Congratulations to Mrs Rossouw and our choir for the wonderful work that was accomplished at the music camp last weekend. Significant work was put into learning and honing some very difficult choral pieces. Two part harmonies, different languages... nothing is too hard for our young ones when they are led so skilfully and passionately by our wonderful music teacher. It's simply a joy to witness their growth and their love of music. Mrs Rossouw was supported by Sharlene; two gorgeous young ladies form the Gap State High School and a significant number of parents who took on various roles to make this event a success. This was indeed a community event to be cherished. From all of our young people who benefited..... thank you!

Art Show... the date of the Art Show and Cent Auction has now been shifted to the Thursday the 19th of September because of the announcement of the Federal Election. Our school is a polling booth and will be required for setting up on the 6th of September. This date was deemed to be the best by staff given that the Talent Quest for Chaplaincy in on the 13th of September. We try very hard not to have school events that involve children on school nights, but given there is only one more day of school this was considered the best option. Please mark this day in your diary. We are hoping for very strong support from our community.

Thank you to all Grovely Tour Guides who so brilliantly escorted our visitors around the school as part of our Open Day on Tuesday. So many of our students love to take on this role. They speak openly, enthusiastically (without scripting from staff) with pride about our community. As always the feedback from perspective parents was extremely positive. Our enrolments are coming in steadily for 2014. Like our students, you our parents are our strongest advocates for our community.

Hip-Hop has started for students in years 4-7 but it is not too late to sign up. There are 5 more sessions at a cost of $7 per session. Sessions are held in the lunch hour each Tuesday in GPAC and run by Namila for the PCYC.

Working Bee postponed.....we're waiting on the contractor to do the clean-up of the front garden so that we have our clean slate. I have spent some time at Grovely TAFE this week selecting plants and getting to know the people who work there. They've been extremely helpful and we have been able to purchase at a very reasonable and attractive rate. The edges have been done and they look fabulous but quite a bit of work is needed before we can get in to plant and mulch. Once the work has been done a new date will be set. We are thinking at this point it will be the 31st of August. If you had this Saturday marked in your calendar, my apologies, but please keep that wheelbarrow close!

Info for parents of children with Aspergers or Autism. Feedback is that these sessions are very practical and offer support to parents. There are times when Prof Tony Attwood presents as well as other experts in the field. Minds and Hearts http://www.mindsandhearts.net/index.php/info-nights

To all parents Do you know what internet sites your children are using? Available sites go well beyond Facebook and now include such sites as tumblir and ask.fm. We strongly urge parents to check the sites children are using and ensure you have a process for keeping up with new technologies and sites.

Grovely kids, pay it forward...... Michael Grose says that helping others' and having an attitude of gratitude, is one of five things that children need to do in order to have good mental health and develop resilience. Across our school from Monday, Grovely kids will be paying it forward. Each class will have a pay if forward bracelet, that will be handed on as students do random acts of kindness for others. The idea is that it cannot be an act of kindness to a close friend and that the recipient does not know they've been targeted as part of this process. Once the act has been achieved the bracelet is handed to another child in the class, and it can't be the recipient. I flagged this idea with the staff last week and a little birdy told me yesterday that this has a started a groundswell amongst our staff team...... perhaps it will have a ripple effect in other places...... more food for thought....

What are the other four you might be thinking? Sleep, down time, talking to others, exercise.....
Vicki Baker
Principal

Community Coffee now open Tuesday and Thursday mornings...... it's for the kids!!!!!!!
**P&C NEWS**

**ADIDAS School Fun-Run (lap-a-thon)** - The Sponsorship Forms and Letter have been distributed to all students. Extra copies available from the office. Also additional sponsorship sheets are available if you run out of lines on the original form. Any queries please call Tammy on 0418 711 021. Thank you for your support.

**HELP US WIN $5,000 TO IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL**

At Grovely State School we believe it's very important to encourage our students to lead active and healthy lifestyles. Through our participation in the adidas School Lapathon – a healthy alternative to the traditional chocolate fundraising drives – we have been eligible to enter a program called ‘CUA Community Care’ that gives us the chance to win $5,000 for a school or community project of our choice. This program is a community-focused initiative from CUA, Australia’s largest customer-owned financial institution and our project proposal is to rejuvenate the school’s garden including construction of a covered outdoor shelter (outdoor classroom). We’re up against 8 other schools in the area to take out the $5,000 prize and given the winner will be determined by community voting - we need your votes! Voting is open from 29 July – 23 August and you can register your vote online at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and in CUA’s Chermside branch. Each person can make one online and one in-branch vote. So, please give us your support and help us win $5,000 to improve our school!

**Entertainment Book Fundraiser** - Selling for only $65, the new 2013/2014 Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and Surrounds Entertainment™ Book is packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from the best restaurants, cafes, hotel accommodation, attractions and activities. Plus $13 of your Book purchase goes towards our fund-raising. So please tell your family and friends, as the more Books we sell, the more funds we’ll raise! Contact Tammy or leave a message at the school office if you are interested in purchasing a book.

**Tuition** - The PCYC has a new Learning Centre which has qualified tutors to help tailor a suitable program for your child. For any queries phone PCYC on 3855 1980.

**Uniform Shop** opens every Thursday from 8.30-9.30am. EFTPOS is available.

**Turlock** operates on Thursday and Friday's this term. Orders must be placed by 9.00am. Volunteers are required. Contact Sherine our Tuckshop Convenor on mobile 0412 980 113.

**Calendar of Events**

- 16/08 RSPCA Cupcake Day - Community Coffee
- 20/08 P&C General Meeting - Staffroom @ 7pm
- 30/08 Father's Day Stag - GLAP
- 11/09 Lapathon
- 17/09 P&C General Meeting

Please feel free to contact me at any time and email pandcpresident@grovelys.eq.edu.au

Tammy Drake (President) Mobile 0418 711 021

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

***PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO STRING AND BAND REHEARSALS AND NO INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS ON TUESDAY 13TH AND 15TH AUGUST DUE TO INTERMEDIATE MUSIC CAMP***

**INTERMEDIATE MUSIC CAMP 13 AND 15 AUGUST**

The concert for the Intermediate Music Camp will be held at Mitchelton State High School’s High School Hall (best entry Turnbull Street, Mitchelton State High School) at 2pm on Thursday 15 August. All parents and friends are most welcome.

If my child is attending intermediate music camp what do they have to bring and wear?

- Instrument, Pencil, Morning tea and lunch, Drink, Tutor book, School uniform and school hat

What time is my child meeting at the camp?

- 8.30 am at Mitchelton State School Hall (best drop off point is Turnbull Street which is behind the hall)

What time does the camp finish?

- Tuesday 13 August – 2.30 pm (children will be finished at Mitchelton State High School Hall, 2.30 pm)
- Thursday 15 August – 3.00 pm

For any further information regarding the camp please contact Penny or Tracey Young at the Greater Brisbane Music Resource Centre at byoun87@eq.edu.au or phone 3552 7440

**COMBINED BAND TOUR** - Thursday 29 August - Don’t forget if your child performs in the combined schools band your forms need to be sent into our school office by FRIDAY 16 AUGUST. Our band will be performing at our school at 11.30 am.

Viva la musica!

For all band queries please don’t hesitate to contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au - Penny teaches at our school on Thursdays.

For all string queries please don’t hesitate to contact Terri Giesen at tgies1@eq.edu.au - Terri teaches at our school on Tuesdays.

**JUNIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – 13 AUGUST**

The Junior Athletics Carnival will be held for students in Prep-Year 3 on Tuesday 13 August from 9.00am-10.00pm on the oval. The events are organised throughout the day to enable students to participate in fun and enjoyable games. The P-3 sports day enable the students to play these games in a friendly competition environment.

Students will need a hat and water bottle and house t-shirt if they have one. Family and friends are welcome to support their children from the oval embankment (don’t forget a picnic rug/chair). Maximum participation is encouraged.

**VACANCY – SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR**

A casual positions exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Grovely State School

Remuneration $26.25 per hour

1.25 hours per day on a roster system - 5 days per fortnight currently available (Work one week, have one week off. Ideal person must be available on days off for any relief).

Application packs available from the school.

Applications close: Friday 16 August 2013.

**LIBRARY**

**Book Week**

It’s not long until Book Week. The students have been experiencing the short listed books within their library time. We’ve found it difficult to decide which book should win in each category. They’re all fabulous. As well as experiencing these books the classes have had the opportunity to experience books written by the author, Cameron Stelzer who will be at Grovely State School on Wednesday 21 August. There is a small payment of $2 for your child to have an author book reading or workshop on this day. Please make sure this payment has been made before Friday 16 August. I wouldn’t want any student to miss out on this amazing opportunity. If you want to discover more about Cameron and his books go to this website http://www.thestroogle.com/ and you will find out more about his books and school programs.

As well as our author visit we will be holding our pyjama day on Tuesday 20 August. We will be gathering together to read books and celebrate book week on this day.

**New Resources in the Library**

From money raised with our Book Fair earlier in the year I have purchased new resources for the library in both the general collection and for curriculum needs. Parents, you can come and borrow books from the library from the parent, teacher and general collections.

**CHAPLAINCY NEWS**

**FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST**

This year we will be once again hosting our Fathers’ Day Breakfast on Friday 30 August. Dads, Step Dads, Grandfathers or in the absence of these, a significant male role model in a child’s life are invited to come and have breakfast with their children, for a small charge.

**TALENT QUEST**

Auditions for our combined talent quest with Mitchelton Primary and High School will begin in Term 3. Students are required to nominate an act that they have been practicing. Last year we had a great number of students audition with acts from singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, reading poems and joke telling just to name a few. From the auditions we will choose 5 – 6 acts to perform on our final night at Mitchelton High School on Friday 13 September. Everyone is welcome to come along and support our children as they perform with the students from the other two schools. This is a combined Chaplaincy fundraiser.

**READING @ GROVELY**

We are in the process of purchasing more home reading books to support our students reading at home. Watch this space as we will be looking for volunteers to help us cover them as they arrive!! Home reading is a very important route to encourage in all of our students from Prep up to (and beyond!!) year 7. As students are developing their reading strategies home reading encourages them to practise using new reading skills. We expect that books they bring home are already familiar to them so that they are able to share with you their reading successes. Quite often students like to reread books that they have taken home before. This is encouraged as rereading favourite books assists students to develop fluency in their reading thus supporting comprehension. It is important to support students to choose reading materials that they are interested in. Students are more likely to want to read and develop good reading attitudes when they love what they read and are encouraged to discuss their reading.

As mentioned last week we are continuing to map the Montessori Curriculum with the Australian Curriculum. We would love to share our discoveries with the community. Please put this date in your diaries: Wednesday 18 September at 2.30pm in GPAC. We will also run an evening session on Tuesday 8 October at 6.30pm in GPAC.

Have a great fortnight!!

Sue McIvor
Deputy Principal - Curriculum
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

12 Science Show
13 Intermediate Music Camp
13 Junior Athletics Carnival
13 ICAS Maths
14 Exhibition Public Holiday
15 Intermediate Music Camp
16 Community Coffee - RSPCA Cupcake Fundraiser
20 Pyjama Day
20 Singfest
20 P&C General Meeting
21 Author Workshop by Dr Cameron Stelzer
26 Year 1 Fire Visit
28 Assembly
29 Combined Band Tour
30 Fathers’ Day Breakfast 7-9am GPAC
30 Fathers’ Day Stall - GPAC

SEPTEMBER

11 P&C Lap-a-thon
11 Assembly
12 Junior Choir Kindy Visit
13 Talent Quest Finals - Mitchelton SHS
17 P&C General Meeting
19 Whole School Art Show & Cent Auction (evening)

ICAS MATHS
Tuesday 13 August @ 8.00am
The last ICAS test for those students who have paid to participate this year will be held on Tuesday 13th August at 8 am in the STLAN room behind Administration. Please ensure you are prompt for an 8am start. The test time for Years 2 is 35 minutes, years 3-5 is 40 mins and years 6 and 7 is 1 hour.

Thank you to all of the students who participated in the ICAS tests this year. Students will be presented with their certificates early in Term 4 after all the results are processed by ICAS and sent out to schools.

Thank you
Leanne Duncan

RSPCA CUPCAKE DAY
Grovely State School is proud to support the RSPCA Cupcake Day by donating the proceeds from Community Coffee on Friday 16 August. So come on down for a coffee and cupcake and know that important funds will be raised for neglected, injured and homeless animals. Donations of cupcakes will be much appreciated. Remember to choose wisely when baking and use "cage-free" eggs.

The official RSPCA Cupcake Day is held on Monday 19 August. You can hold your own fundraising event at home, just check out the RSPCA website and register your details today and start raising valuable funds........ for all creatures great and small.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL is currently taking enrolments for Year 8, 2014. Please call 3550 1111 to make an enrolment appointment.

TENNIS COACHING is held at Grovely State School every Tuesday afternoon from 3.00-3.45pm. New beginners receive a FREE racquet. Contact Dave Prickett on 3351 4483 for information and bookings.

FERNY FIREBALLS CRICKET CLUB SIGN-ON (5-17 years) will be held on Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 August at Tramway Street Ferny Grove from 10am-12pm and Ferny Grove State School on Saturday 31 August 10am-12pm. Email registrar@fernyfireballs.org.au or call Grant Hasted on 0438 154 699.

ANIMAL EMERGENCIES
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.
Wildlife Emergencies - 1300 264 625, 24 Hour Call Centre – 3426 9999

COMMUNITY COFFEE BAKING ROSTER

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What’s important to your family? Do your children know what you stand for? Michael Grose from Parenting Ideas says that it is really important to have a family brand..... Food for thought....

PARENT OPINION SURVEY
Parent Opinion Surveys were issued recently to randomly selected families and were due back on 26 July. All information is confidential and parents are not identified. We seek your assistance in helping us to account for them by returning the survey by Friday 9 August or notify us if you completed the survey On-line or returned it anonymously.

FINANCE NEWS - UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 12 August  Science Show $6.00  Payment and permission required by Friday 2 August. If payment has not been received by today (Thursday 8 August) your child will be unable to attend this show
Whole School

Tuesday 13 & Thurs 15 August  Intermediate Music Camp $55  Payment and forms were due by Friday 26 July
Selected Students

Tuesday 20 August  Singfest $15.00  Payment and forms required by Monday 12 August
Selected students

Wednesday 21 August  Visit by Author $5.00  Payment and permission required by Friday 9 August
Whole School

Thursday 22 August  Gala Concert (Ferny Grove SHS) $3.00  Payment and forms required by Monday 12 August
Selected senior students in Strings, Band and Choir program

Monday 16 September  Parliament House Excursion $4.60  Payment and permission slip required by Monday 26 August
Year 5 – 7 Students

Reminders

Student Resource Scheme 2013
We are now into Semester 2 and to date a large number of parents have paid the Student Resource Scheme. Thank you very much.

Items included in this scheme were:
- Mathletics software program
- Reproduced class materials which complement and/or substitute for textbooks
- Grovely Portfolio folder
- Art Materials and consumables

However there are still a lot of families who have not paid towards this scheme. The school has been providing all students with the necessary photocopy of texts and workbooks for their needs. To enable the school to continue providing these resources, please make every effort to complete the Participation Agreement form and return with payment of $70 (this form was sent home to each student at the end of last year). Part of this payment is for the Mathletics program which teachers run in their classroom. If you have not paid the Student Resource Scheme your child is not included in this program. Also, if your child participates in the Religious Education program there is an additional $3.00 for resources. If you no longer have this form, please call in at the office and one will be provided.

Extract from FNM-PR-018 Textbook and Resource Scheme Policy
“A parent is directly responsible for providing the student with textbooks and other resources for a student’s use while attending school.

As a service to assist parents with the cost of these educational resources, the school may choose to operate a student resource scheme (the scheme). The purpose of the scheme is to provide the parent with a cost effective alternative to purchasing textbooks, resources, consumables and/or materials from elsewhere, through reduced prices gained from the school’s bulk purchasing processes.

The student resource scheme includes textbooks and/or educational resources that, in the absence of the scheme, would normally be purchased by the parent for the student’s use at school. The scheme may include printed material such as workbooks and worksheets, produced by the school in lieu of a prescribed textbook.”

Montessori 2014
Thank you very much to all families who have paid their 2013 fees or are in the process of completing payment plans.

We will be endeavouring to send home forms for continuing in the Montessori Program for 2014 and after return of these forms, invoices will be sent home along with a payment plan form if required.