Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a very restful and relaxing time with your children over the Easter vacation. The new term has started well as we celebrate the success of a Community Gaming grant application of attracting $31,757.37 to purchase instruments for our music program. Congratulations to Scott Spence and all of those who made contributions to this application. Many students now and in the future will reap the rewards of this grant. Again thank you and congratulations to everyone who made this possible.

We ended the term well also. Our Easter Hat Parade on the last day was a very fitting end to a great term. Attended by a large number of parents and friends, our students performed their way through the morning and proudly presented their Easter hats. Congratulations to all staff and students with a special thank you to Mrs Rees for her leadership of the event.

Celebrations of Learning were also very well attended. Thank you to parents for supporting your children with this process. These are one of the most effective ways of your child sharing their work with you. Your attendance at these events is very important to your child and your time is appreciated.

We welcome a new staff member to our community, Mr Chris Bell. He will be working with students in our special education program.

Calendar
Included in today’s newsletter is our proposed term calendar. Please keep in mind that there are times when things need to be changed, but hopefully this will give you an idea of what to expect for the next ten weeks. Dates for Celebrations of Learning are not included on this calendar. These dates are arranged by class teachers and communicated through class newsletters.

Coming Up
Cross Country: The school’s Cross Country will be held on Monday 22 April commencing at 9.15am. Students are strongly encouraged to participate even if they feel they cannot run the full course… walking is fine! It is a team event and they earn a point for their house simply by participating. Generally the winning house is the one that has most students participate. Students are invited to wear their house colours. Parents are invited to come along and cheer their children on. The Preps will be first on the agenda and classes will then participate in year level order. Once their race has been finalised students will return to class and resume their learning program.

Next Wednesday, 24 April we gather again as a community to recognise Anzac Day. This is a very important date on our nation’s calendar. All parents are invited to attend but are asked to be seated by 2.15pm. This ceremony will replace our usual school assembly.

Our Craft Day is this Saturday 20 April from 2.00-10.00pm in GPAC. These days are very relaxing and just a lot of fun. It matters little if you are a seasoned scrapbooker, cardmaker, quilter, weaver or seamstress, or a novice in any craft. If you come along you can be assured of a really great day. A carer from our community who used to own a scrapbooking business will be coming along and selling a range of products at just above cost price. This could present as a great way to start scrapbooking or an opportunity to stock up on supplies. Adult tickets are $25 and children $10. This covers the cost of afternoon tea, dinner and supper….. and the food is great!!!!! It is not too late to book in! Simply speak with any of our admin staff on 3354 6333.

Vicki Baker
Principal

Congratulations
Over the holidays Mr Green and his lovely partner Evelyn, welcomed a new baby girl into their family. Baby Alexis and mum are doing well.

More great news…. Nicole Barron, our mainstream Prep teacher became engaged to partner Brendan over the holidays!

Value of the Week: VOW – I accept that others are different.
Habit of the Week: PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST – I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I say no to things that I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule and follow my plan. I am disciplined and organised.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Thank you
At our P&C meeting on Tuesday night, one of our dads, Vic Aurora very generously offered to supply sport shirts for students to wear at interschool sport on Friday afternoons. Undoubtedly this will engender a sense of pride and lift the spirits of children participating. This offer is very generous and so greatly appreciated. Thank you Vic!

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Welcome back we all hope you had a fantastic holiday! There are lots of things happening this term please make sure you use the calendar on our website to help you keep up to date.

U2B Project - A reminder for the Year 5 U2B students!!
Parents (of U2B project students) please ensure that your child is getting online to complete their homework each week. I sent a note home last term with how to access the Learning Place so that your year 5 student can complete their weekly tasks. I have set a goal for all of our 12 students to make sure they do their homework before next Monday. If they haven’t they will need to do it outside of school. I also provide opportunities for these students to use the school computers to access their homework. The times they can do this is 8.30am Monday mornings and 1.00pm Wednesday lunch times. If you are not sure how to access the Learning Place from home please email me so I can help you on smcix2@eq.edu.au

Cosmic Education
The fourth story in Cosmic Education is the story of language. This story follows the development of writing from primitive cultures to its role in today’s society. It begins with discussion of the Egyptians. It describes contributions of the Hebrews, Greeks and Romans. It involves the use of grammar materials to examine how language is put together.

Parent Learning Opportunities
We would like to invite parents to have an opportunity to interact with some of our students and the materials that we use to enhance learning at Grovely State School. On Friday 3 May from 2.00pm students from across the school will set up materials in the hall to share with parents. They will explain how the materials are used for their learning and show parents what they do with the materials. We hope you can join us for this event.

Reporting
This year reports will go out after the June/July holidays. Semester One is a 9 week term, which is shorter than normal. We need to ensure students have opportunities to engage in their learning before they are assessed for reporting purposes.
Sue McIvor - A/Deputy Principal – Curriculum

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2013
Lessons resume for term 2 with Mrs Hall on THURSDAY 2 MAY.
**Please note combined schools band will resume on Thursday 18 April at Mitchelton State High School**

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY - WED 24 APRIL
Our combined schools band with Mount Samson State School will be performing at the following schools on Wednesday 24 April. All welcome. All performing members please meet on WED 24 April at Mitchelton State High School J3 at 8.00am NOT at 8.45am as previously advised. Don’t forget your child will need their instrument, music, morning tea, lunch, hat, wear formal school uniform and bring their water bottle.
10.25am Mitchelton State High School Hall
12.30pm Mount Samson State School, Winn Road Mount Samson
2.15pm Grovely State School
Any queries regarding the day please don’t hesitate to contact Penny Hall.

FERNY GROVE CLUSTER ASSESSMENTS
We wish all of our string students all the very best who will be doing their Fenny Grove Cluster assessments on Tuesday 23 April. We also wish all the best to Chloe Norman, Madeleine Anderson and Andrew Thompson who will be doing their assessments on Monday 22 April.

DATE CLAIMERS
Tuesday 30 May and 4 June - Evening band performances for Mrs Hall’s students. Stay tuned for more information.

Viva la musical!
For all band queries please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au (Penny teaches at our school on Thursdays)
For all string queries please contact Terri Giesen at tgiens1@eq.edu.au (Terri teaches at our school on Tuesdays)

P&C NEWS

Mother’s Day Stall - Nicole Lewis is our Co-ordinator for this Fundraiser. 4-5 Helpers are required on Thursday 9 May from 9.00am to approx 1.00pm. Please contact Nicole via the office or myself.

Hi Tea Fundraiser - 1.30pm Saturday 1 June, $35pp. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. Please contact Julie Smith for tickets or further information on mobile 0422 961 963.

Uniform Shop is open every Thursday from 8.30-9.30am. EFTPOS is available.

Tuckshop operates on Thursday and Friday’s this term. Orders must be placed by 9.00am. Volunteers are required. Contact Sherine our Tuckshop Convenor on mobile 0412 980 113.

Calendar of Events
09/05  Mother’s Day Stall (note change of date)
21/05  P&C General meeting – 7.00pm
01/06  Hi Tea Afternoon Fundraiser

Please feel free to contact me at any time and email pandcpresident@grovelynss.eq.edu.au

Tammy Drake (President) Mobile 0418 711 021

CHAPLAINS CHAT

Spin Off Stationary Bike Challenge - Fundraising Event
Spin Off is an exciting stationary bike challenge where teams compete against each other see who can ride the most distance and raise the most money. Teams of 10 will ride over a 30 minute period and prizes will be awarded across multiple categories. I am looking for students from years 5, 6, & 7, parents, family members, staff or community members to join in the ride and to gather sponsorship for their efforts.
When: Saturday 18 May
Time: 9.00am – 3.00pm
Where: Sleeman Sports Complex, Chandler Theatre - assistance with transport is available
Why: To raise funds for Chaplaincy at Grovely State School.

Please contact me through the office or email me at clong66@eq.edu.au if you would like to be a part of this event or if you would like to financially sponsor someone in the event.

Mother’s Day Morning Tea
We are holding a Mothers’ Day Morning Tea for all our Mums, Grandmas or significant female role models. It will be held on Friday 10 of May at 10.00am in GPAC. There will be a guest speaker, some great food and lucky door prizes. Best of all your children will be able to join you at 11.00am with their own morning tea. We would love to see you there.

Volunteer Training
On Wednesday 8 May at 9.00am we will be holding a volunteers training morning. It is a requirement of all volunteers in our school to attend one of these mornings. We would also like those who have previously done the training in other years to come for a refresher.

Second Hand Jumpers
As the weather starts to get cooler and jumpers/tracksuits are needed I may be able to assist with second hand items. Please contact me and I will see if I can help you with the correct size for your child. Email clong66@eq.edu.au, Cathy Longford (Chaplain)

FREE WORKSHOP
“HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD’S READING” WORKSHOP
Education starts at home and parents and families are their children’s first teachers. With this in mind, the free Parent Ready Readers training program provides parents and carers of children in Prep to Year 3 with some key strategies to use at home to support their child’s reading and to develop a love of books prior to developing their reading abilities. The training runs for approximately 90 minutes and consists of four modules:
• What is literacy?
• Understanding the reading process
• Stages of reading
• Listening to your child read and reading to your child

Participants receive a Parent Ready Readers booklet with training notes, reading activities and additional resources, which will help to build a lifelong love of reading.

Session times for 2013 - you may attend any venue that is convenient to you.
Monday 29 April 9.30–11.00am Albany Creek State School
Tuesday 18 June 9.30–11.00am Belmont State School
Friday 19 July 9.30–11.00am West End State School
Thursday 8 August 9.30–11.00am Newmarket State School
Wednesday 16 October 9.30–11.00am Warrigal Road State School
(Eight Mile Plains)

Come along and find out how you can help your child enjoy reading!

Children are welcome to attend with their Parents/Caregivers

To reserve a place please email sharlene.emanuel@dete.qld.gov.au
CRAFT DAY — SATURDAY 20 APRIL will be held from 2.00pm – 10.00pm. Come and enjoy an amazing fun filled day to work on craft projects you may want to complete. We welcome beginners to experts and ask that you bring your own equipment/supplies to use during the day. Ticket prices of $25 per adult and $10 per child is great value and includes Afternoon Tea, Dinner and Supper. Be in the draw to win our LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: A Sterling Silver Pendant and Earring Set with Swarovski Zirconia. Tickets can be purchased on the day. Phone the Office on 3354 6333 or 0418 183 673 to reserve your seat.

CROSS COUNTRY
Cross Country will be held on Monday 22 April, event times are listed below:
9.15am Prep and Year 1
9.30am Year 2 & 3
9.50am Year 4 (9 yrs must run for age champion) & Year 5 (u10’s must run this race to go to districts)
10.15am Year 6 & 7 (u11’s, u12’s & u13’s must run this race to go to districts)

Maximum participation is encouraged. Parents, relatives and friends are welcome to come along and show their support from the oval embankment (bring a chair or picnic rug). Please ensure your child brings a water bottle, hat and sunscreen to school on the day.

GROVELY GROWERS NEWS
Firstly, many thanks to the families who helped out over the school holidays with an impromptu working bee. The veg patch is looking much tidier. The garden will be open Friday mornings for volunteers from drop off until lunch time. Novices and experienced gardeners are all welcome! Lastly, donations of vege and flower seeds are always appreciated. Please drop them at the office. Donations of gardening tools and material are also welcome – contact Maria on 0417 005 113.

GROVELY GROWERS GARDEN AUTUMN WORKING BEE
The Grovely Growers Garden Autumn Working Bee will be held on Saturday 27 April from 9.00am-4.00pm. Bring your friends and family along, morning/afternoon or both! Big Tasks: • Rediscovering the frog pond • Establishing a sensory garden • Weeding and mulching
Do you have any of the skills listed below? Materials provided, please RSVP:
• Building – for constructing signboards
• Composting – experience welcomed • Plumbing – to fix our sink There will be fun tasks for the kids too! Please bring along garden gear and a picnic lunch. Lemonade and snacks provided. Contact Tall 3855 5676 / 0432 924 279 or Maria 0417 005 113.

SCHOOL BANKING
Welcome to Term 2 bankers! It’s never too late to sign up for school banking – in fact there are some amazing prizes this term. If you make just 3 deposits this term you will automatically be entered into the draw to win a $5000 holiday plus there are heaps of other prizes to be won. If you don’t bank already then come and grab a pack from the office or see us outside the staffroom on Thursday morning before school. Start great habits early and be a regular banker!

MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY
Mitchelton SHS is holding an Open Day on Wednesday 8 May from 2.00pm-6.00pm. Come and have a look, take a tour of the school, meet the friendly staff and grab an enrolment pack and enjoy a FREE sausage sizzle. You may also book enrolment interviews for 2014 on the day. For more information call 3550 1111 Email admin@mitcheltonshs.eq.edu.au or go to www.mitcheltonshs.eq.edu.au

FERN GROVE GROHS TWILIGHT EXPO/OPEN DAY
The Ferny Grove State High School Twilight Expo/Open Day will be held on Wednesday 8 May from 3.30-7.00pm. The Expo is an opportunity for prospective parents and students to experience the many opportunities offered by the school through forums, interactive lessons and demonstrations by all departments. School executive members will be holding forums for prospective Year 8 students and parents on all aspects of school life, as well as outlining school policies and procedures. The Expo is the best opportunity for parents of Year 7 students to make bookings for enrolment for Year 8 2014. Enrolment interviews will take place the following week from 13-16 May, and are an essential part of the enrolment process. Included in the Expo program will be information forums on Years 7s joining high school in 2015. For further information, contact the school on 3550 5777, email info@ferngrovehs.eq.edu.au, or visit our website www.ferngrovehs.eq.edu.au or “like” us on facebook www.facebook.com/FernyGroveSHS

RECEIPTING OF MONIES
Payments now Due
Student Resource Scheme $70.00
Religious Education $3.00
Montessori Program Payments outstanding amount
Instrumental Music Program $100.00 (own instrument) or $180.00 (school instrument)

Payments can be made by cash, cheque or credit card.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM
From Monday 8 April when parents and staff shop at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Points Sheet. There will be one point for every $10.00 spent (excludes liquor, tobacco and gift cards). The program closes on 9 June so make sure you collect your points if shopping at Woolworths and help Grovely State School earn some wonderful educational resources for free!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
CONNECTION TO ELDERS MORNING TEA will be held on Friday 19 April at St Williams Doley Centre. Indigenous Elders will be speaking about local history. All welcome.

HOPE CARNIVAL - FREE FAMILY EVENT will be held on Sunday 21 April featuring one of Australia’s top kids performers, Natalie Miller, Australia’s Got Talent Finalist, Mark Louwenders and the Grovely State School Choir! PLUS FREE jumping castle, pony rides, live band, glitter tattoos, sausage sizzle AND great coffee, fairy floss and snow cones for sale. GPAC Doors Open 9.15am, Meeting 9.30am – 11.00am, Carnival, from 11.00am.

WESTERN HILLS YOUTH (WHY) is a Catholic youth group which services the communities of Mitchelton, Keperra and Samford. Western Hills Youth runs Youth nights (Friday nights during school term, Grade 7 upwards) and YMasses (every fourth Sunday), featuring the YBand. Upcoming Events:
Friday 26 April
YMight – 6.45pm, 67 Dawson Parade, Keperra, St William’s Doley Centre:
Sunday 28 April
YMass – 5.30pm, 67 Dawson Parade, Keperra
Stay up to date online:
www.westernhillsyouthau.wordpress.com
www.facebook.com/westernhillsyouthgroup

TRIPLE P (POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM) is being offered to parents and carers of children aged 11-16 years. It will give you tips on:
• Promoting your teenager’s development
• Providing a home environment that guides and supports teenagers
• Finding ways to deal with conflict when the views and wishes of parents and teenagers differ
• Developing your own approach to dealing with your teenager’s behaviour
• Meeting the challenge of raising teens

When: 6-8pm Mondays 25 April-27 May 2013 (5 week program)
Where: The Exchange, Shop 1, Blamey St, Kelvin Grove Urban Village
Cost: $35.00 for 5 week program & workbook (free for concession card holders)
Register by contacting Heidi: heidi@communify.org.au or phone 0448 441 299.

TRIPLE P (POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM) Trouble parenting your 2-9 year old child? Parenting now comes with a brief online instruction manual! Researchers from the University of Queensland are offering FREE access to a brief online parenting program for 200 families as part of a research study. The newly developed program is based on the Triple P Positive Parenting Program and offers simple solutions to common parenting problems like disobedience and aggression. If you are concerned about the behaviour of your 2-9 year old go to https://exp psy.uq.edu.au/solutions for more information, email TriplePSolutions@psy.uq.edu.au or contact the project coordinator on (07) 3365 8870.

THE SUCCESS 4 KIDS PARENT WORKSHOP will be conducted at the Enoggera Parent Education Centre on Thursday 2 May from 9.30am to midday. The workshop offers parents information about how children learn and how parents can assist their children to achieve in their primary school years. Please contact the Centre on 3355 9202 to express your interest in participating in this single session workshop. The number of participants will be limited so attendance will be based on order of registration. Child care will not be available on the day. Morning tea will be provided.

RSPCA MILLION PAWS WALK will be held on Sunday 19 May at various locations across Qld. Help to raise vital funds for neglected, homeless and mistreated dogs in Qld. Sign up as a Fundraising Superstar and help give these dogs a second chance. Register on-line today or call 3426 9943 or check out the RSPCA website.

ANIMAL EMERGENCIES
Acts of cruelty or neglect - RSPCA Inspectorate 3426 9971 or 1300 852 188, D_PI call centre 3289 3111 or your local police station.
Sick or injured stray animals - RSPCA Animal Ambulance 3426 9971 or 1300 852 188.
Wildlife Emergencies – 1300 264 625, 24 Hour Call Centre – 3426 9999