Principal’s Page

We’re celebrating! This week we had our Teaching and Learning Audit. Every four years, every school in Education Queensland is audited by an external auditor across eight domains to provide quality feedback and inform school planning processes. In every criterion in each of the domains our school achieved in the high or outstanding range. Feedback from the auditor included commendations about the expertise of staff, our school’s culture and commitment to improving the performance of every student. When receiving feedback I commented that I was elated that we did not map in the medium range on any aspect. The auditor’s immediate response was, that there is nothing mediocre about this school….this is just music to my ears and testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff team. Thank you to the parents and students who provided feedback.

This fortnight we have so many to thank…… Thank you also to the families and staff who battled the 29 degree heat on Saturday to makeover the school’s front garden. It looks just amazing. Thank you to the Thompsons, Hayes, Saunders and Dando families as well as one of our lovely grandmas (to Sam and Nathan Meredith) Meryl.

Our Father’s Day breakfast held last Friday was another huge success. Our dads came along in droves and enjoyed some quality time with their young ones. It was delightful to see joy on the faces of the children as they spent time with their dads talking and playing games. Mick Mumford addressed the audience and entertained everyone with some very funny stories and media clips. He also had some very profound messages about making sure we take the time to let those closest to us know how much they are loved and appreciated, Miss Cathy’s organisation of the event again was brilliant. She was strongly supported by staff and volunteer parents. Thank you everyone…..

Our Father’s Day stall was also a huge success thanks to the efforts of one of our mums Nicole Lewis. Nicole was also supported by a group of volunteers…..Again it was a joyful time watching the children carefully select something special for their dads. Thank you Nicole and helpers.

We have a new pool lessee! An organisation called Healthstream have been the successful tenders. We’re looking forward to a long and successful partnership with this organisation. Your support is appreciated. A flyer with contact details is included in this week’s newsletter. Thank you to Jackie Hillis for assisting with the selection process.

It’s hard to believe that we have just over two weeks to go before the end of term. There is so much on so please mark these dates in your diaries…..

**Election Day BBQ…..** Election Day presents as a wonderful opportunity for our school to showcase our gorgeous community and fundraise at the same time. In excess of 3000 people are expected to vote in GPAC which means that we have the potential to make some serious funding from the broader community. We’d greatly appreciate any assistance from any of our families. A little as an hour will make a difference. Please contact office staff if you are able to assist on the day so that we can timetable you in. As always, your support is appreciated.

**Election Day Cake Stall…..** We are asking for donations of cakes, biscuits and slices to sell at the Cake Stall. Please bring them to GPAC on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning and ensure that all items are labelled with the ingredients. Again, thank you for your support.

**Lapathon…..** September 11…….. The lapathon has become another highlight of our school’s calendar. Students have a wonderful time. Please encourage your children to participate fully on the day, simply doing their best and having a great time. Supporting your children with sponsorship by approaching family, friends and co-workers is appreciated and supports the work of our very dedicated P&C.

**Art Show and Silent Auction…..** Our school captains are running this event with the view to raising significant funds for our school. The event will be held on Thursday the 19th of September. Every child in our school will proudly present a piece of art work that we are hoping every parent will choose to purchase. While parents can choose just how much they want to pay, we are hoping to attract at least $5 per item as the canvasses alone are more than $3. Your A number of items will also be auctioned on the evening. We would greatly appreciate any donations of items for either the auction or silent auction. Any item would be welcome. Given that it is an art show we’d strongly encourage any of our very creative or artistic parents to consider making a donation. Our choir will perform on the evening and a meal deal will be available to be purchased. Our children have put a significant amount of energy into their pieces. We’d love your company.

Vicki Baker
Principal
HEAD LICE
We seek the support of all parents to help stop the spread of head lice. Please take the time to check your children’s hair daily and treat immediately if necessary.

SIX WAY SWIM MEET
The six-way swim meet will be held on Tuesday 26 November at the Grovely State School pool. Mr Green will begin trialling students early in term 4.

LOST PROPERTY
The lost property basket is full of clothing, lunchboxes and various other items. Beside the basket there are maroon jumpers to give away so please help yourself. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
BAND TOUR (29 August) - Congratulations to all of our band students who did a great job on their band tour last Thursday. A special thank you to Mrs Fiona Coleman, Mrs Annie Rossouw and Mrs Therese Christiansen for all their help and assistance on the day. We also enjoyed very much our school coming to watch our performance. A special thank you to Mrs Baker and teaching staff for giving up their precious time, and parents for also coming to the concert.

***PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO LESSONS AND NO BAND REHEARSAL ON THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER***

Recruitment
Information will be sent home to parents/guardians in the coming week about our band program in 2014. Physical testing of instruments will take place on THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER. Our band program is for children who are entering year 5 or above in 2014.
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 tgie1@eq.edu.au - Terri teaches at our school on Tuesdays.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS
FATHERS DAY BREKKY
Thank you to everyone who came along last Friday to support our Fathers’ Day Breakfast. An enjoyable morning was had by all who came along to share breakfast with their children. A big thank you goes out to the staff for their support of the morning, Annette Norman and Tammy Drake for helping with raffle prizes and Mick Mumford our guest speaker for the morning.

TALENT QUEST
Our talent quest auditions wrap up this week with finalists being announced by Tuesday at the latest. Our hip hop group have been busily learning a dance to perform on the night. Everyone is invited along to the finals night at Mitchelton State High School on Friday 13 September from 6-9pm. Hope to see you there.

SU CAMP – Monday 30 September-Friday 4 October $190 GST free
If you are in grades 5-7 and live or go to school in the North West Hills area of Brisbane, we would love you to join us at Hills to Hinterland (H2H) camp 2013. We will travel to Grice’s Macadamia But farm at North Maleny, where we’ll enjoy our “basic” accommodation in the farm buildings and tents and take in the awesome views and space to play. We’ll pack in indoor and outdoor games, messy games, clue hunts, daily bible time, a camp fire, a day out to the beach and Top Shots amusement park, swimming, spot light, canoeing, walking and crafts, along with plenty of time to just enjoy each other’s company. H2H is a great week of friendship – but register quickly as numbers are limited. Register by going to www.sucamps.org.au/h2h where you will find contact and registration details.

*Financial sponsorship may be available, please contact me to discuss the possibility of this happening to assist your child going to camp.

Cathy Longford (Chaplain)

SCHOOL BANKING
Welcome to our new bankers, we love to see new faces. Join up and see if you can be our 100th school banker! What a great achievement to have almost a third of the school doing banking. Keep up the great work and hope to see some more new faces each Thursday morning outside the library!

UNIFORM SHOP SALE
The following items are on sale and below cost until sold out:
- Bootleg Pants $15 (were $38)
- Cargo Pants $15 (were $44)
All sizes available. Once the current stock has sold out we will no longer be selling winter pants.

P&C NEWS
adidas School Fun-Run (lap-a-thon) - Please return completed Sponsorship Form and monies to the office by Wednesday 11 September. Please mark clearly “Name of Student” and “Class” is on all forms and envelope.

Volunteers are required on the day to cut up fruit for the students from 7.45am in GPAC Kitchen. Any help would be appreciated. Approximately a dozen parents are required to punch the lap-a-thon lapards as the children run their laps. No experience necessary! Any queries please call Tammy on 0418 711 021. Thank you for your support.

Father’s Day Stall - Thank you to Nicole Lewis for co-ordinating this Fundraiser. Approximately $600 was raised from this event. I would like to thank the lovely ladies on the day for assisting the students and to the ladies who donated gifts also. Without these wonderful ladies the day would have not been as successful.

Tuckshop operates on Thursday and Friday’s this term. Orders must be placed by 9.00am. Volunteers are required.

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

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.

Calendar of Events
07/09 Election BBQ & Stall
11/09 Lapathon
17/09 P&C General Meeting

Please feel free to contact me at any time and email pandspresident@grovelys.qs.edu.au
Tammy Drake (President) Mobile 0418 711 021

COMMUNITY COFFEE
Can I just thank-you in advance for helping out funding our beautiful school community. Community coffee provides funds that go directly to the P&C to help improve our school. It is run by volunteers who really enjoy making the coffee for you. We are all striving to be super baristas!

Below are some points to help you provide the home-baked goods that are so eagerly looked forward to each Friday. Additionally, if any parents would like to help us out on the afternoon, that would be appreciated. Just come and see Mel or myself (Emma).

- There is free coffee for parents who contribute.
- Some gluten free options are very welcome, and please ensure that there are no nuts (in line with school policy).
- An ingredients list is always helpful with the name of the product eg lemon slice.
- In regards to quantity and size, everything needs to be sold for $1. So make biscuits large enough for $1 or 2 for $1.
- What sells are decorated cupcakes and biscuits for the kids and slices and brownies for the adults. We also love those dishes that are special to your family.
- We try and get everything on to our plates so that we can hand back containers when the children bring them down.

I (Em) will be there from 2pm if you want to drop food off then. The busy time is 2.45-3.20 pm. If anything is dropped off after that it may not get sold. So if you can bring the food in the morning that would be good. Many thanks.

Emma & the Community Coffee Team
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**ART SHOW AND AUCTION DONATIONS**

We are looking for donations of items or services that could be auctioned at the Art Show and Auction on Thursday 19 September. Some items will be auctioned publicly while other items will form part of our silent auction. No item is too small……or too big!!! It could be an item that you’ve made……a person in the community has donated a handmade rocking chair! Our artistic parents might like to consider donating a piece of their art work. Our students in Year 7 will be canvassing local businesses, organisations and individuals and would greatly appreciate support from within our community. Please consider donating or asking those in your various networks to support our School.

**JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY**

On the weekend of 23/24 August a group of us from Grovely participated in Caboolture Montessori’s Journey of Discovery. This was a fabulous experience that took us into the world of the child and allowed us to learn across all three cycles. This was a great learning experience for us and we look forward to planning our own Journey of Discovery to share with our community. We will let you know as soon as we set a date.

*Sue McIvor & Leanne Duncan*

**CURRICULUM**

*Geography*

Next year we are expected to implement the Australian Curriculum in Geography. Over the coming months we will be investigating what this curriculum means for our students and how it will be used for planning, teaching and assessing in our school. The Geography and History curriculums are taught through the Cosmic Education stories in our Montessori classrooms. The rest of the social science learning areas will continue to be released in 2015. The introduction of Geography means that we will no longer teach the area of SOSE (Studies of Society and the Environment).

Don’t forget Wednesday 18 September at 2.30pm in GPAC we will be sharing the work we have been doing around the curriculum mapping with both the Australian Curriculum and the Recognised Montessori curriculum. This sharing session will also be run on the evening of Tuesday 8 October at 6.30pm in GPAC. Have a great fortnight and I look forward to seeing you on 18 September.

*Sue McIvor*

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

The date to stop reading for the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2013 is 6 September. All record sheets should be returned to the classroom teacher for processing. Certificates will be issued to the school by November and then given to the successful students.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are in need of volunteer parents to assist with covering of home readers on the last Wednesday of Term, 18 September. We will be providing sandwiches and tea and coffee for willing helpers. It may be necessary to have some parents take books home to cover as there are 800 books to cover. All contact will be pre-cut and ready to go. Please advise the office or library staff if you can assist by Monday 16 September for catering purposes.

**YEAR 7 NEWS**

**GRADUATION**

To assist with graduation preparation, could you please provide a photo of your child starting Prep/Grade one. It will be scanned and returned to you.

**YEAR 7 T-SHIRT ORDERS**

If you would like to purchase another Year 7 T-Shirt please pay $35 to the office and include the size you need. We will need a minimum of 5 shirts for the order to go ahead.

**YEAR 6/7 CAMP**

A friendly reminder to continue payment plans.

**COMMUNITY COFFEE BAKING ROSTER**

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**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**SPRING IN THE VALLEY FESTIVAL**

Will be held at Samford State School this Saturday 7 September from 11am-7pm. Stalls, entertainment, side-show alley, dinner, disco, fireworks and loads of raffle items. Visit [http://festival.samfordsspandc.org.au](http://festival.samfordsspandc.org.au)

**MEMORY WALK – SUPPORTING DEMENTIA**

Will be held on Sunday 8 September from 8.30am-12pm at Scarborough Beach Park, Landsborough Avenue. Join the guided 3km walk from Scarborough Beach Park to Osbourne Point. Help raise awareness of dementia in our community by joining us for The Memory Walk and a day of FREE FAMILY FUN with entertainment. Bring a picnic lunch or visit a local café. Free entertainment and information stands. All welcome.

**WESTERN HILLS YOUTH (WHY)**

Is a catholic youth group which services the communities of Mitchelton, Kepperra and Samford. Youth nights are held on Friday nights at 6.45pm during term for grade 7 upwards and YMasses every fourth Sunday at 5.30pm featuring the YBand. Check out [www.westernhillsyouthau.wordpress.com](http://www.westernhillsyouthau.wordpress.com) & [www.facebook.com/westernhillyouthgroup](http://www.facebook.com/westernhillyouthgroup)

**GROVELY GATORS SWIM CLUB**

Is looking for new members to join our fun team. We welcome swimmers of all ages and levels of ability. Swim Club is held every Friday night at 6.45pm in Term 3, 2013 & Term 1, 2014 (except school holidays). Sign on will be held on Friday 6 September 2.30-5.00pm, Saturday 14 September 10am-12noon & Friday 20 September 2.30-6.00pm. First Club night is 11 October at 6.45pm. Contact Nadene Benjak 0401 173 377 or email grovelygatorsc@outlook.com.

**MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

**Year 8 2014 Enrolment Interviews**

Mitchelton SHS is finalising enrolments for 2014, so please book an enrolment interview now. To make an appointment call 3550 1111, email admin@mitcheltonshs.eq.edu.au or fax 3550 1100.

**FERNY GROVE STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

**Year 8 2014 Enrolment Interviews/German Immersion/Uniforms**

Ferny Grove SHS are finalising 2014 enrolments including the German Immersion Program and offering Uniform fit dates. For further information contact 3550 5777, website [www.fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au) email info@fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au.

**BRISBANE TOUCH FOOTBALL**

Is offering a 10 week competition commencing on Tuesday 8 October. Sign on will be conducted on Tuesday 10 & 17 September from 4.30-5.30pm at West Mitchelton RLFC, Prospect Rd. Participants may nominate individually or as a team from the ages of under 8s to under 18s. For more information contact Dean West 0423 344 780 or email dean@brisbanecityobras.com.au.

**The Federal Election on Saturday 7 September**

I would love to help in the canteen on Saturday 7 September for the Federal Election. The best time for me between 7am and 4pm is

Signed__________________________
Phone contact__________________________