Principal’s Page

Today we welcomed Judy Ketchell the Principal of Tagai College in the Torres Strait and a number of her staff to our school community. Tagai has worked closely with the Montessori Australia Foundation and has had a Montessori program operating for children aged from 0-6 for quite some time. Judy and her team are now introducing Montessori into the primary school. It’s been with great delight (and much pride, I have to say) that I’ve shared our school’s journey over the last four years. I hope that our experience inspires and entices the staff from Tagai and provides some insight into how they might drive and shape a program that meets the needs of their community. The work that is being undertaken in the Torres Strait is just amazing. For Judy, leading a school community consisting of 17 campuses on 16 island communities, spread across 48,800 square kims, is a feat in logistics. My admiration for her work and the work of her team is immense and I am looking to furthering a partnership with them as they move forward.

Congratulations to Di Lowe. This week Di was appointed to the position of Business Services Manager in our school. I have absolutely no doubt that Di will enjoy her Grovely experience. I’d like to acknowledge the work of Karen Bradford who has acted in this position for over twelve months and as finance officer for four years previous to this, and thank her for commitment in supporting the school through this time. It’s been a huge task. I’d like to wish Karen all the best with her future endeavours and thank her for the contributions she has made to our community.

Thank you..... we celebrated World Teachers’ Day last Friday with a staff breakfast. One of our mums, Julie Smith presented the staff with the most amazing cake..... a divine, dense mud cake, shaped and decorated like an apple. Just stunningly gorgeous and so appreciated by the staff. Thank you Julie!

Phase two of our Growing Grovely process is coming to a close. Four community forums were offered to ‘unpack’ the school’s current Responsible Behaviour Plan and make recommendations for the future. For those parents not able to attend any of the sessions offered, a feedback sheet is included in this newsletter. The school’s current Responsible Behaviour Plan is on the school’s website. Copies can also be accessed from the school’s office. Feedback sheets need to be returned by Thursday 8 November.

ICT update....
This week I have purchased three sets of hand held devices for use with the electronic whiteboards. These devices allow students to engage in learning directly and can be used across all key learning areas in an endless variety of ways. They are very engaging for students (and teachers!!!!). We will be trialling them in 4/5A, 6/7A and M1D. I look forward to giving you an update.

Information Session: Social Media
I have secured the services of Michelle Mitchell to share some vital information to both students in years 6 and 7 (6 November) and parents (27 November @7.00pm) on social media. I would strongly encourage all parents to attend this session. Our world is changing very quickly and it is very important that parents are well informed of issues relating to social media. Michelle is a published author and has recently worked with the students and parent community at Ferny Grove State School. Her work comes highly recommended. While sessions are being offered free of charge it is important that parents RSVP as we have opened this session to the wider community. I’d encourage you to invite your family and friends. This is important information for parents of children of ALL ages.

Open Day
Our final Open Day for the year will be held next Tuesday 6 November in GPAC at 10am. Please encourage your friends, neighbours and family to come along and consider our school as the school of choice for their children. I never tire of showcasing our unique community. Spread the word!

Ready for Prep Information Sessions
15 November - 9.30am & 6.30pm in GPAC
Old uniforms...
We'd greatly appreciate any uniforms that are no longer used by your child. We really appreciate having a store of spare uniforms for the rainy days and also for families in need.

Our mission....
For the remainder of the school year we have a mission. And the mission is to have students at school in uniform and on time. Over the next five weeks we will have ‘spot’ checks on both of these whole school expectations. School leaders will be assigned to different blocks and on days not specified, go into classrooms and ascribe points to every child in uniform and on time. Students will receive a point for each, as well as an additional point for wearing white socks and plain black shoes. Black shoes and white socks are an expectation of our dress code which unfortunately is only loosely applied in our school. This is very disappointing. Parents please do not feel any urgency to purchase new shoes for your children at this point. However, the next time you do have to buy school shoes, please ensure that your child does not try to convince you that any other shoe colour is an acceptable part of our uniform. Shoes with a touch of white, or pink as I saw yesterday, also do not adhere to our dress code. Our dress code is plain black shoes. They can be lace up, velcro, leather, joggers..... whatever! Just plain black shoes, with plain white socks. Points will be tallied in house groups and the winning house will have trophy. Please note: students should not be wearing sandals to school.

Vicki Baker
PRINCIPAL

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2013
BRAVO! BRAVO! Well done to all of our band students and members of the No Strings Community Group for performing really well at Mitchelton State School's Mitchie Fest.

MON 5 NOVEMBER - Don’t forget all parents of children who are going to be involved in our school music program in 2013 are invited to our parent information evening to be held on Monday 5 November at 6 pm at Mitchelton State School! We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

During this week parents of Penny Hall’s students would have received information about our final performances for the remainder of the term.

WED 14 NOVEMBER - Combined Bands will be performing at Mitchelton State High School’s Awards Night. Arrival time: 6.45pm and the performance should be finished by 7.45pm. Full correct school uniform is required.

WED 21 NOVEMBER - Combined Bands Final performance for 2012 will be held at Mitchelton State School. Arrival time: 3.30pm. Performance time: 3.45pm at Mitchelton State School's Hall.

THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER - Final break-up breakfast for all combined schools band members only - 7.45am.

MONDAY 3 DECEMBER - Final day for lessons and beginner band.

WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER - All of my band students will be performing at our school assembly at GPAC on Wednesday 5 December at 2.15pm. ***ALL SCHOOL INSTRUMENTS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE MUSIC ROOM AFTER THE PERFORMANCE ON THIS DAY*** All parents/friends/guardians are welcome to attend

For all string queries please contact Terri Giesen at tgie13@eq.edu.au
For all woodwind, brass and percussion queries please contact Penny Hall at phall5@eq.edu.au

CHAPLAINS CHAT
PAULA BARRETT TALK
The second part to the Paula Barrett talk will be held on Tuesday 20 November in the Ferry Grove State Primary School Hall. The topic of this presentation is “Modelling brave behaviours in children: Dealing with anxiety – promoting resilience”. Gold coin donation on the night will go towards a selected charity. Light supper provided. If you did not attend the first part of the talk you are still welcome to attend and gain valuation information.

VOLUNTEER MORNING TEA
If you have volunteered in any capacity in the school throughout the year, you are invited to attend our Volunteers’ Morning Tea. This will be held on Wednesday 5 December at GPAC. We would love to see you there and celebrate the important work you do!

SCHOOLYOUT SU CAMP
SchoolYout is a camp that celebrates the graduation of grade sevens from primary school! The camp will be held at Numinbah Valley & Mt Tamborine from 17-21 December 2012. Cardboard-box races, waterslides, swimming under a waterfall and a trip to Movieworld only scratches the surface of the fun experiences to be expected! Amongst the fun, we challenge the campers to think about their transition to high school. This is an SU (Scripture Union) camp and will contain Christian content. For enquiries please contact Greg Peirce 0412 282 217 or email schoolyout@scamps.org.au

P&G NEWS
WANTED: 30 FAMILIES TO PARTICIPATE in this FUNDRAISER!! - Advanced Life Photography sessions will be held on Saturday 17th November (GPAC) from 9am. Prepay and book your session for only $15 and receive the following: 1 x A3 Pencil Sketch, 1 x (10x13”) Family Portrait + frame, keyring and wallet sized portrait. An additional package available at extra cost. Would make great Christmas presents...... Please contact me on mobile 0418 711 021 or bibvc@hotmail.com (If we do not meet the minimum of 30 bookings this event will be cancelled and refunds will be issued). Thank you in advance for your support.

The Tuckshop operates on Friday's only this term. Volunteers are required on this day, please contact Maria our Tuckshop Convener on mobile 0417 005 113.

Tuckshop Convener position to be filled for 2013. Please submit applications to the school office attention Tammy Drake, President by Friday 7 December or contact me for further information on the position.

Calendar of Events
13 November - P&G General Meeting 6.30pm
Note: change of date due to the 6-way-swim meet on 20/11/12 (held at Grovely S5 pool).
17 November - Family Portrait Fundraiser
Tammy Drake (President) Mobile 0418 711 021

6 Way Swim Meet
Tuesday 20 November

OPEN DAY
Tuesday 6 November
10:00am @ GPAC
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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5  Instrumental Music Parent Info Evening-MSS Hall 6pm
6  OPEN DAY 10am
13  P&C General Meeting – 6.30pm
14  Combined School’s Band Night Performance – MSHS
15  “Ready for Prep” Information Sessions
17  Christmas Craft Day 2-10pm - GPAC
17  P&C Family Portrait Fundraiser GPAC
20  Six Way Swim Meet
21  Combined School’s Band Performance - MSHS
23  M2BC/C Museum Excursion

DEC
4  Junior Swimming Carnival – P-3
4  Year 7 Orientation – Ferny Grove SHS
10  Year 7 Movie World Excursion
11  Senior Swimming Carnival – Yrs 4-7
12  Year 7 Graduation
13  PA & IA Christmas Show
13  Last Assembly
14  Break Up Day – End of Term 4

JAN 2013
28  Public Holiday
29  School Resumes for Term 1

CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY – 17 NOVEMBER

Come and enjoy an amazing fun filled day to finish those projects – scrapbooking, card making, quilting and more. We welcome beginners to experts. Please bring your own equipment to use during the day. Tickets are $25 per adult and $10 per child and include afternoon tea, Christmas Dinner, supper and entry into the lucky door prize. Raffle tickets only $1.00 each. To reserve your seat phone the office on 3354 6333 or 0418 183 673.

GROWING GROVELY

Talk about full steam ahead! A huge thank you to all the parents that have attended the Community Forums over the last 2 weeks. The feedback from those meetings was really powerful. For those that were unable to attend a feedback sheet will be included with this newsletter to provide you an opportunity to contribute. These forms will be due back to the office by Thursday 8 November.

There was an incredible response from the students for branding ideas! We found it really hard to narrow it down but we have and the community voting process will take place in Week 7-19-23 of November. Each family will have one vote. The senior leaders will run the voting process and it will take place outside GPAC from 8.30-9.00am and 2.45-3.15pm each day that week. Families that are unable to vote in person will be able to get a postal ballot.

We are so incredibly proud of the student designs that we are going to set up a display in GPAC for people to go and see over the next few weeks. It is so impressive the amazing imaginations and creativity of our students, we hope you can take the time to go and have a look.

Once again thank you to our whole community for your input and support during this journey to Grow Grovely.

Regards
Louise Barry

TERM 4 STUDENT EXCURSIONS/INCursions

If you wish your child to participate in the activity, please return the signed permission slip along with payment by the due date. Unfortunately late payments cannot be accepted. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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MONTESSORI 2013 – FORMS AND FEES

REMINDER: Parents of children in the Montessori Program need to return the Continuing Placement Form now. 2013 fees are due by Friday 16 November. If you wish to make a payment plan you must submit your request in writing to the office now. Thank you.

BOOK FAIR 2012

What an Amazing Effort!!! Thank you to all in the school community who helped make this year such a huge success. We sold well over $3000 worth of books which is truly amazing. As a result we are now able to use the commission earned through sales to purchase some lovely new resources for our school library. A very special thanks to Therese Christiansen and Fiona Coleman and their lovely sons Andrew and Angus who helped every morning and afternoon. Thanks must also be extended to our Library monitors for promoting the event and to Mrs. Roach who came in and worked on her days off and for many hours at night preparing for each day. Well Done Everyone!!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL needs your help to gain a grant for a permanent vegetable garden for their Horticulture students. Please visit www.cuacomunitycare.com.au and vote for Mitchelton State High School. You can also vote at the Clermont CUA. Votes are accepted on-line and in-store. Please also ask your friends and relatives to vote as well!

JUST FOR KIDS (JFK) is held each Thursday afternoon 3.30-5.00pm for primary school kids. It operates 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 1 November – Crazy Creations
Thursday 8 November – How Tough Are You?
For more information please contact Merelda Livermore on 3351 6007 or 0401 012 615.

DAVE PRICKETT’S TENNIS COACHING is held at Grovely State School on Tuesday afternoons from 3.00-4.35pm. New beginners receive a FREE racquet. For further information call Dave on 3351 4483.

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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES

On Friday 9 November student leaders will be selling Poppies under F block from 8.15-8.45am. Cost of the poppies are 50c each.