Principal’s Page

Mrs Vicki Baker returning in 2015.
I am very happy to be continuing in my role as Principal until the end of the school year and hope that in my short time here I can contribute something useful to this remarkable school. I know that the return of Mrs Baker for the 2015 school year will herald the beginning of another great year for Grovely.

International Teachers Day
International Teachers day was celebrated around the world last Friday. Thank you to the P&C for the wonderful cake. A delicious morning tea was greatly enjoyed by the staff. It is always good to have your efforts acknowledged. Grovely SS is fortunate to have such a hard working and committed group of teachers. All for the benefit our students.

Farewell to Year 6 and Year 7!
This year we say goodbye to a group of students who were the first preps and also the last Year 7s in primary schools in Queensland. Our current Year 6s will be the first High School Year 7s. The graduation ceremony will be in the evening on Wednesday December 10 in GPAC. Invitations will be coming out soon. We look forward to celebrating this occasion with you and your children.

Craft Day
Thank you to Annette Norman for organising another successful day. Just over 30 mums came along and worked on a variety of projects while enjoying great company and great food. Also a thank you to Vicki’s mum for her great cooking. About $800 was raised.

Outstanding fees for 2014
Schools are not for profit organisations. Each year we develop a budget of all funds coming into the school to ensure there is enough money to do the things we want to do. The money requested through levies and fees is used exclusively for the designated programs e.g. school sports and camps, curriculum resources, regional sporting levies etc.

When family accounts are not paid by the due date this makes it difficult to meet our commitments. The school also has accounts which are required for payment by due dates and if fees are not paid by families, this in turn creates a loss to the school.

We understand that sometimes families are facing times of financial hardship and are happy to discuss possible solutions with you. If you have outstanding fees you must make arrangements to address this situation by meeting with Ms Lavery. Please phone the Office on 33546333 to make an appointment for next week.

Students will be unable to attend the upcoming excursions if no satisfactory arrangement is in place.

Montessori 2015 Fees
Montessori Fees are due for payment in full by Friday 28 November 2014, if you did not negotiate a payment plan by 17 October 2014. The declaration form must be completed and returned to the school office no later than Friday 28 November 2014. If you were unable to meet the negotiated payment plan deadline or will have concerns around meeting the full payment deadline please make an appointment to talk with Ms Lavery next week.

Concerns and complaints
From time to time a situation arises where your child comes home and gives you information or makes a complaint about something that has happened at school. If you feel that there may be a valid complaint or concern, there are a series of steps you can follow to help to resolve the issue.

Demonstrating a calm, solutions based approach provides an excellent role model for children and helps our school to do our job to the very best of our ability. Firstly remember that children present information from their perspective. Often their information is incomplete. Reacting to this initial information can mean than you are responding to only one part of the story.
Clarify the situation with your child. What do they want from you? Someone to listen when they have had a frustrating or disappointing day? Some help with problem solving a situation? Your assistance because there is an ongoing problem which they have not been able to resolve by themselves? A potentially serious concern with a situation, another child or an adult at school?

Be clear about your specific concern. If you are angry or upset, give yourself time to think calmly. Make a time to meet with the person/s concerned. While the classroom teacher is often your starting point, if you are unsure about who is the best person to meet with please feel free to contact the Office for advice.

Approach the conversation as an opportunity to get and give further information that will help to clarify and resolve the situation. Begin the conversation outlining the information/situation about which you are concerned. Be prepared to listen. Be prepared to come away with a plan. If necessary set a review time when everyone will have had time to do what they need to do to ensure the situation has been dealt with.

Further information regarding EQ policy on “making a complaint” can be found at http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/about/pdfs/making_a_complaint.pdf

We all have the same goal - working towards providing the best school experience we can for your child. Just as we are educating our children to enact the Grovely values - respect, responsibility and resilience and to learn to be learners, we expect the same from ourselves and from all members of the school community.

Cheers
Buffy Lavery

**FREE** RED CROSS WORKSHOP

A Christmas Theme card making “Art Therapy Workshop” will be held from 9.30am-11.30am in GPAC marshalling room on Wednesday 26 November. Feel free to bring along your own craft. Morning tea will be provided. To RSVP or for further information please contact Tracey Scantlebury (Red Cross).

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**NOV**
- 7: Starlab Incursion – Prep A, M2B/C, M3/2D, M3/2E, 3A
- 11: P&C Meeting
- 12: 5 Love Languages Workshop
- 12: Lion King excursion – Senior Choir
- 14: Assembly
- 18: Swim Club Six-Way-Meet
- 21: 3/4A & 5/6A Excursion – 12th Night Theatre
- 24: Junior Swim Carnival – P-3
- 25: Chaplaincy Hot Dog Day P-3
- 25: Senior Swim Carnival – 4-7
- 25: Chaplaincy Hot Dog Day – 4-7
- 26: Assembly
- 26: Red Cross “Art Therapy” Workshop

**DEC**
- 1: Year 7 Orientation Day – Mitchelton SHS
- 2: Year 6/7 Orientation Day – Mitchelton SHS
- 2: Year 7 Orientation Day – Ferny Grove SHS
- 3: Year 6 Orientation Day – Mitchelton SHS
- 3: Year 6 Orientation Day – Ferny Grove SHS
- 8: Dreamworld excursion – Year 6 & 7
- 9: P&C Meeting
- 10: Assembly
- 10: Year 6 & 7 Graduation
- 12: End of Term 4

### FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

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We also have monies outstanding for the following programs/activities. Payments are overdue and need to be paid by Friday 14 November.

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Montessori Fees 2015

Thank you to the families who have returned their completed declaration form and made payment for the 2015 fees. If you have not negotiated a payment plan total fees are due by Friday 28 November 2014.

The declaration form must be completed and returned to the school office no later than Friday 28 November 2014.

### CHAPLAINS CHAT

**HOT DOG DAY**

Our next “Hot Dog Days” will be held on the 24/11 for the grades participating in the junior swim carnival and 25/11 for the grades participating in the senior swim carnival. Forms will be sent home for students ordering. Parents and siblings are also able to pre-order meal deals. Forms will be available from the office.

**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 - clong@ef.edu.au or through the school office or to Greg Peirse on 0412 282 217 & Erica Strong on 0412 698 415

Email: schoolzout@uscamps.org.au

Cathy Longford

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT DISRUPTION DURING G20

Public transport into and across Brisbane City will not be as easy as usual over the G20 long weekend from Friday 14 to Sunday 16 November and in the lead up to the event.

- South Brisbane train station will be closed from Monday 10 November to Sunday 16 November. Students can use South Bank station as an alternative.
- There will be major bus disruptions from 7pm Thursday 13 November to Sunday 16 November, including the closure of Busway stations between RCH Herston and Wooloongabba stations and many CBD bus stops. If students commute to and from the city and surrounding suburbs by bus, they should aim to leave the city before 6pm Thursday 13 November to avoid the disruptions.
- Translink is working to ensure Brisbane’s traffic and public transport network will be operational for the morning peak on Monday 17 November; however, disruptions should be expected as services return to normal after the summit. Buses will operate as normal following their regular routes, however delays and congestion in and around the city should be expected. Students should allow extra time for their journey.

Visit translink.com.au or call 13 12 30 for further details of the public transport changes or www.g20.org/community_informationbrisbane_locals/traffic_and_transport for more general information on traffic, parking and road closures.

### 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 6 November – Water Battle**
**Thursday 13 November – Ball Games**

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, DPA 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

### REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES

Will be on sale 11 November before school under F block for 50c each.