Principal’s Page

With only 3 weeks to go we have certainly one of the busier weeks of the term! 96.5 FM visit last week was a wonderful community event for us all. The morning was enjoyed by all with the landing and taking off of the helicopter possibly the highlight! The 4-6’s asked the most inquisitive questions – one being to present a segment of the weather on the spot! The students interacted delightfully. Naina and Taliesin read the Remembrance day poem superbly. They should be proud of their efforts. I am hoping it will be something the students remember in years to come.

A message from them to you - 96five’s Family Show with Liam, Robbie and the rest of the radio family would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents, students, teachers and staff who braved the early start to come down and hang out at their live broadcast last week! It was a great morning filled with fun and excitement and we enjoyed every minute of our time with you!

6 way meet
Congratulations to the students who swam. The students said they had a lot of fun and it was great to see them enjoy the event!

Reporting
It is this time of the year that Reporting is being finalised. There should be NO surprises in your child’s report card, so ensure that if you have any concerns you have talked to your child’s class teacher. Focussing on the effort mark and improvement with students is very important as this can be added reflection of their character. Their effort can reflect persistence and work ethic, just as their improvement may mean different things for different students. Celebrate the successes! Reports will be sent home in the last week of school. In recent years we have had requests from individual parents for the Distribution of Achievement report. There are many schools who include this in their report card at the time of printing. As additional information we will include this in this year’s report cards as individual requests have increased.

Volunteer Morning Tea
This is on in GPAC on Thursday 3 December and is our opportunity to thank those of you that help out in our school community. Whatever the contribution is, time is a valuable commodity and we absolutely appreciate it. We would love to say Thank you!

Celebrations of Learning
You should know by now when the celebration of learning is for your class. I love this time of year and attending as many of these as I can to celebrate and reflect with students on their learning and goals. I look forward to seeing you there!

Staffing
As class configurations are in draft stage, it is this time of the year where there is some angst around this. At this stage we sit comfortably with 16 classes. The Montessori and the mainstream have 8 classes each at this stage. I am working with staffing to finalise staff and the processes around this. What I can share with you at this stage and as some parents may be aware, the lovely Melissa and Stephanne will not be renewing their contracts next year as they are moving from the area for family reasons. Stiven will also be moving back to be with his family at the end of the year. We have valued the contribution and the way they have collaborated with our existing staff this year. Their contributions are valued and we will miss them. I will endeavour to keep you informed when classes/staffing are finalised.

HAVE YOU ENROLLED YOUR CHILD FOR PREP 2016?
Classroom Visits
The staff have been working, as a team, on Guided Reading across the school. My goal is to see the work that has been done by visiting some classrooms and join in to the students reading groups. I am looking forward to it immensely. Being in classrooms always brings me back to what we are here for. Student Leader speeches this afternoon is another time I love to hear the voices of our students.

Leanne Duncan
Acting Principal

Up and coming events...

**Enrolment Information forum for Prep 2016**
- **Thursday 13 November 2015**
- **6.30pm in GPAC**

FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

**Cosmic Education**
Our Cycle two and three classrooms were intrigued by the wonderful Queensland museum resources our teachers borrowed to support the Cosmic Education great stories. Students examined and discovered the timeline of man using skulls that demonstrated the changes that occurred over time.

**Helmets and Road Safety**
Students who ride their bikes and scooters to school are reminded that they need to make sure they wear a helmet. There are many students arriving and departing school without helmets on. This leaves them at risk of serious injury if they are involved in an accident. Please check your child is wearing their helmet and check they are travelling safely to school.

**High School Orientation Days**
As the end of the year approaches our local high schools offer orientation days to support our students transition from year 6 into year 7 at high school. These days are carefully planned to make sure they help students prepare for moving into a new school next year. We highly recommend that your child participates in these activities. To ensure that you do not miss out please contact the school of your choice to make sure your child has been enrolled in the school and has all of the information about when the day/s are so that they do not miss out.

**Ferny Grove SHS** is Tuesday 1 December
**Mitchelton SHS** is Monday 30 November and Tuesday 1 December
**Everton Park SHS** is Monday 7 December

**Student Resource Scheme**
The student resource scheme letters will go home in the next few days. Please read the information and send back your form to state your intention to be involved with the scheme or to choose to purchase the resources yourself. Payment is welcome straight away or you are welcome to wait for the New Year when invoices will be sent out to families. If you have any questions please contact me via the school office.

Have a great fortnight

Sue McIvor

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**P&C**

**Monster Raffle**
Watch out for your book of tickets and help the P&C to air condition some more classrooms this year! Win some fantastic prizes; monster raffle is drawn on the 3/12/15 at the school Xmas event. [www.grovelyschool.com.au/raffle](http://www.grovelyschool.com.au/raffle)  Ticket stubs and money need to be returned to the office by 30 November.

**Bakery Fundraiser**
We have teamed up with Homestyle Bake to run a new kind of fundraiser this year. Homestyle Bake produces a range of bakery goods that can be ordered through the school and delivered in time for your Christmas events. A paper copy of the order has been sent home plus the full range of products is available for purchase on the Qkr App. **Cash orders must be taken to the office by Friday 20 November or on Qkr by Wednesday 25 November.** Pickup will be at the Christmas Carol evening on Thursday evening 3 December and Friday 4 December in GPAC before school 8.30-9.30am and after school 2.30-3.30pm.

**P&C Meeting**
- **Tuesday 1 December 7pm Staffroom**

**P&C payments**
- [pay.grovelyschool.com.au](http://pay.grovelyschool.com.au) or via the QKR! app on your phone.
- (includes tuckshop, community coffee, uniform shop, special events and more).

**GROVELY GROWERS**
Grovely Growers will be on a Local Matters jar at **Grill’d Everton Park**, this November. Spread the word to your members, family and friends and encourage them to head into **Grill’d Everton Park** (725 Stafford Road Everton Park – in the Masters complex near Woolworths) during November to help support your group. The group with the most tokens in their jar at the end of the month is the winner of the $300 – so the more people that come in and put a token in your jar, the better your chances of winning.

**YMCA OHSC**

With the end of the year fast approaching we are taking enrolments now for 2016. You can get a 2016 Enrolment Pack from YMCA Grovely OHSC (located upstairs in the Prep building) or from the school office; alternatively you can have the enrolment pack emailed to you by emailing [AGR@ymcabrisbane.org](mailto:AGR@ymcabrisbane.org). We would also like to announce that from 4 January 2016 we will be taking all new prep enrolment for 2016. So if you child starts prep in 2016 why not enrol them into our Summer Holiday Club from the 4 January. This would be a great way for them to get to know the school and other children.

**What we’ve been doing**
At YMCA Grovely OHSC we value our children’s ideas and input. Our theme at present is BOOKS. We have been learning about lots of different children’s authors. We have learnt about Dr Seuss, Ronald Dahl, Martin Handford, Charles Roger Hargreaves and many more. It’s been really interesting getting to know different authors and what’s behind writing a book. We have also been doing a lot of art work and crafts with each author and their books.

**Join us next week for:**
With our Book theme ending soon and getting ready for Christmas. We are having a Cook Book week next week where there will be lots of yummy and delicious recipes children will be cooking. We have also been asking families to bring in recipes so we can put together a Family Recipe Book. Our children are very excited to have a whole week of baking.

**VACATION CARE**
- **School Holidays are fast approaching and we are open for Summer Holiday Club. We have some exciting theme days, activities and 2 excursions. If you would like to book your child; whether it is casual or permanent; feel free to email me at [AGR@ymcabrisbane.org](mailto:AGR@ymcabrisbane.org) or pop up to our YMCA room located in the Prep building upstairs.**

If you are new to the school and would like a tour of our service, please call to make an appointment. Our team members will show you around and explain all things OHSC. We look forward to meeting you!

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Volunteer Morning Tea

Our Volunteer Morning Tea will be held on Thursday 3 December at 9.30am in GPAC. If you have volunteered in any capacity in our school this year we would love you to join us. Younger non school age children are welcome to attend.

96.5 Radio Visit

Thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the fun of the Radio visit to school. The kids certainly enjoyed the activities that were bought along for them with the highlight definitely being the helicopter landing on the oval. Thanks go out to the 96.5 Radio station, Channel 7 and for all the people that helped make the morning a success for our community. For a radio station with great family values that always has safe content for children’s ears consider making the morning a success for our community. For a radio station with great family values that always has safe content for children’s ears consider

Summer Holiday Camps

SU – (Scripture Union – employing body of School Chaplains) provides a range of great camps for children in primary and secondary school each school holidays. There are a number of camps for the upcoming Christmas holidays, they are run over a week and range in price from $250 - $300. Some of the camps available for primary age children are:

Schoolzout Year 6 only, Dec 14th – 18th
Camp 628 Year 6 – 8, Jan 10th – 14th
Nanobyte Year 5 – 7, Jan 10th – 15th
Summer Splash Year 5 – 6, Jan 18th – 22nd

If you are interested, however the cost in an issue, please talk to us as there may be the possibility of full or part sponsorships. For more information on the camps go to www.sucamps.org.au or contact us through the office.

Cathy Longford

The Salvation Army Christmas Assistance Sign Up will be held each Thursday in November from 1-4pm at the 32-54 Hayward Street, Stafford. Please bring Photo ID for the applicant & Health care / Pension card that lists family members. At registration you will be given information and an appointment to pick up a food hamper and toys on 19 December. Gifts will be available for children from birth to 13 only.

The POWER OF CHOICE – will be held on Wednesday 9 December from 9.30am-12.30pm in GPAC Marshalling Room. This 3 hour workshop invites you to come and explore in a very interactive, stimulating and fun way the power of choice, and the concept of paradigms in one’s personal development. RSVP by Tuesday 8/12/15 to Tracey Scantburn 3855 0166/0448 352 536 or tscantburn@redcross.org.au Please note there are no babysitting facilities and we ask you to make your own arrangements for your children.