Principal’s Page

There are many events that happen within the term at a school that deserve to be acknowledged and celebrated. From our children’s achievement both academic and personal, for families and our school. Mr Covington, Mrs McIvor and I were asked to share the collaborative journey that as a staff we have taken in the last 6 months to refine our practice in reading. The feedback for us was very affirming. Our focus on reading is unwavering. The more you read the more you know it has never been so true for our students. Celebrations of Learning are coming up and are always a valued way of sharing the journey of learning for the term.

We have budgeted and purchased a significant input into our reading resources as our school community has grown significantly over the last number of years. For these books to end up in the hands of our budding readers we need to cover and accession them into the library. Thank you to those who have given up their time to do this. If you have any time you can give please contact Mrs Kerri Walters in the Library on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and let her know!!

As in previous from letter/website communication, Grovely State Schools Deputy Principal position has gone to relocation. This means we have been allocated a relocated applicant and the position will not go to open merit. Our new Deputy Principal commencing Term 3 is Jay Moore. Jay came to visit Grovely last week and met the students working in their classrooms. Jay will be attending the next P and C meeting.

Due to the context of our unique school, Mrs Sue McIvor will be staying with us for Semester two at this stage, to assist with this period of change. Her role will be in ensuring the knowledge of Montessori is passed on as well as a focus on moving our improvement agenda forward. David Covington will continue in the Head of Curriculum role for Semester 2.

Reports are due to be sent home on 23 June. This is a time to acknowledge and celebrate growth, improvements and effort. Dr Micheal Grose from Parenting Ideas talks about how you (parents) react to their child’s report cards has a profound impact on them and shapes significantly how they see themselves as learners. By definition EFFORT is “a vigorous or determined attempt”. Something I see everyday in the faces of learners at Grovely.

Currently I am conducting 2017 prep interviews. Doing them at this time of the year enables us to plan for the enrolments that we have. Please ring the office for an enrolment interview if you have a sibling starting in 2017.

Our next OPEN DAY will be Thursday 14 JULY 9.30-11.00am - Term 3 Week 1.
Come and have a school tour from our Student Leaders. Our community is best described by our students!!

Check out our new shop a docket!
Our community event of a dance and the P and C disco have combined. The children will dance in groups as follows and will start at 5pm in GPC:

Gummi Bear: PA 1/C2 M18 M13 1/2A
WakaWaka: M38 M3C 5/6A 5/6B M2C M3E

This will then be followed by a disco run by the P and C. See you there! Children are supervised by their parents/adults. Meal deals are available for $10 includes entry, sausage on bread and a popper or $6 entry only!!

Congratulations to Indra for her recent success at the Metropolitan Cross Country Trials. Indra now qualifies for the State Finals in Cross Country. Well done!

Leanne Duncan

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

Dianne Davis

A very big thank you to Dianne for travelling up from Melbourne to continue to support our Montessori teachers and program. Dianne has worked in classrooms with our teachers and students as well as with our community after school. It is great to hear the positive feedback from our teachers as they clarify and extend their knowledge and experience by working with Dianne.

ICAS

We have two ICAS tests next week. Tuesday 14 June is writing and Wednesday 15 June is spelling. Please make sure your child is at the library at 7:50am to allow us to get organised to begin the tests at 8am. Please note if your child is not able to attend at this time it is difficult to make it up during the day.

Interschool Sport

This Friday is the final round of interschool sport for this semester. If you have any comments or feedback on the interschool sport please email me so I can share with staff and P&C. This will help us to make decisions around sport for our school.

Celebrations of Learning

It is getting to that time of the term when students will be preparing to celebrate their learning with parents and carers. Please make sure you have the date and time for your child/children’s celebration of learning in your diary as this is a great opportunity to listen to your child share their learning journey, their successes and challenges and support them in the goals they are setting for their future learning.

3-6 sports day

Students from years 3-6 will participate in their sports day on Wednesday 22 June. It would be great to see parents come and cheer the kids on! This is a full day event and starts at 9am and concludes at 3pm. Students will rotate around each event in their age group.

Advanced music camp

We have a few students going to advanced music camp next week from Monday 13 June till Thursday 16 June at Ferny Hills State School. These camps are always such a fantastic opportunity for students to build and extend on the work they do in their instrumental lessons. Please note there will be no instrumental music lessons or ensemble next week due to the camp. The camp concludes with a concert at 6:30pm Thursday night at Ferny Grove State School Hall.

Cleaners Day

Next Tuesday 14 June is Cleaners Day and we would like to recognise the hard work our cleaners do and thank them for looking after our classrooms and school. Have a great fortnight.

Sue McIvor

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. 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.

Regards, Louise Barry (HOSES)

CURRICULUM CORNER

Every Day Counts

School absenteeism and being late can impact significantly on students’ learning. Research in Queensland shows higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

The mornings, in particular, are key learning times for students. This is the time where a great deal of our teachers at Grovely conduct reading groups in their classrooms. Therefore, if your child is regularly late, they may not be getting the best start and consolidation of knowledge that they may require.

At Grovely we regularly monitor student attendance and follow-up any unexplained absences. Our teachers also plan effective and engaging teaching strategies to engage all students in learning. If you are having difficulty in getting your student/s to school, then please contact the office to arrange an appointment with Leanne or Sue.

CHANGES TO THE Qkr APP

Qkr has come up with a new design and parent experience within the app that will be updated from Apple’s App Store or the Google Play store around the 16th of June. Your username and password will remain the same, as will any credit or debit cards already stored within Qkr, as well as your profile settings and those of your children. What will change significantly is the look and feel of the app, and the screens you will see in the process of using Qkr. See the images for examples of current Qkr screens on left, and how they will appear with the app refresh.

Home screen: Our school will appear at the top of the home screen for currently registered users, but note some new terms like “Discover” and “Activity” as Qkr is being used increasing by non-school merchants around the world, so the design has been modified to cater for users in a wide range of industry sectors.

Receipts will in future be stored under the “Activity” tab. Your old receipts will still be accessible from this area.

Product selection screen: This screen will now be more efficiently used to make scrolling through a large list of products easier.

Calendar Display: Same functionality is all there, just in a different layout. There is one feature we have always had but few people knew about, and that is the ability for busy parents to copy all of last week’s food orders to next week with the click of one button. This is made more visible in the new app with the words “Repeat Order”.

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.

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)
**LIBRARY NEWS**

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

I am delighted to invite all Grovely State School students to participate in the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge. As well as being fun, the challenge aims to boost children’s literacy skills by encouraging students to read widely for pleasure and learning, to develop their imagination, and to cultivate a passion for literature.

This year the Premier has challenged all students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 9 to read 15 books. Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The reading period closes Friday 26 August. Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier and all students receive a Certificate of Participation. For more information about the Premier’s Reading Challenge, please visit: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/

I am always looking for parent volunteers to assist with contacting and covering of books. Please drop in anytime Tuesday to Thursday 8:30am to 3:00pm if you would like to assist in covering our new book fair titles. Thursday morning after drop off is a popular time should you like to cover books with other parents over a cuppa. I will also set up a contacting station for parents to cover books during the school disco this Friday! Happy Reading

Kerri Walters (Teacher Aide in the Library)

Email: kwalt130@eq.edu.au

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**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**OUTSTANDING FEES**

Last week statements were sent home to families with outstanding school fees. These fees are now overdue and require immediate payment. Outstanding fees are for resources provided to the students and for which the school has made payment to suppliers. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns about your outstanding account.

Payment Options include: B Point, Cash or cheque, or credit card through school office. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.


Payment due Friday 10 June

Payment of $20 per student is due no later than Friday 10 June at 9.00am. A letter has been sent home this week along with an invoice.

Paying by B Point

This is a very simple and convenient method to pay an invoice. All the details are on your invoice/statement. Please note that if incorrect details are entered the payment is not allocated to the outstanding invoice. The student 11 digit EQ ID number is not to be used as the invoice number. The invoice number is always 4 digits and is clearly shown on the invoice of statement.

Payment Options include: B Point, Cash or cheque, or credit card through school office. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

Just a reminder that there are NO INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS, STRING ENSEMBLE OR BAND REHEARSAL next week due to Advanced Music Camp. Everything will be back to normal for the final week. Best of luck to all students attending.

Angela Batch & Matthew Cook

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**CHAPLAINS CHAT**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST – 15 June**

A pancake breakfast will be held on Wednesday 15 June from 8am under F block. Gold coin donation is appreciated. Funds raised will go towards supporting the Chaplaincy Program at Grovely State School.

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**UNIFORMS**

It’s that time of the year when we need to start pulling out the winter woollies! If you require second hand uniforms (track pants, jumpers etc), please come and see me in the Rainbow on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Cathy Longford

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**UNDER 8’s DAY – 17 June**

Come and join our junior students for Under 8’s Day on Friday 17 June from 9.15-10.45am in the Prep area. There will be many activities including painting, crown making, tattoos, cooking, games and an obstacle course. Each class requires parent volunteers to assist with setting up, manning and tidying away activities. Please see your child’s teacher if you are able to assist. We welcome supervised younger siblings.

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

School Banking is held each Wednesday during school term from 8.30-9am outside the Library. If you would like to open account, please collect an application form and you will receive a free money box.

Double Dollarmite Day: Wednesday 22 June (last week of term). Deposit $5 or more to receive a bonus token. To receive a bonus token we need to make 2 separate deposits. One will show on 22 June and the other on 23 June.

Orders: We have run out of Flying Snake Tail.

Renee Hayes

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**YMCA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS SCHOOL (OSHC)**

Please join us on Friday 17 June between 3-4pm for our YMCA Open Afternoon. Come along and see our beautiful room. Find out what we do at YMCA and have a chance to talk to one of our lovely staff about enrolling your child. We will be having a jumping castle for the kids and putting on an afternoon tea. Make sure you support the P&C and buy a coffee, tea or hot chocolate before coming over to see us.

**VACATION CARE**

School Holidays are not far away and we are open for Winter Holiday Club. We have some exciting theme days, activities and an excursion to Digi Roller Skating Rink. If you would like to book your child; whether it is casual or permanent; feel free to email me at AGF@ymcabrisbane.org or pop up to our YMCA room located in the Prep building upstairs. Remember it’s never too late to place your child/ren into our wonderful Before and After School Care Program. If you would like more information feel free to email me at AGF@ymcabrisbane.org or pop up to our YMCA room located in the Prep building upstairs.

Rochelle and the Team

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**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**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.**

09/06 – Tiny Little

16/06 – Movie and Popcorn

For more information, contact Meralda on 0401 012 615 or Chris on 0419 820 810.

**PURE TENNIS FERNY HILLS - FRENCH OPEN SPECIAL - Free Hotshots Come & Try Lessons available for new pupils aged 3 – 12yrs whilst the French Open is on! To Book simply contact us on 3851 0444**

**LIFELINE BRISBANE BOOKFEST is the largest 2nd hand book sale in Qld and the biggest fundraising event that supports the 24 hour Crisis Support Line 13 11 14. The event is held from 25 June to 3 July at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. For more information visit www.lifelinebookfest.com.au**

**WILDLIFE EMERGENCIES – 1300 264 625 / 1300 ANIMAL**

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