Principal’s Page

Volunteer Morning Tea
On Wednesday we had the pleasure of hosting a morning tea for some of our wonderful volunteers. Each and every one of you makes Grovely a better place - for our students and for our community. To those who are able to make the time to give many hours every week we are especially grateful. But every minute of volunteer time given makes a difference for someone. Congratulations to Mrs Therese Christensen who is our Volunteer of the Year for 2014. Thank you from everyone for your contribution to our community.

Class structure and classes for 2015

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Mrs Penny Carruthers will be returning part time next year and Mrs Donna Maguire will move to the role of Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy.

Enrolments for 2015
As we are continuing to enroll students for next year and have new students coming from overseas and interstate at the beginning of 2015 we are not yet able to finalize class lists. These will not be announced before the end of the year. Speaking with Mrs Baker yesterday, it was decided that the class lists will be released on Thursday January 22 in the week before school starts. These will be displayed down at GPAC.

Staff changes for 2015
The end of a school year always brings staff changes. Mrs Kathy Dickson has accepted the role of Master teacher at another location. Mrs Meg Pustolla has decided to take some leave to spend more time with her family. These two members of our permanent staff will be greatly missed.

A number of teachers who have been on contract during 2014 will also be leaving us. Thank you to Chris Bell (SEP), Jessica Hanley (SEP), Jessica Drummond (NCT), Christine Greenslade (Library/NCT), Emma Ross (5/6A), Ruth Snoswell (SEP/NCT) and Georgina Capes (STL&N) have all contributed hugely to the education and wellbeing of our students. We wish them all the best in their various endeavours in 2015 and beyond. We also farewell many of our excellent teacher aides but hope to see them again in 2015 once funding is finalized.

Aboriginal Elder
We have had the pleasure of visits by Aunty Teresa twice this term. Tremayne S interviewed her to find out a bit about her and her role.

What is your name? Call me Aunty Teresa. I am an aboriginal elder.

Where do you come from? I live in a suburb called Inala. I’m from the Wacka Wacka tribe.

Why do you visit us? Because I care about our young people, our mob and I like to support the youth.

What sort of things have you been doing? I visit different schools. I support young people in talking with them. I support them in reading. I support young people in the detention centre. I am a friend. We are looking forward to more visits from Aunty Teresa in 2015.

As this is my final newsletter I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for a wonderful 6 months at Grovely. To the Leadership Team (Leanne Duncan, Louise Barry, Sue McIvor) and the Admin/Facilities Team (Di Lowe, Annette Norman, Nic Deighton, Steve O’Donnell) my heartfelt thanks for making it all possible. To the teaching staff thank you for your professionalism, enthusiasm and cheerful willingness to go the extra mile. To the support staff – teacher aides and cleaners – for the great work you do. To the students and parents/carers you are a wonderful community. And finally to Vicki Baker for allowing me this wonderful opportunity.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful 2015.

Cheers
Buffy Lavery
FROM THE DEPUTYS DESK

Reporting and Geography
It’s that time of year again!!! It certainly sneaks up fast!!! Please remember that it is important to us that you are aware of how your child is progressing at school. Reporting at Grovely is a formality of this however we believe that there should be no surprises in your child’s report card. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your teacher.

This year has been our first year of teaching Geography according to the Australian Curriculum. It is important to note that students will be starting to develop the skills and knowledge associated with this Learning Area. It takes time for these skills and knowledge to develop so please do not be concerned if your child’s marks are a little lower than expected in the Geography and/or History Learning Area. This is because they are only just beginning their Learning Journey in this particular subject and they need time to consolidate particular skills to support the learning in these areas.

Classes in 2015
We are currently composing classes for 2015. Classes will be placed on the information boards around our school on the Pupil Free days. In the past we have sent letters home notifying parents of each child’s class. Please note this will not happen next year. New families will receive a letter in the mail with a map to help them on their first day at Grovely. As numbers change with students moving into our school classes may change as we move into the New Year.

Computers and illegal downloads
We have discovered that some students are coming to school and transferring music and games. They have them on USB sticks and then are transferring them onto the computers at school which leaves them on our server that is managed through Education Queensland guidelines. Some schools have been audited for this and there are fines of up to $250000. It will be monitored and students that we know continue to do this will receive a phone call home so that you are aware of what is happening. Please talk with your child/ren and discuss this matter as it is important that they know what the implications for this is. When you enter our Grovely community you and your child sign a form that tells us they will use the computers and internet appropriately. This is seen as inappropriate behaviour.

End of Year
As we mentioned before...it is amazing how fast the year has flown by. It has been another exciting and busy year and we appreciate your involvement in our school community. We thank all of our volunteers and the wonderful staff at Grovely. Have a safe and fun holiday and we look forward to seeing you in 2015. Leanne Duncan & Sue McVor

GROVELY GROWERS
As the year draws to an end I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in the school garden. In particular thanks to our regular volunteers who water and maintain the garden, especially as the weather heats up. Recently, thanks to the support of the P&C, Grovely Growers was able to purchase new watering equipment, a compost tumbler and other much needed resources, and reconnect our tank water and sink.. We can’t wait to introduce a composting program in 2015 to reduce school waste and have the students even more involved in the garden. Kerri Walters.

UNIFORM SHOP
Thank you very much to all the helpers in the uniform shop this year. Just popping in to assist when I am busy is very much appreciated. Julie Mc, Julie M, Renee H, Jess F, Tammy D and Peta F, you are all awesome!

The uniform shop will be open from 9am-12pm on Thursday 22 Jan and Friday 23 Jan 2015 for all your uniform needs. Have a great Christmas and holiday break.
Cheers, Lee-Anne

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEER ROSTER

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Tuckshop will be OPEN
Wednesday 10 December
Thursday 11 December

Tuckshop will be CLOSED
Friday 12 December

CHAPLAINS CHAT

FOOD DONATIONS APPEAL - Burnie Brae is a non-profit organisation which provides 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. 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.

HOT DOG DAY - Thank you to everyone who supported the Hot Dog Deal days last Monday and Tuesday. All funds raised will go to the Chaplaincy Program at Grovely State School.

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA - It was lovely to see some of our volunteers today, enjoying themselves at the Volunteers Morning Tea and celebrating the wonderful work they do within our school. Congratulations to Therese Christensen who received the “Volunteer of the Year” award. Thank you everyone for your time and efforts during 2014, you are much appreciated and valued.

Wishing everyone in the Grovely community a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.
Cathy Longford

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to all of our band and strings students who did a great job at their final concert last Tuesday. A special thank you to Mrs Rossouw, Mrs Christensen, Mrs Lavery, Mrs Coleman and Mr Lentz for all of their help on the day.

Please make sure your child has returned their school instrument and all school music to Mrs Batch and Mrs Hall by THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER at the meeting room.

BEGINNER BAND CAMP INFORMATION
ALL STRINGS (Friday 30 January and Monday 2 February 2015 at Ferny Hills State School – contact Nicola Seneviratne – ph 3550 5333

YEAR 4 WOODWIND, BRASS AND PERCUSSION CAMP – Friday 30 January and Monday 2 February

YEAR 5 WOODWIND, BRASS AND PERCUSSION CAMP – Tuesday 3 February and Thursday 5 February

Please note where the camps will be
Woodwind (flute, clarinets and saxophones) at Ferny Grove State School ph 3550 5333 – contact Rhonda Haringcaspel
Brass (trumpets, French Horn, trombone, euphonium) and Bass Guitar – Samford State school ph 3550 5333 contact Tracey Young
Percussion – Ferny Grove State High School (to be confirmed) – contact Tania Savage 3351 4537

Time: 8:45 am until 2:45 pm

Transport is the responsibility of parents and guardians to and from the venues.

Information about this camp has been sent home. For further information please contact Penny or Angela.

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)
**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Friday 5 December, 9am will be the last day for processing of payments through the office for 2015

Student Resource Scheme 2015
Thank you to the many families who have returned their completed participation form and are participating in the scheme.

- Early in the new school year invoices will be created and sent home for payment.
- If you indicated you wished to pay this year, these payments have been processed and receipts sent home.
- If you included your credit card details on the reverse of the form, these payments will be processed in the week beginning 19 January 2015 and receipts sent home when students return to school.
- If you have not returned the completed participation form, please complete and return by Friday 5 December 2014. Next week we will be contacting families who have not returned this form.
- Families who have indicated that they do not wish to participate in the scheme, a list of items you will need to purchase and provide for your child will be sent home prior to the end of the school year.

Montessori Program 2015
Thank you to the many families who have made payments for the 2015 fees and returned the completed declaration form. If you still need to make a payment and return the form, Friday 5 December, 9am is the last day for receiving payments through the office. If you prefer to make a payment directly into the school bank account, please contact the office for these details.

Merry Christmas to all our families, and wishing you a happy, safe and healthy 2015.

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

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 4 December – Christmas Party**
For more information please contact Meralda Livermore on 0401 012 615.

HOPE CITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be held on 24 December from 6-7pm at Grovely State School Hall, 200 Dawson Parade, Keperra. Share the joy of Christmas with your family, neighbours and friends and enjoy a great night of fun and carols, followed by a free icy Christmas treat. For more info call 3354 4511 or email participation@hopecc.org.au or check out their website www.hopecc.org.au

FREE NETBALL CLINIC – Firebirds Community Development Program clinics are for 11-15 year olds to develop their skills and learn about umpiring and coaching pathways. For details email participation@netballq.org.au or phone 3848 6330.

WATER POLO QLD is offering 2 days of jam packed fun, skills, drills and competition at Somerville House Aquatics Centre on 15 & 16 December. Lots of prizes and giveaways to be won and each participant will receive a show bag. For more details and to register go to www.waterpoloqld.com.au or call the office 3367 1661.

RAIDERS ALLSTARS NETBALL CLUB SIGN ON DAY will be held on Saturday 2 January 9-11am at Downey Park Netball Courts, Northeby Street, Windsor. www.dpncraiders.netball.asn.au

NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN FOOTBALL CLUB SIGN-ON DAY will be held on Saturday 31 January 2015 from 12-3pm at Darien Street, Bridgeman Downs. All Age Groups, everyone welcome. Pre-Register online www.northsidefootball.org.au 0417 191 141.

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