = 100 ice cream cones per carton. 100 ice cream cones/carton x 24 cartons = 2400 ice cream cones + 9 boxes x 10 ice cream cones / box = 90 ice cream cones. Altogether Anna would have 2490 ice cream cones if she had 24 cartons and 9 boxes.

**This week’s problem:** There are 18 cars in a race. Lucy is driving one of those cars. During the race she passes eleven cars before being passed by five cars. She finished eighth in the race. In what position did Lucy start the race?

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**CHAPLAINCY THANKYOU/INFORMATION NIGHT**

The combined chaplaincies of Mitchelton and Enoggera State Schools, and Mitchelton State High School, invite you to a Coffee and Dessert night at Grovely State School hall (GPAC), on Friday 9 October 2015 at 7.00 pm. Dress: informal, beverages and desserts provided at no cost.

We wish to thank our supporters and friends for helping with the wonderful work our four Chaplains do in their schools. Come along to hear their stories and the issues they face. You are welcome to invite any friends you feel might be interested. We also want to offer information to those who might not be fully aware of the role and responsibilities of school Chaplains, and how they are employed. We hope that members of school communities, businesses and churches are able to join us. All are welcome and we guarantee no high pressure sales pitches. If you are able to attend we would appreciate you contacting Ross Heyde: rossheyde@bigpond.com or SMS to 0417 639 832.

**RADIO VISIT**

We are excited to announce that we have 96.5fm Family Radio coming to visit our school and do a live broadcast from our school oval on 11th November from 6am to 9am. We have a special visit from the channel 7 helicopter as well as jumping castle, games, coffee van, and more! AND THE BEST PART IS IT'S ALL FREE! Watch this space for more info. All are welcome to attend. It will be a great community morning.

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**GREELY GATORS SWIM CLUB**

**CALLING ALL SWIMMERS!**

On Friday 9 & 16 October from 5-8pm the Grovely Gators Swimming Club are hosting FREE information sessions for all new and existing swimming families at the Grovely School Pool. This year we have many membership specials with huge discounts (up to 100% discount for eligible families). Please bring your kids togs and a towel and come and see what fun we have at the Grovely Gators Swimming club. For more information visit http://gators.grovelyschool.com.au/info

**JUNIOR DOLPHIN PROGRAM**

This exciting new program from Swimming Australia provides free membership for 7 years and under swimmers and half price membership for 8 year olds. Phone 0401 173 377 or email grovelygatorscc@outlook.com

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**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE – 3354 6366**
Parents of students participating in the School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS), please ensure you notify the school administration if your address changes. School records and Transport Department records need to align and be exact. Parents of students participating in the School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS) may not have their child transported if the address is incorrect.

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OPEN DAY/SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Join us this term for our Open Day/Sausage Sizzle on Thursday 22 October from 3.30-4.30pm. We invite new families and interested parents to join us, grab a bite to eat and enjoy a tour of our service. If you know of anyone new to the school, please bring them along. Join us for the tastiest sizzling sausages you’ve ever eaten as we surprise our children with an afternoon of awesome games and activities. Children not enrolled with OSHC must be accompanied by a Parent/Care Giver at all times. If you would like to book your child, whether it’s casual or permanent, feel free to email me at agr@ymcabrisbane.org or pop up to our YMCA room located in the Prep building upstairs.

If you are new to the school and would like a tour of our service, please call to make an appointment. Our team members will show you around and explain all things OSHC. We look forward to meeting you!

Thankyou from Rochelle and the YMCA Grovely OSHC Team.
Phone: 3855 9997, Mobile: 0438 155 230 agr@ymca.org.au

PREP 2016 ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS

If you wish to enrol your child into Prep 2016, please collect an enrolment pack from the office and make an interview time.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

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P&C

P&C Meeting: Tuesday 13 October 7pm Staffroom
P&C website - www.grovelyschool.com.au
P&C payments - pay.grovelyschool.com.au or via the QKRI app on your phone. (includes tuckshop, community coffee, uniform shop, special events and more)

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

JUST FOR KIDS (JFK) is held each Thursday afternoon 3.30-5.00pm for primary school kids at Grovely Christian Church, 38 Woking St, Mitchelton (just off Casey St, opposite the school on Dawson Pde). Each week has a theme with fun, food and activities, and this week is Ball Games. For more info contact Meralda on 0401 012 615 or Chris on 0419 820 810.

HOMEWORK CLUB is held every Tuesday from 3-4.30pm at Grovely Christian Church (see above). Contact Chris on 0419 820 810 or check out www.grovelychurch.org.au

CRAIGSLEA SHS 2016 Year 7 ENROLMENTS - Year Seven Enrolment Interviews are well under way for 2016. Enrolment packs may be collected from the Craigslea State High School Administration office. To book interviews please contact our Administration staff on 3326 5222. Please make bookings for your enrolments early as recent enrolment afternoons have been fully booked and preparations are well underway for the 2016 timetable.

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR OPEN DAY – All school aged girls are invited to come along to the AGC Open Day on Sunday 25 October. For more information call 3256 0207.

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