Principal’s Page

See you at the Celebrations of the Arts tonight!
Art Show tonight!!!! The unveiling of your child’s enormous talent and our teachers who worked with them to bring their creativity to fruition ..........I can’t wait!!! I hope you can come along. Each year the Art show evolves and grows into something to showcase the arts. This year we are including more aspects of this with performances from some of our student groups. If you can’t make it tonight there is an opportunity to view and purchase on Friday morning from 8 am in GPAC.

Respect our school. Respect our staff
Violent or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated in our schools. It’s not just a courtesy. It’s the law. You may have noticed the posters up in our school. The Respect our staff, respect our school campaign aims to create safer and more respectful communities in Queensland state schools. The campaign is part of the Queensland Government’s commitment to tackle the issue of violence and continue to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students and school staff. We all have different beliefs, expectations and experiences, so there are inevitably going to be times where conflicts or disagreements occur in schools. How we handle those conflicts can make a significant difference to the learning and development of our students and the positive environments we aim to foster.

The safety of our students and staff is the number one priority and everyone in the community plays a part in ensuring learning environments are safe. All members of the community are encouraged to work together to prevent abuse and violence directed towards school staff.

At Grovely State School, we enjoy a very respectful and productive relationship between parents and staff. I believe this is because we truly appreciate the trust that parents place in us every day with their most precious of loved ones. It is not taken for granted.

Teacher Aide Day
Each year on the first Friday in September, schools celebrate the support provided to students and teachers by their teacher aides. We shared some messages to our Teacher aides in appreciation for what they do on our last assembly followed by cake last Friday! On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to say a very big Thank you to all of our teacher aides for the wonderful work you all do to support our students. The term teacher aide does not reflect the work that you do as I’m sure you are well aware that the role of TA’s has significantly changed over the years as has the responsibilities. Our Teacher Aides are appreciated and valued highly.

Staffing
Mrs Nicole Sawyer has been able to stay on (hopefully! until end of the term). Mrs Ivy Hanley has been working with Mrs Sawyer and the student for a successful transition for when Mrs Hanley will become the full time teacher of Prep A. Ms Emma Lancaster will replace Mrs Hanley in her SEP role. She has previous experience in this area.

Maths tournament
Congratulations to the students who attended the Maths Tournament last week We came 4th!!!!! Well done to the teams and to the staff who supported and accompanied them!!

One of the things that we are working hard to do is to decrease absenteeism. Children learn best when they are at school. Please ensure your contact details are correct in the office so that we can continue to ensure same day absences are followed up as per Education Queensland directive. The other area we have worked on is communication. This year we have committed to getting our Term 4 calendar out by the last week of the term before. The term community calendar will come home next week and be uploaded to the website. Don’t forget to check out our 60th anniversary Facebook page as well.

Our 60th birthday celebrations planning continues with it just around the corner. There will be Fireworks at 7.30pm that will go for about 8 minutes. A letterbox flyer drop of homes within a given minimum notification zone will be done in the week leading up to the event.

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Grovely State School 60th Anniversary 2016
SAT, OCTOBER 8TH
2-8pm

200 Dawson Parade, Grovely Q 4054
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Email: admin@grovellyss.eq.edu.au Web: www.grovellyss.eq.edu.au
Absence Phone Number: (07) 3354 6366

Great state. Great opportunity.
There are many celebrations of learning that are occurring and will next week. I hope to see many of you there! I will be at community coffee tomorrow with independent public schools information and happy to answer any questions you have. See you there.
Leanne Duncan

Alumni 60th Anniversary Cocktail Evening
Friday 7th October
6:30-10:30pm
Foundation Room
Arana Leagues Club
Cocktail food and cash bar
Smart casual dress
$25 per head
Please RSVP via the school office and your place will be confirmed with payment.
Numbers are limited.
A flyer will go out shortly with further details.
We look forward to seeing all past and present Grovely State School Alumni.
We will be opening classrooms at the school prior to the Cocktail evening. Student leaders will take alumni on a short tour of the school.
Please note this will not be available on the Saturday.

FROM THE DEPUTIES
Journey and Discovery
We would like to offer another Journey and Discovery for our community in term four. A Journey and Discovery is a wonderful opportunity for parents to learn more about Montessori. It works across a Friday evening and Saturday morning and participants need to attend both sessions. Friday evening is a Journey into Montessori. Our teachers share understandings of the planes of development and participant’s journey through each cycle to better understand how the cycles support student learning. The Saturday morning gives participants the opportunity to discover the 3 hour work cycle. Our teachers prepare the environment to support parents to use and learn from the Montessori equipment, helping them to discover how the prepared environment supports student learning. If you would like to be a part of this experience please contact the office or email smcv2@eq.edu.au
We are proposing Friday 21 October (5:30-7:30pm) and Saturday 22 October (8:45am-12:00pm) Please make sure you let us know if you would like to join us so that the event will be able to go ahead.

Community Calendar
The community calendar for term four will go out as a separate document to the newsletter. We are currently waiting on a few dates and will get it to you as soon as possible.

Term 4 Swimming
Keep an eye out for notes going home for Term 4 swimming which will start on Tuesday of the first week of Term 4.

Volunteers needed
HELP!!!!
We are looking for community members who are available to help at the “Big Spring Thing”. All classes are organising a stall and will need parent volunteers to support during the day. Please contact your class teacher to see how you can help. We also need volunteers to help with the set up and pack up leading up to the event. Please contact the office or email smcv2@eq.edu.au or lmcv@eq.edu.au if you can help with this.

Parent Teacher Interviews
By now we are hoping you have met with your teachers to discuss how your child is progressing this year. If you have not yet taken the opportunity to do this please make sure you contact your class teacher so that it can be arranged.

Alumni Event – Friday 7 October 6:30-10:30pm
We are excited to have an alumni evening for past students, staff and community members to celebrate their time at Grovely. The event will be held at Arana Leagues Club and will cost $25 per head. Payments can be made via the office with cash or using the P&C Qr app. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and we look forward to seeing you there.
Sue McIvor

Maths Tournament 2016
Congratulations to our teams who represented Grovely State School at the 2016 Maths Tournament held at Albany Hills State School on Monday this week. There were 51 teams from 17 different schools competing at the event this year. Teams needed to work collaboratively to solve Team challenges and then rapid fire relay questions. Both teams displayed respectful and responsible behaviour while representing our school. Team 2 (Harris, Brendan, Lachlan, Robin and Sam ES) finished in 46th place and Team 1 (Anais, Bella, Zahn, Owen and Sam M) finished in a tie for 4th place. A great effort!!
A big thank you to Miss Candice and the parents who assisted with transporting students to and from the event and classroom teachers for preparing the students. It was greatly appreciated.

As this will be the final newsletter for the term, I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone for their welcome to Grovely State School. I have enjoyed meeting all of the students and working with the staff during this term. I look forward to the final term of the year and further assisting where I can to support staff and students to reach their goals. I especially look forward to the Grovely State School 60th Alumni Cocktail Evening and the Big Spring Thing on the first weekend back!!
Jay Moore

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE - 3354 6366

CHICKENPOX
We have received advice of 3 confirmed cases of chickenpox at Grovely State School. If your child presents with any symptoms, particularly if they’re not vaccinated, contact your GP immediately. Further information can be found at www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/contacts.asp

CURRICULUM CORNER
Coaching Update
As the end of the term approaches, we are pleased to say that our instructional coaching cycle has been a positive experience for the coaches involved and for our classroom teachers. It has been great to be involved in building partnerships with teachers and to develop evidence-based teaching practices.

The impact on student learning has been positive. It is encouraging to observe our Prep’s and 1st graders engagement in problem solving strategies, use a problem solving think board and explain their reasoning when solving problems. Teacher feedback has been affirmative too, particularly around the theory of action of Learning Intention, Narrative and Pace. Our teachers have said that they now have a greater understanding of the thread between all three, which will greatly impact on student learning.

Gaining a greater understanding around this has a proven effective size of 2.55 (Marzano, 1998) on student learning.

I thank all of our teachers for their commitment to the instructional coaching process and for their ongoing commitment to our students. Their openness and sharing of practice with a focus on self-improvement, which directly impacts our students, is encouraging! I look forward to working more with the teachers and your students in classrooms next term.
David Covington

ART SHOW
The “Celebration of The Arts” is TONIGHT!!
Where: GPAC
When: 5:30-7:30 (BBQ starts at 5pm)

Come along and enjoy our annual evening of Art and Music and there will be loads of prizes to win.
You can buy your child’s artwork for a donation. If you can’t come on the night, GPAC will be open Friday morning from 8am for you to buy it then.

Tonight is an important community, fundraising event for the school. We look forward to seeing you there!

THE BIG SPRING THING
DONATIONS NEEDED

The stalls below are seeking donations of certain items for the Big Spring Thing on 8 October. Thank you in anticipation of your ongoing support.

RING TOSS STALL - 1.25lt soft drinks. We would appreciate if every family could donate one bottle of soft-drink. Please send your donations to the 1/2A & 1/2B classrooms.

STUDENT CARDS
A student card was sent home recently with every student for parents to check and update information. There are still quite a few outstanding so we ask that you return them ASAP. If you have more than one child at school, please make sure you update and send back each child’s card as they will be filed in their central file after updating. If you have lost the card, please contact the office to arrange a copy. Thank you.

GROVELY GROWERS
Grovely Growers - Outdoor classroom seating soon to be installed!
Grovely TAFE is currently constructing an outdoor classroom bench seating project for our Grovely Growers school garden! We hope to install this seating array into the garden on Tuesday 20 September and Wednesday 21 September, during the school holidays.

Should any parents with construction experience or who are good with power tools are able to assist our head volunteer parent Charlie Meyer, please contact me on kwalt130@eq.edu.au

We are also looking to see if any parents/carers may have access to a petrol post hole digger (one or 2 person) for use on Tuesday 21 September to dig holes for the bench seats. If you know someone who owns a petrol hole digger or know a company who may be willing to donate the use of one to the school in-kind, please let me know on kwalt130@eq.edu.au

Thanks, Kerri Walters
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER**
- 8 Grovely SS Art Show - GPAC
- 9 Grovely Gators Information Night 5-6pm
- 13 P&C Meeting
- 14 Double Dollarmite Day
- 16 Assembly
- 16 Crazy Hair Day – Gold Coin Donation
- 16 Grovely Gators Information Night 5-6pm
- 16 End of Term 3

**OCTOBER**
- 2 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 3 School Resumes for Term 4
- 7 Alumni 60th Anniversary Cocktail Evening
- 8 Grovely’s 60th – The Big Spring Thing
- 13 Assembly
- 16 Combined Concert Band Performance with Mitchelton SS
- 16 Assembly
- 3 2017 Instrumental Music Evening – 6pm @ GPAC
- 10 Assembly

**SINGFEST 2016**

Congratulations to all students who attended Singfest last Tuesday! It was a long day and you all put in a tremendous effort from start to finish. The culminating concert in the evening was excellent and I look forward to sharing the videos of this with you soon. I am very proud of you all, especially your ability to learn a song in a foreign language in its entirety on the day! Well done!

**UPCOMING CHOIR PERFORMANCES**

**Celebration of the Arts Night – Thursday 8 September**

Junior Choir - wear your cozzies and bring a beach towel! You are the first performance of the night!

Senior Choir - wear your sixties gear (remember, no heels!)

The Big Spring Thing – Saturday 8 October

Junior Choir - wear your cozzies and bring a beach towel, we will be doing an encore performance of our Art Show song as well as singing ‘Gary Galah’. Senior Choir - wear your sixties gear and bring a bizarre or fun hat! We will be doing an encore performance of our Art Show song as well as ‘Where Did You Get That Hat?’. I will advise of performance times as soon as possible.

Rebecca Penna (Music Specialist)

**STUDENT COUNCIL CRAZY HAIR DAY**

For a gold coin donation, students can wear a crazy hairstyle on Friday 16 September (Full school uniform). Under F block, student council will have on sale some coloured hair spray for $1.00. All monies raised will be going towards air conditioning for the library.

**P&C**

**SWIMMING CLUB – GROVELY GATORS**

This Friday night is the first information and sign up night for the Grovely Gators Swim Club. We encourage everyone to come and find out more about the swim club and to sign up for the 2016/2017 season. Please note there are two information nights - 9 September and 16 September, from 5-6pm. Membership forms are on the Grovely Gators website and membership fees are payable via direct debit only. Please note no cash will be accepted.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** - With over $200,000 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 our woodwind, brass and percussion program at Penny Hall by FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER. Please return your expression of interest forms for the strings program back to Angela Batch by FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER.

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Grovely State School is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year and to celebrate the P&C are planning a massive outdoor event on Saturday 8 October 2016. Save the date and keep an eye out for more details as plans come together.

**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)

**CHAPLAINS CHAT**

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Father’s Day Breakfast and Pancake Breakfast. It was great to see everyone having a good time. Have a safe and happy holiday with your families. See you next Term.

Cathy Longford.

**HAVE YOU UPDATED AND RETURNED YOUR CHILD’S STUDENT CARD?**

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

**Instrumental Music 2017**

Information was sent home to parents/guardians about our woodwind, brass and percussion program AND our strings program last week Please return your expression of interest forms for the woodwind, brass and percussion program to Penny Hall by FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER. Please send in your $20 per instrument/child. Please state String or Woodwind in the envelope. If your child is interested in strings, please state which instrument they would like to play. Then return to Penny Hall by FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER.

**Celebration of the Arts - Thursday 8 September**

All Senior String Ensemble and Concert Band members are to meet Angela Batch and Penny Hall at 4.45pm at our school library for warm-up and tuning. If your child performed with the choir at the Singfest last week, they can wear their music uniform. If not, your child can wear their formal school uniform if they are not already dressed in another costume. The concert should be finished by 7.30pm.

**THE BIG SPRING THING - Saturday 8 October**

Our Senior String Ensemble, Choir and Concert Band will be performing at our Big Spring Thing at the beginning of the event at 2.00pm. Letters will be sent home about this before the end of this term.

**Mitchelton State School Centenary - Saturday 22 October**

Our Concert Band will be making history and performing a premier of a concert band piece by David Jones with Mitchelton State School Concert Band at Mitchelton State School’s Centenary Festival on Saturday 22 October at 10:45am. Letters will be sent home from Penny before the end of this term.

For all string queries contact Angela Batch at ahbat35@eq.edu.au (Angela teaches at our school on Tuesdays)

For all band queries contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au (Penny teaches at our school on Thursdays)

For all classroom queries or choir queries contact Rebecca Penna at rpenn28@eq.edu.au (Rebecca teaches at our school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays)

**SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER - Queensland Wind and Brass**

Penny Hall will be performing with Queensland Wind and Brass in their concert ‘Witchcraft and Wizardry’ featuring music from Harry Potter, Lord of The Rings, Wicked and The Wizard of Oz on Saturday 10 September at 7.30pm at the Old Museum, Gregory Tce. For further information, go to www.qwbq.com.au for more details. Children’s tickets are free and they are more than welcome to get dressed up!!!

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**MITCHELTON STATE SCHOOL CENTENARY CELEBRATION** will be held on Saturday 22 October. To celebrate the centenary year of Mitchelton SS there is a concert band work that will be premiered on the day at 10.45am. If you are a past student, relative or past teacher of our school and would be interested in being part of this amazing event, please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au

**JUST FOR KIDS (JFK)** is held each Thursday afternoon from 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.

**8 September**

- Rescue
- 15 September
- Movie and Popcorn

For more information, contact Meralda Livermore on 0401 012 615.

**MITCHELTON LIBRARY** offers school holiday fun from 20-28 September. Knights, Princesses and Castles, Going on a Bear Hunt, Pirate Treasure Hunt, Cartoon Dave Comic Workshop & Library Laboratory. Bookings required, call 3403 7410 or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries

**FREE MINIONS MOVIE IN THE PARK** will be held on Saturday 24 September at Teralba Park, 120 Pullen Rd Everton Park. Food & Drinks 5pm, Movie starts 6pm.

**BRICKS 4 KIDZ** has launched their super-popular School Holiday Workshops with LEGO® Bricks in Stafford, Gravely, Grange and Ashgrove from Space Adventures to Pocket Brick Monsters (Pokémon) and Superheroes, we’ve got something for everybody – check out the details and book online. Come Build with Us! http://bricks4kidz.com.au/brisbane-north-west/

**EMPLOYMENT EXPO** will be held on Friday 23 September from 10am-2pm at Picabeen Park, Hoben St Mitchelton. Training providers, employment agents, resume help, child care providers, balloon animals, jumping castle, coffee cart and FREE sausage sizzle.

**SURFERS PARADE KIDS WEEK** is a FREE family friendly event celebrating all things kids from 17-23 September. Presented by Marriott Vacation Club, Kids Week is a must-do on the September school holiday calendar with loads of free activities for kids of all ages, all week long. With headline acts PAW Patrol, Ronald McDonald and Friends, The Dream Guards, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and many more, this year’s event is going to be the best yet! For more details call 5584 3720.

**GRASSHOPPER SOCCER SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS** will be held 20-22 September for boys & girls ages 5-12. $109 (shirt included), sibling discounts available. Enquire now on 0430 588 067 or check out GRASSHOPPERSOCcer.COM.AU

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- 24 Hour Call Centre – 3426 9999
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