Principal’s Page

Staffing changes 2013
It is with much regret that I inform you of two staffing changes that will occur in our community in 2013. Sarah Dehouche and Jackie Semple have both made the very difficult decision not to renew their contracts in 2013. Sarah will be moving overseas for 12 months with her family while her husband undertakes pilot training. Miss Jackie will continue to work with young children. She is deeply saddened by this decision. She loves the children, the families and this community but for personal reasons has decided to move on. Both teachers have made significant contributions to the children, families and staff team. Both will be sorely missed.

We welcome Diane Lowe to our school as acting BSM. This position has just been advertised and a permanent appointment will be made shortly.

Annie Rossouw will be on leave from 24 October for six weeks. She will be replaced by John Brevitt. John has been working in our community and is familiar with our practices.

Great news.... The school has been re-graded from a Band 7 school to an 8. This status is driven purely by enrolment numbers. We are now officially a middle-sized school!

This week I have spent time with Yvonne Rinaldi the Principal from Coochture Montessori School. Yvonne will be joining us at Grovely shortly to work with us on the National Curriculum. It’s a real privilege to work with Yvonne who is a very experienced Montessori teacher and Principal. She will also observe a practice in one of our Mainstream classes that is achieving outstanding results. She is going to consider how this strategy can be incorporated in a Montessori program. She has also asked us to share how we collect, analyse and share student data to inform teaching and learning.

The students are really enjoying Footsteps. Last week they learnt a hip hop dance and this week a partner dance that had the ‘jive’ step. It was very cute. It has been joyful to watch those students who were a little tentative about joining in finding the courage and just giving it their best shot. We will be having a community event at the end of the year allowing the students to demonstrate their newly acquired skills.

Congratulations to Liv Rankine in Year 6 for hosting a very successful Bubbles for Peace Day on the last day of school last term. Liv did this of her own volition demonstrating great organisational skills and initiative. Very commendable.

World Teachers’ Day – 26 October
The theme this year is Teachers’ Inspire. As a community we are fortunate to have staff team that is caring, committed and dedicated to the students and families. World Teachers’ Day on 26 October is the perfect opportunity to acknowledge the great work that teachers do. They do inspire.......

Resource Scheme
This week every family in our community was sent a letter through the mail and asked to consider being involved in a Resource Scheme in 2013. The purpose of this is to reduce the costs associated with ensuring your child is resourced for school. Our intention is to buy in bulk and ensure every student has what they need for learning. With the cost to each student being $150 this represents a significant saving when compared to what was required last year. For this scheme to be viable we need at least a 75% uptake from the community. Please return your survey forms to the school by Friday 26 October.

Dictionaries
As a cost saving measure to parents we would like to resource each class with a set of dictionaries. From 2013 students will not need to have a personal copy. We are hoping that the supply of class sets can be achieved by families donating the dictionary purchased for their child last year. If you would like to donate your child’s dictionary to the school please complete the form in today’s newsletter and return to your child’s teacher. Your donation will be appreciated greatly.

Day for Ryan
We will celebrate our Day for Ryan on Wednesday 31 October. Ryan Tomlinson was a student in our community who passed away suddenly from meningococcal three years ago at the age of 8. Each year we celebrate his life and share his story at a special assembly for students from year 4-7 at 2:30pm on that day. The focus will be on the importance of friendship and belonging. All students will be invited to wear blue free dress and donate a gold coin. Each year this day coincides with the Day for Daniel. Funds raised will go to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Monday 22 October
Pupil Free Day
Growing Grovely update
The School-wide positive behaviour process is progressing steadily.
- A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the parent forums and returned parent surveys. The response has been very pleasing. As a response to feedback the matrix has been condensed. Staff will be working on the matrix on the pupil free day and work with the students next week.
- Consultation for the branding has been put out to the students. This closes on 24 October and will go to a community vote in shortly.
- For dates for community forums please check the school's calendar. Four will be held starting from next week. Further forums considering the draft of the Responsible Behaviour Plan will be held prior to the end of term. I am anticipating having a plan ready for endorsement by the P&C on 13 November. This will take us into 2013 and will be reviewed as we continue through the Growing Grovely process.

NAPLAN Data: Snapshot
The first ‘cut’ of data has been made available to the school. Queensland posted the largest number of significant improvements of any state or territory compared to 2011 results, and the second highest number of significant improvements since the tests began in 2008. Across Queensland our Year 3 students continue to show solid improvement, demonstrating the highest achievements for this year in four of the five test domains since the tests commenced in 2008. This trend is strongly reflected in our school data. In Year three at Grovely State School the following was achieved in the Upper Two Bands (highest levels) in each of the strands.
- 41% of students in reading.
- 35% in Grammar and Punctuation,
- 41.4% in writing,
- 34.3% in spelling,
- 26% in Numeracy.
- 100% of students in Year 3 achieved above the National Mean Score in writing – a truly commendable result. This lays a very strong foundation as we move forward in the future with the National Curriculum.

Effect data: Year 3 2010- Year 5 2012
Effect data measures improvement over time. Over a two year period a 0.8 effect qualifies expected gain. Students currently in year 5 and in year 3 in 2010, achieved the following. A fabulous result. Congratulations to students and staff.

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Coming Up
- Our Instrumental Music information evening is on 5 November at Mitchelon State School.
- The Orientation night for students starting prep in 2013 is on Thursday 15 November – 9.30am and 6.30pm
- Prep experience days will be held in week 8 – week beginning 26 November.
- The next Craft Day is Saturday 17 November – this is also the photo portrait day.
- Year 7 Graduation 12 November at 1.30pm.

Vicki Baker
PRINCIPAL

I am very happy to donate my child's dictionary to the school.

Child: ____________________________
Class: ____________________________
Date: ____________________________
Signed: ____________________________

Community Forums for Grovely State School’s 
Responsible Behaviour Plan
Tuesday 23 October @ 9am in GPAC
Thursday the 25 October @ 6.30pm in GPAC
Monday 29 October @ 9am in GPAC
Tuesday the 30 October @ 6.30pm in GPAC

ICAS RESULTS
Congratulations to those students who participated in the ICAS tests this year! All certificates have been received now and sent home with students this week. Students achievements will be included on their semester 2 report card. The ICAS tests will be offered to students in 2013.

P&C NEWS
FUNDRAISER!! - Advanced Life Photography sessions will be held on Saturday 17 November (GPAC) from 9.00am. Prepay and book your session for only $15 and receive the following: 1 x A3 Pencil Sketch, 1 x (10x13”) Family Portrait + frame, key ring and wallet sized portrait. An additional package is available at extra cost. Would make great Christmas presents.... Please contact me on mobile 0418 711 021 or blivc@hotmail.com

The Tuckshop operates on Friday’s only this term. Volunteers are required on this day, please contact Maria our Tuckshop Convener on mobile 0417 005 113.

Tuckshop Convener position to be filled for 2013. Please submit applications to the school office attention Tammy Drake, President by Friday 7 December or contact me for further information on the position.

Calendar of Events
13 November - P&C General Meeting 6.30pm
17 November – Family Portrait Fundraiser
Tammy Drake (President) Mobile 0418 711 021

CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY – 17 NOVEMBER
Come and enjoy an amazing fun filled day to finish those projects – scrapbooking, card making, quilling and more. We welcome beginners to experts. Please bring your own equipment to use during the day. Tickets are $25 per adult and $10 per child and include afternoon tea.

Christmas Dinner, Supper and entry into the lucky door prize. Raffle tickets only $1.00 each. To reserve your seat phone the office on 3394 6333 or 0418 183 673.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2013
Our combined schools band will be performing at Mitchelte Fest at Mitchelon State School’s hall on Saturday 20 October at 2.00pm. All members of the band wear plain clothes OR Medieval clothing and are to meet me at 1.30pm at the music room at Mitchelon State School. Members of the No Strings Attached Group are also performing. All welcome!

WED 14 NOVEMBER - Combined Schools band will be performing at Mitchelon State High School’s Awards Night. Stay tuned for more information!

WED 21 NOVEMBER - Combined Schools Band final performance for 2012 will be held at Mitchelon State School. Stay tuned for more information!

MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER - Recruitment evening at Mitchelon State School 6.00pm. This information is for all new parents/guardians involved in our instrumental music evening for 2013. Children have been tested in the windwood, brass and percussion programs and will receive information in the coming weeks.

On behalf of all of the instrumental music students, Terri and I wish Annie Rossouw all the very best for a speedy recovery during her leave. Mrs Rossouw will be on leave for the remainder of this term from next week. We thank Mrs Rossouw for all of her help with our instrumental music program.

For all string queries please contact Terri Giesen at tgeis1@eq.edu.au
For all woodwind, brass and percussion queries please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT
20  Combined School’s Band Performance – Mitchie Fest
22  Pupil Free Day
24  3/2A Excursion to Science Centre

NOV
5   Instrumental Music Parent Info Evening-MSS Hall 6pm
6   OPEN DAY
13  P&C General Meeting – 6.30pm
14  Combined School’s Band Night Performance – MSMS
15  Montessori Prep 2013 Enrolment Forums
17  Christmas Craft Day 2-16pm – GPAC
17  P&C Family Portrait Fundraiser GPAC
20  Six Way Swim Meet
21  Combined School’s Band Performance – MSS
22  Mainstream Prep 2013 Enrolment Forums
23  M28C/Museum Excursion

DEC
4   Junior Swimming Carnival – P-3
10  Year 7 Orientation – Ferney Grove SHS
11  Year 7 Movie World Excursion
12  Senior Swimming Carnival – Yrs 4-7
12  Year 7 Graduation
13  PA & 1A Christmas Show
13  Last Assembly
14  Break Up Day – End of Term 4

JAN 2013
28  Public Holiday
29  School Resumes for Term 1

Montessori Families...

Have your returned your continuing placement forms? They are due NOW.

LIBRARY NEWS

2012 Scholastic Book Fair
This year’s Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Library from Friday 26 October until Thursday 1 November. Parents will be able to come in and shop for books from 8.30am each morning and after school between 2.30-3.30pm. Each class will also have the opportunity during their Library time to come in and complete their wish list to take home for parents to view. Parents will also be able to come and view the book fair until 6pm on 25 October which coincides with the Community Forum for the Schoolwide Behaviour Plan. So come in and do some early Christmas shopping and help us raise money for the school Library.

CURRICULUM NEWS

Welcome back to our final term for 2012. No doubt it will be very busy and rewarding as we move closer to Christmas! Families of our Year three, five and seven students would have received their NAPLAN reports before the holidays. This information is important to us as it gives us another piece of data to discuss and use to support the improvement of student learning in our school. Please contact your child’s class teacher if you need to discuss their NAPLAN results.

It has been an interesting and challenging year for teachers this year as we have begun to implement the new Australian Curriculum. This has been a year of transition and at Grovely we have been using the Learning Queensland resources (C2C) to support the implementation of English, Science and Maths. All of our teachers have been doing a fantastic job of supporting students to assist them to achieve the high expectations of the new curriculum. During this term we will begin to look at the History Learning Area so as to understand the expectations of this new Learning Area and how we will be teaching it to our students in 2013. As part of this process teachers will also develop an understanding of how these impacts on the current Learning Area of SOSE (Studies of Society and the Environment). Some of this Learning Area will now be replaced with the new History curriculum and we will continue to teach the parts that are not.

At the end of this term you will receive your child’s second report for the year. This report gives you an indication of how your child is progressing in their education. We encourage you to speak with the class teacher if you have any concerns about your child’s learning as we believe that the report card is just a formalised document that should support what you already know about how your child is going at school.

OPEN DAY
Tuesday 6 November @ 10:00am
GPAC

CHAPLAINS CHAT

PAULA BARRETT TALK
The second part to the Paula Barrett talk will be held on Tuesday 20 November in the Ferry Grove State Primary School Hall. The topic of this presentation is “Modelling brave behaviours in children: Dealing with anxiety – promoting resilience”. Gold coin donation on the night will go towards a selected charity. Light supper provided. If you did not attend the first part of the talk you are still welcome to attend and gain valuation information.

VOLUNTEER MORNING TEA
If you have volunteered in any capacity in the school throughout the year, you are invited to attend our Volunteers’ Morning Tea. This will be held on Wednesday 5 December at GPAC. We would love to see you there and celebrate the important work you do!

SCHOOLOUT SU CAMP
SchoolOut is a camp that celebrates the graduation of grade sevens from primary school. The camp will be held at Numinbah Valley & Mt Tamborine from 17-21 December 2012. Cardboard-box races, waterslides, swimming under a waterfall and a trip to Movie world only scratches the surface of the fun experiences to be expected! Amongst the fun, we challenge the campers to think about their transition to high school. This is an SU (Scripture Union) camp and will contain Christian content. For enquiries please contact Greg Peck on 0412 282 217 or email schoolout@sguamps.org.au

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

FOR SALE- MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS
1 x skirt size small – good condition
4 x shirts size small – good condition, 1 has a bit of paint at the bottom.
2 x polo shirts size small – good condition
1 x shirt size small – good condition
4 x blue socks – good condition
$100 - Phone Julie 0432 921 253

RAISING TEENAGE BOYS – A Parent Evening will be held on Wednesday 31 October at St Anthony’s Hall, Cnr Turner Rd & Wayland Sts, Kedron. The evening will address key issues facing Teenage Boys and their parents today, including technology, respect, freedom, responsibility, school choices week and building a positive identity. You will learn communication strategies that are useful whether struggling or doing ok. Purchase 2 Tickets plus Book for only $25. Phone bookings can be made by calling 3071 5000 or Web bookings http://powerhouse-parent evenings.eventbrite.com.au

GRASSHOPPER SOCCER is a fun filled, non-competitive and child focused soccer group that has been operating throughout Australia since 1990. They offer soccer programs for boys and girls aged 3-12 years that are suitable for all skill levels. Held for 8 weeks on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons various venues including Mitchelton State School. FREE trial days will be held on 20, 21 & 22 October. Call to book a place on 0414 582 312.

ANIMAL EMERGENCIES
Acts of cruelty or neglect - RSPCA Inspectors
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.

Wildlife Emergencies – 1300 264 625,
24 Hour Call Centre – 3426 9999

FRIDAY IS TUCKSHOP DAY
Volunteers urgently needed