Welcome back Mrs Barry…. You were missed!

Last Friday a lockdown was instigated in response to a phone call from the police stating that a 000 call had come from the school. This measure was taken to immediately ascertain the safety of students and staff. A police officer arrived at the school as the lockdown was in progress. The 000 phone call was a prank and the student that made the call was found very quickly.

Following the lockdown our concern was for all the children and how they were feeling. They were all spoken to by either myself or their teachers prior to going home and assured there was nothing to be concerned about. With the support of our adopt-a-cop Constable Luke, we’ve maximised this situation as a learning opportunity by speaking to all students in years 3-7 to highlight the impact and consequences of such irresponsible behaviour as well as the critical role that the Emergency Services accessed through Triple Zero plays in keeping everyone in our community safe. Reinforcing this message at home with the need to use 000 only in emergencies is encouraged. There is an interactive Triple Zero website that I would like to recommend to you that has lots of information and resources for parents and children. I’ve also congratulated staff and students for the manner in which they responded to the lockdown. Lockdowns are practised as a safety precaution on a regular basis. The police officer from Ferny Grove was extremely impressed by the school’s processes.

Much to celebrate!

Thank you to the strong contingent of students that represented the school and paid tribute to the sacrifice of those who’ve served and continue to serve our country at the ANZAC Day march at Gaythorne RSL. All year levels were represented including many students in Prep. A special thank you also to our newly elected P&C President, Scott Fineran for marching with us.

Our school ANZAC Day ceremony, presented by our school captains, was again just brilliant. Our guest speakers, past servicemen Mr Shaun Hanson, Mr Tom Hamilton and the Hon. Dale Shutteworth were deeply moved by the ceremony as well as the behaviour and response of our young people. The respect and appreciation of the solemnity of the occasion was evident. My sincere thanks to our special guests. Mr Hanson a grandfather of children in our community, has now spoken on three occasions. This year he spoke about the significant role played by our Indigenous people as well as what it was like for him as a young boy living in a time of war. Mr Hamilton spoke about his mum and the hardships she endured as her father, her husband and her sons all went off to war. The time, insights and words of wisdom of our speakers is appreciated as much as their service to our country.

Our Cross Country was a huge success with outstanding student participation and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all participants…… to those who just got in and gave their best shot knowing they were not contenders for places and coveted ribbons as well as those very talented young people who were. On the day we again experienced many acts of courage as students simply got in and gave their best.…… It’s the Grovely Way!!!! All the best to those going on to represent the school at District Cross Country on Monday. Thank you to Mrs I for her organisation….. this was her very first carnival in our school and she did a brilliant job. Thanks also to our staff and senior students for supporting our little ones as well as those parents that came and cheered our students on. A great time was had by all.

We are hosting our Mothers’ Day afternoon tea this Friday at 2pm in GPAC. We are hoping that all of our mums can come along and enjoy a cuppa, a bite to eat and spend just a little time being spoilt and appreciated for the great work they do.

NAPLAN takes place next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Parents are asked to support their children by ensuring they have a good night’s sleep, a healthy breakfast topped with lots of encouragement and assurance. Staff have been working to prepare students and demystify the process to give students confidence in their abilities to approach NAPLAN confidently and enthusiastically.

P&C Meetings are now held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the school’s staffroom commencing at 7pm. Our next meeting is Tuesday 13 May. Hope to see you there.

Reminder: Jewellery, including any form of wrist/ankle band is not part of our school uniform and should not be worn to school. Students are permitted to wear plain sleepers or studs, signet rings, a watch or necklaces of religious or medical significance only. Please support your children with this.

Vicki Baker
Principal

A mother holds your hand for a while and your heart forever
CROSS COUNTRY

The Grovely SS Cross Country was an exciting and fun event on Tuesday 29 April. It was awesome to see so many students participating, trying their best and enjoying themselves. Thank you to all parents who came to watch and support the students. The overall house results were Madsen in 1st place with 718 points, Dawson 2nd with 646 points and Patrick 3rd with 637 points. Thank you to all staff, parents, house captains and Year 6/7 students who assisted on the day. Below is a list of first place results from the GSS Cross Country.

Twenty one students have been selected to represent GSS at the NW District Cross Country on Monday 12 May. Good luck to all of the students competing next week at District level.

Anna Ittensohn – PE Teacher

Results - 1st Place

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YMCA OSHC

At Grovely OSHC we are heading into the jungle. Come with us on a safari adventure and explore all the sights of Africa. We love our new giraffe entrance. Come visit us ...if you dare!

LIBRARY NEWS

May is National Family Reading month! A great way you can find new exciting books to read will be at this year’s Book Fair.

Tuesday 27 May will be our Walk like an Egyptian Day. Prizes will be given to the student with the best costume! Who is going to guess how many pieces of toilet paper it took to wrap up our teddy bear mummy? The library will be transformed into a “Reading Oasis”, into a cool place where you can find hot books! Whether you are looking for chapter books, picture books for early readers or information books, you will be able to find something that you love. There will be stationary and posters as well with prices starting from $11! The average price of a book is around $10. All purchases benefit our school!

Book Fair will be open
Monday 26 May 8am – 4.00pm
Tuesday 27 May 8am – 4.30pm
Wednesday 28 May 8am – 4.00pm

GROVELY GROWERS GARDEN

This week several of our classes toured the garden and the students are getting familiar with the various plants and fruit trees growing there. Hopefully more classes will utilize this fabulous resource during the term and get involved with planting and harvesting some delicious produce.

CRAFT DAY – 17 MAY

Our Craft Day will be held on Saturday 17 May from 2pm-10pm. Come along 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.

Tickets prices of $25 per Adult and $10 per Child is great value and includes entry into the Lucky Door Prize, Afternoon Tea, Dinner and Supper. To reserve your seat please phone the Office on 3354 6333 or tickets can be purchased on the day.

RED CROSS FAMILY SUPPORT DROP IN

Tracey (Australian Red Cross Family Support Program) and Cathy (Chaplain) have collocated into B Block under the music room.

Tracey can support you and your family by:
- someone to talk to
- one off issues
- referrals
- parenting advice
- linking with other parents via parent meetings
- linking with community
- child development
- local activities
- workshops of any interest/topics
- volunteering, children’s behaviour
- self-help.

Please feel free to drop in or make an appointment Tuesday to Friday 9.00am-3.30pm or phone 3855 0166 / 0448 352 536.

P&C

Next Tuesday night 13 May at 7.00pm will be our next P&C monthly meeting. It would be great to see more people become involved and come along with ideas on how we can improve our school.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing committee members Kerry Dooley and Annette Norman for their hard work and a special thank you to Tammy Drake, who has now stepped down as president of the P&C but remains on the committee as Vice President, for her continued hard work and support to the new committee members.

Please come along next Tuesday night as the new committee would be grateful for any support and ideas to help improve our school. Scott Fineran – P&C President

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

ADVANCED MUSIC CAMP - 16 - 20 JUNE

Information has been sent home to successful string students about the advanced music camp. Please make sure all monies and medical forms are received at our school office by FRIDAY 16 MAY

QUEENSLAND WIND AND BRASS CONCERT BAND PERFORMANCE - SAT 10 MAY

Mrs Hall performs with Queensland Wind and Brass Concert Band conducted by Mr Bevan Messenger. They are performing a concert on Saturday 10 May as part of the 4MBS classic series. If you are interested in attending these are the details:

‘Once Upon a time’ - the band will perform works about fantasies and legends including:
- Lord of the Rings
- Don Quixote
- Jurassic Park
- Also Sprach Zarathustra

Concert time? 7.30 pm
Venue? Old Museum, Gregory Tce, Bowen Hills
Ticket prices?
- Adults $20.00
- Concession $15.00
- Children’s tickets are FREE

Tickets are available at the door or through 4MBS ph: 3847 1717

For any string queries please contact Mrs Angela Batch at ahbat0@eq.edu.au
For any band queries please contact Mrs Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au
CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 2

MAY
9 Mothers’ Day Stall
12 District Cross Country – Teralba Park
13 P&C Meeting – 7pm Staffroom
13-15 NAPLAN
14 Assembly
16 Payment due for Advanced Music Camp
17 Craft Day
20 ICAS Computer Test
26 National Sorry Day – Teralba Park 7am
26-28 Book Fair
28 Assembly
28-30 Year 5-7 Camp
30 Under 8’s Day
30 “Little Blossoms” Playgroup launch

JUNE
4 ICAS Science Test
9 Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
10 P&C Meeting – 7pm Staffroom
10-11 Joffa Toon School
16-20 Advanced Music Camp
16 ICAS Writing Test
17 ICAS Spelling Test
21 P&C High Tea
23 Year 3-7 Sports Day
24 Prep-Year 2 Sports Day
25 Assembly
25 Fête de la Musique (Choir)
27 End of Term 2 – Winter Vacation

CRAFT DAY
Saturday 17 May
2-10pm @ GPAC
$25 adult / $10 child

UNDER 8’S DAY
When: Friday 30 May 2014
Where: Prep Playground
Time: 9am – 11am

Students are requested to bring a labelled plastic bag on the day and hand it to their class teacher. Students will return to their classroom at 11am, to resume the school day as normal.

Activities include painting, obstacle course, games and much more.

Each class requires two 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.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE is a 3 session program to help manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old. Held at the Positive Learning Centre, 83 Gilston Street, Kepperra on 28/05, 04/06 & 11/06/14 from 6.00-8.30pm for a cost of $15.00. To register please contact Leigh Inglis via email ling1@eq.edu.au or call 3354 2022 during school hours.

KIDSMAST DEPLOYMENT is a four week program for primary aged kids to help them manage deployment and parental absence. DCO Brisbane is conducting workshops that will assist children to learn how to manage change, and how to stay connected with their absent parent. For information or to register please call 3354 0500.

JUST FOR KIDS (JKF) is held each Thursday afternoon during school term from 3.30-5.00pm for primary school kids at Grovely Christian Church, 38 Woking St Mitchelton (just of Casey St, opposite the school on Dawson Parade). Each week will have a theme with fun, food and activities. For more information contact Meralda Livermore on 0401 012 615.

8 May – Make things (Mothers’ Day)

10 May – Into the sky

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

FINANCE NEWS

PAYMENT DUE DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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Di Lowe - Business Services Manager

FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

PLAYGROUP AT GROVELY - LITTLE BLOOMS!!

We are very excited to announce that Grovely will host a playgroup on a Friday morning 9.15-11.15am in the room between ASC and M1B in the prep area. We will launch our first playgroup on the Friday 30 May to coincide with our Under 8’s Day celebrations. If you would like to register early, forms may be collected from and returned to the office. Grovely has registered through Playgroup Queensland and will run under the guidelines and insurance policies from them. A small donation will be asked for to cover the cost of any consumables only. The program will be centred on the child being the core of everything we do and based on our schools culture and pathways. Some beginning information:

Aims of the Programme (Parents/Guardians)
. To foster positive and quality relationships between parents and their child/children.
. To provide parents/guardians with support, as well as access to networks within the local community.
. The chance for parents to access ideas/activities which aim to assist with early childhood development.
. Increased knowledge about Grovely State School and the various pathways for educational success.
. An opportunity for parents to form lifelong friendships to assist with parenting, early childhood education and the transition to formal schooling.

Aims of the Programme (Children)
Support the developmental needs of children, including fine and gross motor skills. Building the foundations for early pre-reading and pre-writing skills.
. Foster school-readiness and the transition from home/day-care/kindy to the formal school environment.
. Providing opportunities for positive interactions between other children, parents and education staff.

We are looking forward to this opportunity to broaden our community once again. If you have any queries or questions please don’t hesitate to ring Leanne Duncan or email me on ldunc17@eq.edu.au.

NAPLAN

Next week is that week in May when our year 3, 5 and 7 students sit their NAPLAN tests along with all the other 3, 5 and 7 students in the country! All the best to all the students participating. We make sure that students are familiar with the format of the tests and the test conditions so that they are comfortable with what happens during these days. We like to ensure that students understand that this is part of their schooling and it is a life skill to be able to successfully interact in test situations.

REPORTING

All students receive their first term report at the end of this semester. It is very important that teachers and parents communicate about student achievement and we encourage that teachers keep our parents well informed about how their child is going. Your child’s report should be a formality with no surprises for you!

ICAS

REMINDER: ICAS computer test is on 20 May in the ST:LaN room which is located in A block – entrance through the middle gate.