The end of the school year is always a busy time. Teachers are preparing to report on your children’s progress. While lots of things are winding down for the end of the year and planning is going on for a successful start to 2015, there are a few things that won’t be winding down. One is the knowledge that “Learning is the work” and will be until the last of school on Friday December 12. Another is that our values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience hold true every day.

If everyone in the school community continues to honour these shared beliefs the final few weeks should be happy, productive and fun for us all.

Six way meet and Swimming carnivals
Congratulations to all of the Grovely swimmers who participated in the Six Way Meet on Tuesday night. Grovely may not have won either of the shields but for sheer persistence and great heart we surely won the day. The following participants gave their all. Boys: Will W, Riley M, Alex R, Xander P, Will F, Logan H, Brendan M, Will C, Chris T, Tremayne S, Eli A. Girls: Pippa R, Grace B, Malena A, Shyniqua G, Amy H.

Our school swimming carnivals are next week – P-2 Monday November 24 and Yrs 3-7 Tuesday November 25. See you there.

Volunteers Morning Tea.
Every year many members of our school and wider community devote countless hours to support our school. Individual circumstances often dictate how much time and effort people can give, but please believe that every minute you are able to give is appreciated by us. Whether it is through the activities of the P&C or helping with a reading in your child’s classroom it all counts towards making our school a better place. All volunteers are invited to participate in our Volunteer’s Morning Tea on Wednesday December 3 at 9.15 am in GPAC.

P&C raffle
Raffle tickets went home this week. The P&C continues to raise funds to improve our school’s facilities and resources, with a current focus on air-conditioning some more classrooms.

Please support the raffle – three lucky people are going to find Christmas shopping much easier this year. There are many great prizes including an iPad mini! Please return money and ticket stubs to the office as soon as possible. Please make sure the buyers name and contact details are clearly marked on every stub. The winners will be announced at the Christmas Concert on Thursday December 4.

Attendance at school
Over the past few days I have discovered just how many of our students miss many days of school. Research has shown that school attendance is a good indicator of future success. A fact sheet for parents can be found at http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/docs/parent-fact-sheet.pdf. If you are concerned about your child’s attendance, we can provide support. Please contact your child’s teacher or a member of the school leadership team to discuss what can be done.

Christmas Concert
This year’s Christmas Concert will be help on Thursday December 4 at 6.30 pm. There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks for sale from 5.30 pm and the concert will start at 6.30. It won’t be a late night but should be lots of fun. We hope to see you all!

Student leaders
The applicants for student leadership positions did an excellent job of making their speeches to their peers yesterday... For students of this age, it is a tremendous personal accomplishment to stand in front of such a large audience and speak. There are many adults who would not like to do it! Resilience, responsibility and respect were all displayed!! Best of luck to all. The 2015 Grovely State School leaders will be announced at the Final Assembly for 2014 on Thursday December 11 at 2.30 pm.

Have a great week.
Cheers
Buffy Lavery
FROM THE DEPUTYS DESK

Farewell Assembly
The last assembly for 2014 will be on 11th December at 2.30pm as the hall will be being set up for Graduation on the 10th.

Reports Cards
Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday 10th December. For students whose work is at typical Year Level Standard, they will typically see a rating of C. A ‘C’ standard means they are on track and prepared for the next year. Remember report cards serve their purpose to communicate progress to you about your child and open up conversation for the year ahead. Celebrate the C’s! The Effort mark on a student’s report card regardless of achievement can also be a strong indication of how they are going.

Student Leadership speeches
It was fantastic to hear the student’s speeches for student leader positions in 2015. Public speaking does not always come easily and takes varying levels of courage for different students. We are very proud of their efforts in articulating the leader in themselves. A huge thankyou to Miss Kristy Leighton for leading our aspiring leaders with her time, effort and organisation through this process.

Prep Orientation morning
Next week will see our 2015 preppies come to big school for an experience morning! This is an opportunity for them to spend a morning in classrooms with teachers and peers. We are very excited to welcome them and their families to our school community.

Media Forms
Recently media forms were sent home to students in P-5. There are a number of forms that have not been returned. We would like to follow these up before the end of the year. Please contact the office if you require another form to be sent home.

Little Blossoms - Playgroup
Playgroup will finish on December 5th. For the next three weeks Nicole will join her class to finalise end of the year and Mrs Paula will facilitate the mornings. It has been fabulous to see existing and new families meet to participate with their children and build relationships with our school and wider community.
Playgroup will run in 2015 – we would love to see you there!!

Leanne Duncan & Sue McVovr

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

NEW INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDENTS FOR 2015
Please make sure you send in ALL OF YOUR CHILD’S ENROLMENT FORMS INCLUDING BEGINNER MUSIC CAMP WITH PAYMENTS to our school office by Wednesday 26 November IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE PART OF OUR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM FOR 2015. **Late forms and payments will not be accepted AFTER WED 26 NOVEMBER** For all payment queries regarding the music program please contact our Business Services Manager Mrs Di Lowe

Mitchelton State High School Awards Night – Wed 19 November (SENIOR BAND MEMBERS ONLY)
Our senior band students will be performing at Mitchelton State High School’s Awards night on Wed 19 November at 7.00pm. All of these students need to meet Mrs Hall at 6.15pm at Mitchelton State High School Hall wearing formal school uniform.

END OF YEAR MUSIC CONCERT – TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER – 4 pm – Mitchelton State School
All students in our strings and band program will be part of our final end of year concert with Mitchelton State High School and Mitchelton State School on Tuesday 25 November at Mitchelton State School’s Hall at 4pm until approximately 4.45pm. All students will be required to wear our formal music uniform. Mitchelton State School’s P and C will be kindly providing complimentary refreshments from 3.30pm. All parents and guardians and new children who will be part of our program in 2015 are welcome to attend. Angela and I look forward to a wonderful concert.

***IF YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN USING A SCHOOL INSTRUMENT PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY RETURN IT TO MRS HALL BY THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER***

For all string queries please contact Angela Batch at ahbat0@eq.edu.au (Strings teacher – Wednesdays)
For all band queries please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au (Band teacher – Tuesdays)

CHAPLAINS CHAT

CHRISTMAS APPEAL
Burnie Brae is a non-profit organisation which has been operating at Chermside for the past 30 years. In 2008, Burnie Brae launched Project Pantry, a service aimed at providing nutritious foods to seniors and those people who rely on a disability pension. They run Market Days and relief hampers to those people who are experiencing financial crisis within the community. We will be holding a Christmas Appeal to collect much needed food for distribution over the next month. Please support our appeal by bringing in non-perishable grocery items to the school.
Collection points will be the front office or my room which is located under the music room “B block”. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ATTENTION YEAR 6 & 7 – SCHOOLZOUT CAMP 15/12/14 – 19/12/14
Come and celebrate the end of primary school at this camp. A jam-packed week including the Team It Up Tuesday Tournament, Graduation Dinner, Dance Party and a trip to Movieworld. This camp is open to all Grade 6 and 7 children who finish primary school this year. Assistance in camp costs may be available. Enquiries to myself - clong66@eq.edu.au or through the school office or to Greg Peirce on 0412 282 217 & Erica Strong on 0412 698 415
Email: schoolzout@sucamps.org.au

GLOW PRODUCTS – CHRISTMAS CONCERT
On Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 December I will be selling glow products during 2nd break under F Block. Students are able to purchase these products for our end of year Christmas Concert, prices will range from $2.00 - $5.00

SECOND HAND CLOTHING
As the year draws to an end and some children will be moving on or your children have outgrown current uniforms/shoes, please consider donating them to help families in need. Donations can be given to me or left at the school office.

Cathy Longford

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE
3354 6366
The fun and exciting senior school swimming carnival begins at 9.00am on Tuesday 25 November. Students in Year 3 - 7 have already been given the opportunity to nominate for any of the 25m and 50m finals events. Time trials have been completed during PE lessons and lunchtimes to find the fastest six students in each of the finals events. Age champions and district selection is decided from the finals.

If students did not make it into a final, they may still nominate to swim in any of 25m and 12.5m open events on the day. House points are awarded for all events. Relays and novelty events such as a noodle race and a fashion parade will also be held on the day. The more participants swimming in each house = greater chance of winning the carnival. So encourage your child/ren to get involved, have some fun, wear their house colours and most of all try their best for Dawson, Madsen or Patrick!!

The fashion parade will be held after all of the swimming events. Students are encouraged to wear clothes in the colour of their house. Dawson - Red, Madsen – Yellow and Patrick - Green. The most interesting, creative and brightest male and female from each house will win a prize.

Please ensure your child brings their swimmers, swim shirt, cap, goggles (optional), towel, hat, sunscreen and drink bottle for their carnival. Students may purchase a ‘hot dog meal deal’ or they will need to bring their own lunch and activities.

Student Resource Scheme (SRS) participation forms are required back by 28 November. Thank you.

The following activities are coming up for Term 4 2014. No late payments will be accepted.

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Centrepay Facility
We are pleased to inform parents/carers that the school has now been approved as a participant in the Centrepay scheme. Parents will be able to register online with Centrelink (humanservices.gov.au/centrepay) or complete a form (available from the school office) for you to forward to Centrepay to allow deductions to be made and paid to the school for fees.

YMCA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
Holiday Club booking forms are now available to every family, so book in quick! If you have not attended YMCA before, and need an enrolment form, please come and see us in the OSHC room.

We have excursions to New Farm Park, Maleny Dairy and Mitchelton pool as well as Willy Wonka All Things Chocolate and Bush Tucker Day incursions. Let’s Get Wet day promises to be a blast with another visit from the Fire Brigade. We’re really looking forward to seeing lots of new faces over the holiday period!

We have had a busy couple of weeks getting ready and going through assessment by the government. Melissa has also been away on her last ever prac. Thank you to everyone who has been understanding and supportive these past few weeks.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

ASSIST A SISTA CHARITY GROUP is helping women and children who will spend Christmas in a refuge due to extreme domestic violence. If you would like to help them with a gift this Christmas, please bring a new, unwrapped gift suitable for a mum or teenager (they have ample young children gifts already) to the office before Wednesday 26 November. A few ideas include: a nice hand cream, nail kit/polish, some lovely jewellery…nothing is too small. Thanks for your support!!

WHITE RIBBON DAY will be held on Tuesday 25 November from 10am-12pm at Encircle Redcliffe, 1 Lamington Drive – BBQ from 11.30am. The event is held to raise awareness and voice an oath against violence toward women. For information and bookings please call 3284 3081.

JUST FOR KIDS (JFK) is held each Thursday afternoon 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 Parade). Each week will have a theme with fun, food and activities.

Thursday 20 November – Squish
Thursday 25 November – Candy Canes

For more information please contact Meralda Livermore on 0401 012 615.

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