Principal’s Page

I would like to thank Mrs Duncan and Mrs Hamilton for leading the school during my leave. I continue to be impressed by the staff, students and families I’ve worked with and met thus far. A process has commenced for the permanent appointment of the school’s Principal to commence from the beginning of next term which will allow for vital ongoing stability for the school community once the application and interview process has been completed later this term.

BULLYING VERSUS CONFLICT
Bullying can be a significant issue in all sectors of society and can manifest itself in schools, families and workplaces. In fact, there are not too many areas of society untouched by bullying incidents at one time or another.

There are four types of bullying: Physical, Verbal, Social and Emotional and Cyber.

We need to clearly identify the difference between conflict and bullying in order to appropriately respond to bullying incidents. While the two seem similar in some instances, there is a difference. Bullying is repeated, deliberate and has a power difference between the bully and victim. Conflict on the other hand is generally a disagreement or difference in opinion between peers who typically have equal power in their relationships. It’s usually an inevitable part of being in groups.

BULLYING OR CONFLICT?
Two female members of the school basketball team are arguing with each other over the loss of a recent game. One of the girls is blaming the other for letting the opposing team knock the ball out of her hands before she could throw it. The other girl is saying it’s her teammate’s fault because she didn’t pass the ball to her during the last few seconds of the game. They continue to fight until their coach gets involved and tells the girls to stop arguing.

This is an example of conflict. Both girls have equal power and are disagreeing over the outcome of a game. Neither is threatened or harmed, and neither is showing signs of humiliation or distress. If one of the girls continued to blame the other and started calling her names, taunting her outside of the gymnasium or even getting others to gang up on her for the purpose of hurting her feelings or alienating her from her team and peers, that would be considered bullying.

STRATEGIES TO HELP YOUR CHILD
Wherever possible, include your child in the resolution. Teach him/her how to handle bullies or conflict in a more positive manner, and show him/her how to report a bully. Some other things you can do are:

- Role-play with your child to show them positive ways to handle bullying or conflict. Give him/her tips and tricks on how to handle a bully, or how to resolve conflict in a non-aggressive way. For example, act out a scenario where you are the bully in the schoolyard, carefully taunting your child. Have him/her look you directly in the eye and tell you firmly to stop it, and then walk away. (Caution: If your child is particularly vulnerable, be cautious not to further add to their distress through role playing.)

- Create opportunities for your child to make new friends.

- Help your child report the bullying – to a trusted adult at school. Depending on their age, you encourage them to talk to their classroom teacher, the teacher on duty (there are a number of staff on duty at every play break), a teacher they trust or to a member of the administration (Mrs Canavan (Principal), Mrs Duncan (Deputy Principal), Mrs McIvor (Head of Curriculum) or Mrs Barry (Head of Special Education Services). A good question to ask is who have you told at school? This provides them with the capacity to attempt to solve the problem for themselves in the first instance. I always tell children as the Principal that I am their backstop, if they have tried other avenues to have the incidents resolved.

- Encourage your child to stay away from the bully while the school investigates and finds a solution to the problem.

- Teach your child the difference between assertiveness and aggression. Make sure they know that it’s okay to stand up for themselves, but it’s not okay to be violent or retaliate.

- Look into mentoring programs that may help your child gain some positive attention and new interests.

- Enrol your child in activities in or out of school, like sports, music, drama, art, etc to build their confidence and relationships.

At Grovely, teachers take playground folders out into the playground and have been asked to record incidents which might require further investigation and/or action both within the playground and the classroom. A designated duty officer for Behaviour each day reviews the playground folders after each break as well as follows up any classroom reports or incidents coming out of the Responsible Thinking Room. We’d appreciate you taking some time to discuss this newsletter article with your child if you believe they require some further knowledge and support so they are aware of what bullying and conflict is, the strategies to use and the process for reporting, investigation and action at Grovely.
WELCOME
Stephanie Siberry has commenced work in M2D classroom on Mondays and Tuesdays to replace Renee Hughes and on Thursdays and Fridays is providing replacement to a number of classes whilst teachers are working on planning and other projects. Stephanie has extensive international experience in a variety of different roles and she is very enthusiastic about working in a Montessori Classroom. Welcome also to Tyrone Clancy who is providing non-contact time for teachers on Wednesdays.

UPCOMING EVENTS
We wish the senior choir all the best for their upcoming camp this Friday night and thanks Mrs Roussow for her hard work in organising this excellent activity. Open Day will take place on Friday August 7 with prospective parents meeting school leaders and members of the administration team at GPAC for a tour of the school.

Have a good week
Kathy Canavan
Acting Principal

FROM THE DEPUTYS DESK

Week 3 already!

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
Tomorrow Friday 31st is the closing date to complete the online survey. Please take the time to complete as per letter and information sent home previously. Your time is valued and appreciated and gives our school community feedback on strengths and areas to improve.

Procedures
We are currently reviewing our school’s lockdown procedures. The purpose of a lockdown is containing students, teachers, parents, visitors, contractors, etc. within a building to prevent possible or potential harm or threat. A possible harm or threat can be numerous things. This can be from unknown persons within the school grounds, dangerous animal eg. Snake, bad weather or severe storm, and poor air quality to name some. A lockdown can be for a variety of reasons and thus we have decided to script the explanation that staff give to students which when finalised we will share through our P & C Newsletter.

Sporting Schools
Grovely submitted and won a Sporting Schools Programme Delivery Grant application for Term 3 and Term 4, 2015. This will allow us the run intra school sports this semester with coaches and purchase new equipment for our school to offer a diverse range of sports eg. Table tennis, netball, soccer. A letter will be forthcoming. Grovely State School was also chosen for a photograph recently in the Courier Mail for a story on the same day the programme was launched.

Opportunities from Mitchelton State High School
Mitchelton State High School is offering our students a number of opportunities to access their high school staff and utilise their facilities. On Monday, at lunch time, there are a variety of different lunchtime clubs for students to join if they wish. These include the study and social club, Year 12 study club, Year 11 study club and a variety of other clubs. Students are reminded to join if they wish to attend these clubs.

SLHSP has been approached by the SLHSP group of upper school students to provide opportunities to run an impromptu parent/teacher race which the student body can enter if they wish. The race will be held on Friday August 21, at lunchtime, with teams of teachers vs students. The race will be held to raise funds for the SLHSP group of upper school students. The race will be held on Friday August 21, at lunchtime, with teams of teachers vs students. The race will be held to raise funds for the SLHSP group of upper school students.

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As the scheme operates for the benefit of participating parents and is funded solely from participation fees, resources provided by the scheme will not be issued to students whose parents choose not to participate in the scheme.

The invitation to join the scheme was once again offered as it is more economical to join the scheme ($98 for the year) rather than providing resources and paying the invoice ($176 approx). Some families have joined the scheme but still owe the full balance or have a remaining balance owing. These fees are now overdue and require immediate payment. We will be sending home statements and benefits have ceased to the students involved until full payment is received.

We thank you for your understanding in this matter, as purchasing of these resources allows us to provide the Montessori Program. Unfortunately there are still families who have not paid in full their 2015 Montessori Fees. These fees are now overdue and require immediate payment.

These fees cover many resources which the school provides for the Montessori Program.

OPPTI-MINDS

Opti-minds: Here is a taste of what our Opti-minders have been challenging themselves with:
An advertising campaign shows different people listing many things they could be without – but all saying they could NOT be without their MUM!!! Pooh Bear can’t be without his honey...

The Challenge is: Come up with your MOST creative response for:
- A Person/Character or Thing - and what it is they CAN’T be without;
- The reason why they can’t be without it.

This is called the spontaneous competition where the students are given a question on the spot and they need to each come up with an answer and solve the question as a team. They are given no preparation time and tested on their creativity and inclusivity of all team members. They only have 10 minutes to come up with their answer.

LIBRARY LEXICON

Our Book Week is fast approaching. This year the theme is shine a light on reading. We will be celebrating this in Week 6. Throughout the week there will be various competitions and displays happening in the library. This will culminate in the students dressing up as their favourite book character to shine a light on their favourite books and having a special parade on Thursday of that week. Further details will be provided as we get closer to the date. As always your support in these events is greatly appreciated.

Problem Solving at Grovely: We have embarked on a journey of higher order thinking at Grovely and have been using Polyas 4 step problem solving process in Maths. These steps are:
1. See – Look at what the question is and any other important information needed to help answer the question.
2. Plan – Choose a strategy to help you tackle the problem.
3. Do – Attack the problem and use the strategy to answer the problem.
4. Check – To see if the answer makes sense.

The answer for the last problem: The farmer bought 4 calves at $55 equals $220 and 6 piglets at $60 equals $360. Therefore, $220 + $360 = $580.
This week’s problem: Simon has 8 boxes of herb plants delivered. Each box contains 12 plants. He unpacks 3 boxes in the morning and 2 boxes in the afternoon. How many plants has he unpacked?

SEMINAR WITH MAGGIE DENT

BOYS, BOYS, BOYS

Understanding, Nurturing and Connecting with Todays Boys.

Date: Tuesday 18 August
Time: Doors open at 6pm for a prompt 6.30-8.30pm seminar
Venue: GPAC (Hall) Grovely State School
Tickets: $30
Bookings: Please book online via www.trybooking.com/6F1B

In this seminar, popular parenting author and “queen of common sense” Maggie Dent will share her insights, practical suggestions and passion for raising boys in our chaotic world. Statistically, boys are still at greater risk than girls of injury, death, school failure, cancer... The list goes on.

From before school to adulthood, the journey of a boy to a man is often misunderstood. Boy's needs are different to girls and in order to help our boys grow into wonderful men, parents, teachers and carers need to understand these needs and how to meet them. Maggie draws her wisdom not only from the research that has gone into writing seven books, but from parenting her own four sons, teaching in high school for over 17 years, counselling trouble lads and working with men in her men’s only seminars.

She is a champion of boys and wants you to be one too.

FINANCE NEWS

Student Resource Scheme 2015

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ART SHOW

Our annual Art Show and Auction will be held on Thursday 10th September. This is a wonderful evening when we celebrate the childrens work as well as auction art and other items. In order for the evening to be a success, we need donations of items that can be auctioned on the evening. The school leaders will be seeking donations from local businesses though we are hoping to also access donations from businesses our families are involved with. So if you, or anyone you know has a business and would be able to donate items for auction, please contact the school. Money raised from the event is invaluable to the school and we appreciate any support you may be able to give to the event.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY
31 Senior Choir Camp

AUG
1 Keperra Neighbourhood Watch Community Event
4 Ferny Grove SHS Circus Performance – P-1
6 Assembly
7 Open Day
11 School Banking Sign On Day
11 Mathematics ICAS Test
11 P&C Meeting
12 Public Holiday (Exhibition)
15-23 Science Week
18 RSPCA Cupcake Day – Register online
19 SingFest
20 Ferny Grove Gala Concert
25 Assembly
26-26 Year 5/6 Camp
27 Grovely Growers Working Bee
30 Bridge to Bridge Fun Run

SEPTEMBER
1 Assembly
3 Father’s Day Breaky
8 P&C Meeting
10 Art Show

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM - 2016
There will be an information afternoon for parents/guardians of children who have children interested in entering our band and strings program in 2016. This meeting is to discuss the various instruments that are taught at our school and will be in week 6. Stay tuned for further information.

ART NIGHT - THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER
Our String Orchestra, Senior Band and choirs will be performing at our Art Night on Thursday 10 September. Stay tuned for more information.

Mrs Penny Hall and Mrs Annie Rossouw perform in the group Queensland Wind and Brass, conducted by Alisa Jones and their next concert will be on Saturday 1 August at 7.30pm at the Old Museum, Gregory Tce, Bowen Hills. For any further information about the concert please contact Penny or go to their website which is www.qwab.com.au School children are FREE to attend.

Viva la musical!
For all strings information contact Jamie-Lee Melvin - jmelvin1@eq.edu.au
For all band information contact Penny Hall at phall23@eq.edu.au
For all other music queries please contact Mrs Rossouw

P&G
JOIN THE BRIDGE TO BRISBANE GROVELY GATORS TEAM
If you would like to run in the Bridge to Brisbane 5km run, please join our team. The run is on Sunday 30 August 2015; the 5km event commences at 9.40am. We will be having community training sessions on Sunday afternoons for all. For more info visit - gators.grovelyschool.com.au/btb@bgb.grovelyschool.com.au/gators.grovelyschool.com.au Twitter – @bbgbris
Please don’t forget to include the urls so it is known where to go for more info.

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

PARENT COURSE
1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING is a 3 session program for parents and carers, held at the Positive Learning Centre, 83 Gilston St, Keperra on 26/08, 02/09 & 09/09/15 from 6-8pm.
Learn:
1. To engage your children’s cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them
2. To set clear expectations and help them develop frustration tolerance
3. To help children’s brains develop filters for behaving well
4. To resolve family conflict quietly
5. Simple strategies to practise being a calm parent
Cost is $20 with booklet for the 3 sessions. To register contact Leigh Inglis lingl1@eq.edu.au or call 3354 2022 during school hours.

SCHOOL BANKING – SIGN ON DAY
School Banking is having a sign on day on Friday 7 August 8-9am outside the library to open new accounts. School banking helps you save while earning rewards. Angela from the Commonwealth Bank will be there to answer any questions you may have about the program. Parents need identification to open the accounts, (the kids don’t need identification). Each new account and every deposit earns money for the school as well. Last year, Grovely received a cheque for just over $500 to purchase equipment. So you aren’t just helping yourself, you’re helping your school as well. We currently have 126 bankers, our aim is 150 bankers by December. You don’t have to deposit much money, even just 20c will help the school.

Renee Hayes

GROVELY GROWERS

WORKING BEE – Saturday 29 August – Save the date!
Please join us in the Grovely Growers area anytime between 8am – 11am to get the garden ready for spring time. Look out for sign up sheets around the school and pick a fun job you can volunteer to do at the working bee. Please drop in even for an hour … many hands make light work.

NATIONAL TREE DAY mission success
Grovely students, teachers and parents joined forces last Friday to celebrate National Tree Day, planting, mulching and watering in a new row of native plant along the north side of the Grovely Growers fenceline. Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers Jarrah, Nes, Bini and myself. A special to Tall Shelley for sourcing the trees/resources and to Jono from Bush Teknik for his help on the day. There are plans to plant a row of shady natives with seating along the fence of the dirt carpark, so watch that space this term. Long term it will provide a cooler waiting area and more food for native animals along the creek.

Viva la musica!
For more info contact Meralda Livermore on 0401 176 626 or Chris Poulsen on 0419 820 810.

CRAIGSLEA STATE HIGH SCHOOL Year 7 2016 Programs of Excellence – Signature Music Workshop Auditions – Saturday 8 August, Craigiesla Volleyball Academy Fitness & Skills Trials – Monday 10 August & Tuesday 8 September. For bookings contact Cathy – admin@craigieslahs.eq.edu.au or call 3236 5222.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

LOST – silver necklace with Tree of Life pendant and engraved pendant with Karen and Paula. Please forward to the office if found.

KEPPERA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH invites you to its first community event Get Smart and Get Neighbourly. Come along and meet your neighbours at Silvertop Street Park from 11am-1pm on Saturday 1 August. FREE sausage sizzle, FREE security screws, FREE bicycle engraving.

JUST FOR KIDS (JFK) is being 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 Pde). Each week will have a theme with fun, food and activities.

Thursday 30 July Colours
Thursday 6 August Make Something
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