Principal’s Page

NAPLAN for 2014 is over and preparation for 2015 has started with a continued focus on quality teaching and learning that meets the needs of each of our students.

As partners in learning, parents can support staff in a myriad of ways. One of the most basic is to have students arrive at school on time each day. Staff have expressed their concerns in regard to the number of late arrivals each day. The impact that this has on your child as well as the learning of other students and staff can be significant. Your support with this is extremely important and appreciated greatly. Grovely kids…..On time and in uniform……

P&C Day

Schools across Queensland will be celebrating P&C Day on Friday the 23rd of May. This provides the perfect opportunity to reflect on the significant contributions made by our very dedicated P&C and the many volunteers that support them. There is no doubt that we could not do for our children what we do without the support of so many. To all, thank you! Because I will be out of the school on Friday I have asked our P&C if we can delay our celebrations until Friday the 30th of May. You’re all invited to come along to Community Coffee at 2.30pm and help us celebrate with conversation, coffee and cake!!!!!!

Much to celebrate!

A huge thank you to Nicole Lewis and her helpers for their efforts in managing the Mothers’ Day stall. The delight on the faces of our young people was priceless as they painstakingly chose lovely gifts for their mums and grandmothers.

Thanks also to Miss Cathy and Annie for their organisation and entertainment at our Mothers’ Day afternoon tea. We hosted our largest group ever and hopefully gave our mums a little time to really appreciate the tremendous role they’ve played and will continue to play in raising great kids.

Annette Norman also needs to be acknowledged for her organisation of Craft Day last Saturday. Just over thirty mums (and one gentleman!!!!) came along and worked on a variety of projects while enjoying great company, and great food. About $750 was raised. I’d also like to thank my mum for her great cooking. Mum loves these days and has developed a lovely relationship with the ‘regulars’ that come along.

A special mention also to Emily Stewart one of our past students. Emily is always one of the last to leave and one of our most willing workers and a dab hand with the vacuum cleaner. Thank you Emily…… you epitomise what it means to be great Grovely kid…. And speaking of great Grovely kids…. Thank you to all the students in M3B…… on Friday afternoon these students synergised to set GPAC up for the Craft Day. They were just amazing to watch…. thank you!!!!!

Under 8’s and Playgroup is coming!!!!!!!

Friday the 30th of May is a very important day in our community. From 9-11am is Under 8’s Day. All children in our community under the age of 8 are invited to come along and join in a variety of activities and celebrate what it means to be a kid and have fun. At the same time we will be launching our Playgroup that will continue each Friday from 9-11am. Please spread the word amongst your friends, neighbours and family. We’d love to have them attend.

Open Day

Our next Open Day is June 18th from 9.30 to 11am. People within our community are by far our greatest advocates in attracting people to our community, so again please spread the word……

Enrolments for 2015 are currently being taken. If you have a little one starting next year please ensure they are enrolled.

Value of the Week: VOW - I follow appropriate instructions

Habit of the Week: BE PROACTIVE – I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, my attitudes and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.
STUDENT ABSENCE

Earlier in the year a new phone system was installed at the School. We now have a Student Absence Line available to leave details of any absences. This number can be accessed at all times and you will need to leave the following information:

Your name, Student Name and Class, reason and expected duration of absence.

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE: 3354 6366

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 costumes! 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 $1! 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

RED CROSS

Parent Support Group
On offer is a free support group for parents/carers of children with disabilities. Come along to gain information, education and parent-to-parent support in a relaxed and friendly environment with a cuppa and something yummy to eat. The group will be run the 1st Thursday of every month starting at 9am, 5 June in GPAC
For more information feel free to contact Tracey on 0448 352 536 or Cathy the School’s Chaplain.

ASD & ADHD Workshop
You are invited to come along to this free workshop hosted by Mandy Scott from Australian Red Cross Family Support Program. Mandy will be discussing how the brain works, what to look for if you think your child may have ADHD or a developmental disorder and how to go about getting an assessment, medicines and therapies that are available. Also strategies to assist with daily living skills and behaviour issues.
When: Wednesday 18 June, 10am – 1pm
Where: GPAC
RSVP: Tracey on 3855 0166 or 0448 352 536

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

BAND NEWS
Thursday 26th June - Senior Band members will be involved in a day band tour to a number of childcare centres and a nursing home on Thursday 26th June. More information will be advised during this week.

Advanced Music Camp - 16th - 20th June
If your child is one of Mrs Batch’s students and they have been accepted to attend the Advanced Music Camp from Monday 16th - Friday 20th June there will be a camp concert on Friday 20th June at 6.30 pm at Ferny Grove State High School’s Hall.
Don’t forget to remind your children to keep up with their regular music practice. Remember practice = perfect
For any band information please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au
For any strings information please contact Angela Batch at abat0@eq.edu.au

FINANCE NEWS

Student Resource Scheme
We would like to thank the families who have paid their Student Resource Scheme or are keeping their payment instalments up to date.

- Some families have returned their completed and signed Student Resource Scheme Participation Forms (invoices were posted) but have not made any payment or payment instalments as indicated on the form. Payment of the Student Resource Scheme is outstanding and requires immediate payment.
- Part of the resource scheme includes three upcoming incursions in Term Three and if you have not paid the resource scheme or your payment plan is not up to date, your child/ren will be unable to attend.
- If you have not returned your completed Student Resource Scheme Participation form but would like your child/ren to take advantage of this scheme please return your form (sent at the end of last year and earlier this year) or drop into the office to obtain one.
- For families who have indicated they are not participating in the Student Resource Scheme or have not returned their completed form please call into the office as soon as possible to collect the list of resources which you will need to provide for your child/ren. (part of the list of resources will include fees for the three Term 3 incursions)

Montessori 2014 Fees
There are still a large number of families who have not finalised their 2014 fees. For the families have completed a payment plan please ensure you are making these payments as indicated. If you do not have an arranged payment plan all fees are now outstanding and require immediate payment.
In Term Three, we will be sending out paperwork in regards to the Montessori program for 2015.

Instrumental Music Fees 2014
There are still outstanding fees for this year’s program. If you are unsure if you have paid please phone the office. These fees are now outstanding and require immediate payment.

Thank you for your understanding in these important matters. As the School makes purchases for resources for your child/ren to use, we are required to pay the suppliers for all these goods and services.

PAYMENT DUE DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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Di Lowe - Business Services Manager

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.

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.
forms are available from the afternoon 3.30.

Leanne Duncan

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ST:LaN room at 8am.

Thanks to the students who started their day at 8 am on Tuesday to complete

the ICAS Science test. Just a reminder to those students participating, the next ICAS test will be the ICAS Science test on Wednesday 4th June in the ST:LaN room at 8am.

Report cards
Report Cards will be sent home this year on Thursday 26th June. Some important information that may be relevant for you to consider. When reports are generated through our One School system the students “legal” name is automatically assigned to the front of the report card. There may be circumstances that you require a name change to appear on your child’s report. If this is relevant to you, could you let the office know as this can be done individually. Thanks

Toon school
Only a week left to pay for TOON SCHOOL! I would encourage you to take up this incursion opportunity as we further our work on Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. Toon School is a fantastic opportunity run by a cartoonist/author illustrator Jeff “Joffa” Taylor. He will explore raising self-confidence, encouraging creativity and lateral thinking, promoting self-expression whilst increasing communication and listening skills.

Look forward to seeing you all at the events over the next few weeks!! From our Under 8’s Day, Book Fair, Toon school incursion to name a few. We wish all the very best to all the students and staff travelling to camp next week as well!!

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