CHANGE TO ASSEMBLY TIME

As GPAC is required all day Wednesday to set up for the Art Show on Thursday, the final Assembly for Term 3 will take place this Wednesday morning from 9.00 to 9.30am.

Art show

An extraordinary amount of work has gone into making this Thursdays Grovely State School Art Show a great success. The children are very proud of what they have achieved. Please come along and support this great community event.

Swimming pool

The solar heating system at the pool is not functioning. It is old and leaking and proving to be difficult and expensive to fix. We are trying to find a short term solution (patching it) while looking at long term options (replacing it). However at this stage it looks as though swimming will not commence until Week 4 or Week 5 of Term 4 when the weather and the water warm up. Healthstream Swim School will also not commence their program at the Grovely Pool until this time. Updates on this situation will be through the newsletter or through Classroom Reps. Mrs Ittensohn will continue to teach PE lessons over these weeks, developing student’s knowledge and skills until the pool is useable.

Resilience

Over the last two weeks of the term we have been looking at resilience - what is it and how do we do it. Being resilient does not mean never becoming upset, hurt or disappointed. Resilience is about our ability to cope with the things life throws at us so that we can live full, happy and productive lives. Developing a range of strategies can help everyone to deal with just about anything. Some of them are about how we choose to think about a situation, some are about what we choose to do or say. Keep an eye out for a brochure coming home which looks at a number of strategies we can use to help our children develop their resilience.

Bullying and cyber bullying

Bullying is undoubtedly a problem in our society. Wherever there are groups of people there is the potential for bullying. Bullying is different to not getting along with someone. Not getting along is about people of equal social power or status not being able to agree about something, each believing that they are right. A commonly accepted way of knowing whether something is bullying or not is to ask these three questions.
- Is it intended to hurt a person, either physically or emotionally?
- Does it create a power relationship where a person or a group of people make an individual or group feel powerless to deal with the hurt?
- Is it repeated?
If the answer to these three questions is yes, it is bullying. The Bullying No Way! website has a wealth of useful material for parents, students and schools. By raising awareness of the issues involved, we can help students to understand these behaviours and deal with them appropriately.

The internet has added a whole new dimension to the problem of bullying. Do you know what your children are doing on line? cybersmart.gov.au is a website that again provides a wealth of information about what it is and what to do. In Term 4 we will be working with students around these issues. We will value your support. See you at the Art show! Have a safe and happy holiday ready to return on Tuesday 7 October.

Cheers
Buffy Lavery
**Independent Public Schools: Vicki Baker**

Interest in making an application to become an Independent Public School was supported quite strongly by stakeholders able to be part of the community consultation process. However, given that I have not been part of the school community throughout the term, I had reservations about having consulted broadly enough to meet the requirements of the process. I have therefore made the decision not to make an application at this point. Nothing has been lost... the conversation has begun and it has been made abundantly clear, that support from stakeholders within the community is strong. This may be something that will be considered again in 2015. To all who engaged in the process..... Thank you.

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FROM THE DEPUTYS DESK

**ICAS**

For those students who participated in the spelling and writing ICAS tests – Congratulations! Certificates were sent home today.

**LAPATHON**

The students put in an enthusiastic effort at the annual Lapathon last week! It was a lovely morning and thanks to all involved in the organisation of this for our kids!

**JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY**

We are currently planning the next Journey of Discovery for early in term 4. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to experience Montessori within the learning environment. Feedback from people who participated last term recommended every Montessori parent attend this experience. The dates for the term 4 Journey of Discovery will be Friday 17 October & Sat 18 October. Attendance at both these times is essential. Further information will come out next week so you can register your interest.

Have a happy and safe holiday period!

Sue McIvor & Leanne Duncan

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**CHAPLAINS CHAT**

**Hot Dog Meal Deal Day – Wednesday 17 September**

Order forms and information were sent home last week with every student. Cost of the meal deal is $5.00 and includes a hot dog, poppa drink and ice block. Orders and money must be forwarded to the office by 11 September. Please support this event and help raise funds for the Chaplaincy Program at Grovely State School.

**Fathers’ Day Breakfast**

Thank you to all who attended our Fathers’ Day Breakfast last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many of our Dads, Grandads and significant males spend the morning with their children, eating and playing games. Thank you to the staff, P&C, Emma Hain, Steve (Groundsman), Chaplaincy Committee, Miss Leighton, YWAM (Youth With A Mission staff), students, Tim Mander and Dale Shuttleworth’s office for the raffle prize donation. Their help and support was greatly appreciated and the morning would not have run as smoothly without it. A total of $800 was raised and will go towards the Chaplaincy Program.

**Scripture Union Holiday Camps**

The spring camp available for our region is called Hills to Hinterland and is being run again this year from 29 Sept - 3 October. This camp is open to students from years 5 - 7 from Brisbane North schools. For more information please contact me or log onto www.sucamps.org.au, or email info@sucamps.org.au.

Cathy Longford

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**P&C**

**THANK YOU** to Renee Hayes and Mel Pronk for volunteering their time at the Coffee Shop in GPAC. Both ladies have now left the Grovely SS community. Renee was also a regular and reliable volunteer in the Tuckshop and we also wish to acknowledge her contribution in assisting our Convenor each week. A big thank you to all of the people who helped out with the Lap-a-thon last week. We will be conducting a final tally on Wednesday and prizes for fund raisers will be handed out at assembly on 17 September. I also need to thank Nicole Lewis and all of her helpers for a successful Fathers’ Day stall. The kids seemed to have a fun time shopping and we raised some money for the school.

We will be running a **TWILIGHT MARKET** on 11 October and would be grateful for any volunteers to help on the day or ideas to raise funds and make it a fun day. Thanks to Lisa Pomeroy’s hard work we now have a P&C web site up and running www.grovelyschool.com.au . It is only new however there will be information about events such as the markets and other P&C activities such as the tuckshop, swimming club and community garden updated on here in the next few weeks and into the future. From this P&C website there is a link to the Twilight Market site. It can be found at www.Markets.grovelyschool.com.au . Check out our websites or go to our facebook page grovely markets and LIKE our events page.

Scott Fineran (President)

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**MADSEN STREET BUS STOP**

Parents are reminded that this area is not to be used as a drop-off or pick-up zone for children outside of the permitted hours. To ensure the safety of everyone, please adhere to the signage at all times.

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

Instrumental music band testing for years 3s and 4s for 2015 will be happening in week 2 of term 4. Our information night about our instrumental music program for strings and band will be held on Wednesday 5 November at 6.30pm at Samford State School. Initial information about the program has been sent home to parents in years 2 – 4 and some initial testing has started to take place.

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**TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEER ROSTER**

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**COMMUNITY COFFEE BAKING ROSTER**

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**YMCA GROVELY OSHC**

There are still spaces free for vacation care, but book in quick because they are filling up fast! As always, we welcome any donations of craft materials, stationery, boxes, Lego, DVD’s etc. If you are having a spring clean please come and see us- you will be surprised at the things we can find useful! Also, we are very interested in becoming more involved in the community. If you have any ideas or are involved in any professions that may be beneficial to our children, please do not hesitate to contact us on 3855 9997 or come visit us in the YMCA room!

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**SCHOOL RESUMES FOR TERM 4**

**Tuesday 7 October**

Have a great Spring Break!
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SEPT**
- 17: FREE Stress Management & Self Care Workshop
- 17: Hot Dog Meal Deal Day
- 18: Assembly 9.00am
- 18: Art Show/Auction

**OCT**
- 19: End of Term 3 – Spring Vacation
- 2: Red Cross Family Fun Day
- 6: Public Holiday
- 7: School Resumes for Term 4
- 11: Twilight Market
- 15: Assembly
- 17-18: Journey of Discovery
- 29: Assembly

**NOV**
- 5: Instrumental Music Program Info Night-Samford SS
- 14: Public Holiday (G20)

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**ART SHOW & AUCTION**

On Thursday 18 September you are invited to an Art Show and Auction in GPAC. Come and see the talented artists of Grovely State School, purchase your child’s artwork or bid in our silent auction. All monies raised will go towards the year 6 & 7 graduation and a gift legacy for Grovely State School. Sausage sizzle and drinks available from 5pm, Art Show and Auction commences at 6.00pm. Parents are responsible for children supervision at all times.

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**RED CROSS NEWS**

**FREE - STRESS MANAGEMENT AND SELF-CARE WORKSHOP**

**Date:** 17 September  
**Time:** 9.15am-11.30am  
**Venue:** GPAC Marshalling Room @ Grovely School  
**Morning Tea will be supplied**

This is a practical workshop that will explain about stress and its effects. Included will be ways we identify the stressors and learn simple but effective ways we can help manage it. The facilitator is Angelica Bussa a University Student on placement with Australian Red Cross with Tracey. If you would like to find out more information or RSVP please contact Tracey on 0448 352 536 or 3855 0166

**FAMILY FUN DAY** will be held in the school holidays on Thursday 2 October from 10am-2pm at Teralba Park Mitchelton. Join us for fun, children’s activities and a sausage sizzle. Meet local service providers and businesses. All welcome!

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**LITTLE BLOSSOMS PLAYGROUP**

You are invited to attend Little Blossoms Playgroup!  
**When:** Every Friday 9.15am-11.15am  
**Where:** Upstairs E Block  
**Age Group:** Birth - 5 Years  
**Cost:** $5 per session  
**Playgroup Facilitator:** Nicole Baron - (Bachelor of Education, Specialising in Early Childhood Education)

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**ASSEMBLY**

**Wednesday 17 September**  
**9.00-9.30am**  
**@ GPAC**

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**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**HEALTHSTREAM QUT SWIM ACADEMY OPEN DAYS –** Come and meet the team at our “Carnival” themed Learn to Swim Open Days on the oval and pool at:  
- Zillmere State School – 13 September 12-2 pm  
- Enoggera State School – 14 September from 12-2pm

The weekend will include a jumping castle, face painting, clowns and circus games as well as FREE learn to swim lessons and other giveaways. For more information please call 3236 9059 or email learntoswim@chm.com.au

**WOMEN’S BREAKFAST** with Sharon Grayson (Parenting Coach and author of “Are we there yet?”) is being held on Saturday 18 October at the Keperra Baptist Church, 980 Samford Road. Cost is $10, to register phone 3355 7639 or email office@keperrabaptistchurch.org.au

**FERNY GROVE SHS UNIFORM FIT-OUT TIMES** for students in year 7 & 8, 2015 are now available. Contact Melissa via email at uniforms@fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au to make an appointment or call the school for more information.

**JUST FOR KIDS (JFK)** is held each Thursday afternoon 3.30 – 5.00pm at the Patrick's Road State School Hall for children in grades 4-7. Afternoon tea is provided, entry by gold coin donation. For more information contact Ashely Tait from That Church on 0423 549 704 or Ashley@nwcc.org.au

**MITCHELTON PRE-SCHOOLING CENTRE OPEN DAY** will be held on Saturday 13 September from 9.30-11.30am at 29 Kidron Avenue Mitchelton. For further information please call 3355 2535 or check out their website www.mpc.net.au

**C&K ARANA HILLS KINDERGARTEN** are currently offering positions at Kindergarten for 2015. For more information please contact Joanne Sorensen or Sara Wenck (Co Directors/Teachers Groups 1&2) on 3355 9160, fax: 3355 7639 or email arana@candk.asn.au

**FERNY DISTRICTS CRICKET CLUB MILO in2CRICKET JUNIOR PROGRAM** is an introductory Cricket Program for girls and boys aged 5 and up. Program commences on Saturdays- 11 October 2014 onwards from 8:45am-10:00am at 20 Tramway Street, Fenny Grove for a cost of $80. For more information please contact Andrew Middleton 0421 583 241.

**SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE** is once again seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in February 2015 for a stay of one term, one semester or two semesters. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceast@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

**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