Welcome back for Term 4. This is shaping up to be a very busy term at Grovely. I suspect there is no other kind! In addition to the focus on learning with formal report cards coming home at the end of this term there are many opportunities and events for students, families and the wider community coming up.

**Grovely State School Market Day**

First and foremost is the Grovely State School Market Day this Saturday. The fun starts in and around GPAC at 1pm with loads of stalls, information stands, food and rides. At 7pm a free movie will be screened on the grassy slope running from the hall down to the oval. Food and drinks will be available. Bring along a rug and join the fun. This is a great community event that needs your support. Volunteers are still needed, so if you have a spare hour and can help with set up, helping on the BBQ or cleaning up at the end of the night please contact Peta Clacherty from the P&C on 0417 006 650. See you there!

In the last newsletter I talked briefly about the issue of bullying and the difference between bullying and not getting along. The website [http://bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://bullyingnoway.gov.au) is an excellent resource that students, schools and families can use to understand issues such as bullying, violence and harassment. A set of skills which will stand all students in good stead are those for conflict resolution. The following information from the Australian Psychological Society outlines some good strategies to teach your children.

**Teaching children about conflict resolution**

It is possible for a child to learn how to sort out problems in a way that makes everybody happy. Often though, people deal with conflict aggressively, and try to convince other people that their way is the best by force or argument. Good conflict resolution skills do not seem to be used in most of the conflicts we see or hear about, (such as in the family home, in films and on television, in the school yard, on the news). However there are excellent ways of dealing with conflict that lead to a peaceful solution.

The following steps are useful in helping children find peaceful ways of solving problems with other people. You can change the way you ask the questions depending on the age of the child, but the general steps are the same for all ages.

- Begin by letting children know that it is possible to find a good solution. Parents could say something like: “I’m sure if we all think about this we might find a way of everyone getting what they want”.
- Help children identify how they are feeling, and help them to label and express their emotions. (eg ‘You’re looking cross – I’m wondering if you’re feeling cross, but also a bit sad and hurt, that you can’t join in their game’).
- Help children to work out what they really want by asking them what they would like to have happen. Help them to work out what the underlying need is, (eg ‘You say you wish your friend would go away. I’m wondering if you are also wishing that you could help the group build the cubby’).
- Help your child to understand the other person’s point of view and to learn how to take their perspective. Ask them what they think the other person might be feeling, or how they might feel if they were in the same situation. You could get them to ask the other person to say how they are feeling and what they would like to have happen.
- Together, you could encourage the children to brainstorm different ways that they could solve the problem. Encourage them to come up with several different and interesting ways that they could go about it.
- Help the children to choose the options that they think work best for everyone, and get them to have a go at putting them into practice. Stay around to see how they get on, and help them fine-tune the solution if needed.
- Reading children books that teach conflict resolution skills through stories can also be helpful. (e.g., [Wise Ways to Win](http://www.psychology.org.au/publications/tip_sheets) children’s story book)

Have a great day on Saturday.

Cheers

Buffy Lavery
FERNY HILLS SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

Free dental check-ups and treatment available now! As it may be some time before the Dental Clinic re-opens at our school, Metro North Oral Health Services are offering your child a dental check-up at the Ferny Hills School Dental Clinic. Your child will also receive additional appointments if any treatment is needed – all free of charge! Please call by Friday 31 October on 3851 2304 between 8.30am-4.00pm to make an appointment.

P&C

MARKET DAY & MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday 11 October we will be having our market day and movie night. We are still in need of helpers on the day to cook on the BBQ, assist in the coffee shop and generally help out with set up and clean up on the day. If you can help, even for an hour, please let us know or just come along on the day. The event is aimed at the wider community so please let family and friends know about it and come along for a fun day.

There will be rides for the kids, some great market stalls from 1pm to 7pm and then we will be screening the LEGO movie thanks to a grant from the Brisbane City Council. We will also be kicking off our monster raffle, which will have some amazing prizes.

P&C MEETING

Next Tuesday night 14 October is our next scheduled P&C meeting, held in the school staff room at 7pm.

Scott Fineran (President)

FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Welcome back!! A busy term ahead with 9 and a half weeks of learning left this year!

Art Show success!

Thank you for your support in another successful Art Show. We had such wonderful comments from many parents. “Wow look what they have done this year...every year it just gets better and better!” The work from teachers and students to create their displays for the day and night was superb. Thank you to all the staff who organised the event/sponsors and the staff who cooked and served food and beverages. Another thanks to Emma Hain who with the help of staff ran the coffee shop on the night and donated the funds to support our year 6 and 7’s. Also special thanks to Mr Arjen Lentz who volunteered to be our auctioneer on the night! The auction was a great success with funds raised going towards our students! We couldn’t have done this without all the sponsors who supported us. Our deepest appreciation to you all.

Prep Enrolments

Currently we are doing prep interviews for 2015! It has been a delight to welcome new families into our community and meet our new groups of preppies!! Please ring the office to make a time if you require an enrolment interview for 2015.

Journey and Discovery

My apologies as we had to change the dates for our Journey and Discovery term. You should receive a flyer for this event. The dates are confirmed as Friday 24 October (6-8pm) and Saturday the 25 October (8.30am-12.15pm). Please note that attendance to both sessions is essential. This is a great opportunity to experience Montessori from a child’s perspective. Feedback from our first Journey at the beginning of the year was fantastic and parents commented that all Montessori parents should take part. If you are interested in attending or would like further information please contact Sue via email smciv2@eq.edu.au. Please note places are limited.

2015 Enrolling into high school

In 2015 both years 6 and 7 students will be starting high school in our secondary schools. Please be aware that most schools will run orientation opportunities for our students and to make sure you are aware of these dates and times you need to have enrolled your student for next year. If you are not sure please contact the high school that you intend to send your children to and check with them.

Media Permissions

Currently we are in the process of updating our media permissions. In the coming week media permission and responsible internet agreements will be sent home. These will be sent home to families in Prep through to Year 5 in preparation for the 2015 school year. This will make it easier to manage sharing the successes and events in our school with the wider community through different avenues. The permission remains current until advised in writing by you of changes to this. Thanks for returning these as soon as is possible.

Leanne Duncan & Sue McIvor

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RED CROSS NEWS

WORKSHOPS

The following workshops will be held from 8.30am-12.30pm in GPAC marshalling room during Term 4. To RSVP or for further information please contact Tracey Scantlebury (Red Cross).

22 Oct  Toxic Relationships
5 Nov  Art Therapy
12 Nov  5 Love Languages

Major sponsor of Grovely Markets 2014

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**OCT**
- 11: Grovely Markets & Movie Night
- 14: P&C Meeting
- 15: Assembly
- **20: Pupil Free Day**
- 22: Open Day 9-11am
- 22: Toxic Relationships Workshop
- 24: Day for Daniel – gold coin donation (wear red)
- 24: Year 6 & 7 excursion
- 24-25: Journey and Discovery
- 29: M3/2D excursion
- 29: Assembly

**NOV**
- 1: Craft Day
- 5: Art Therapy Workshop
- 5: Instrumental Music Program Info Night-Samford SS
- 6: Prep 2015 Information & Enrolment forum – 6.30pm
- 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
- 12: Assembly
- **14: Public Holiday (G20)**
- 18: Swim Club Six-Way-Meet
- 24: Junior Swim Carnival
- 24: Chaplaincy Hot Dog Day
- 25: Senior Swim Carnival
- 26: Assembly

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

**CHAPLAINS CHAT**

**HOT DOG DAY**

Thank you to everyone who supported Hot Dog Day on 17 September. Over $700 was raised on the day and will go towards the Chaplaincy Program at Grovely State School. A big thank you is extended to Sherine Navakas and Chonghuan Jin for volunteering. Their help was invaluable and very much appreciated.

I am currently seeking donations of second hand uniforms that are no longer needed. If your child is leaving at the end of the year or has outgrown their current uniform, please consider donating it back to the school to help out families in need. Donations can be left at the office or the Chaplains Room under B block. Please ensure items are washed and in good condition.

_Cathy Longford_

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Congratulations to all of our fabulous student bankers at Grovely State School. So far this year, you have helped raise $490.91 in commission from the Commonwealth Bank – that's $490.91 of FREE MONEY!! If you would like to encourage your child to develop good financial habits for the future, simply collect an application pack from the banking ladies on Wednesday from 8.15am outside the Library.

Banking Volunteers are needed to help process the deposits each Wednesday morning for approximately an hour. Please contact Jacqui Hills on 0420 866 241 if you can assist.

**FINANCE NEWS**

The following activities are coming up for Term 4 2014.

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We are also have monies owing for the following accounts which are required to be finalised now.

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**Centrepay Facility**

We are pleased to inform parents/carers that the school has now been approved as a participant in the Centrepay scheme. Parents will be able to register online with Centrelink (humanservices.gov.au/centrepay) or complete a form (available from the school office) for you to forward to Centrepay to allow deductions to be made and paid to the school for fees.

**STEPPING STONES TRIPLE P PARENTING GROUP**

The Stepping Stones Triple P group program provides practical strategies to help parents promote their child’s development and to change problem behaviour if it is occurring. The program involves five (2 hour) group sessions that provide information and opportunities to practice the strategies, and follow up individual telephone consultations to assist parents to refine the use of their parenting skills and to develop independent problem solving skills.

Where: Mitchelton Special School, Kedron Avenue, Mitchelton – in the Early Childhood Development Program (ECDP)

Dates: 15, 22, 29 October & 5, 12 November

Time: 9-11am

Cost: FREE

Who: Parents/caregivers of a child with a disability, aged 2-12 years

RSVP: Jenny Katona
Ph. 3354 5333 or Email Jkato2@eq.edu.au

Childcare may be available by negotiation

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

Mrs Hall will be back teaching at our school on Thursday 9 October. Senior Band rehearsal is at 7.45am on Thursdays.

Instrumental music band testing for years 3s and for 4s for 2015 will be happening in week 2 of term 4.

Our information night about our instrumental music program for strings and band will be held on Wednesday 5 November at 6.30pm at Samford State School.

For all band queries please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au
For all string queries please contact Angela Batch at abaht0@eq.edu.au