Principal’s Page

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who made a contribution to the success of our Bush Dance. Mrs Rossouw, Sharlene and Mr Green ensured the preparedness of students while the great Grovely staff team and a significant number of parents stepped up yet again to ensure it was a very special community celebration. A great time was had by all. Thank you!

We’ve enjoyed yet another fabulous Open Day, made significantly more impressive because of the efforts and enthusiasm of a small number of students who escorted our visitors around the school, providing information and answering questions about how our community works. Again the feedback was positive. To all who assisted – thank you! You’re great Grovely ambassadors.

Auditions for the talent quest being held on 22 August are in full swing. Narrowing the field to just five or six students is going to be incredibly difficult. We have some very talented children. Grovely has indeed got talent with a lot of students who are prepared to put themselves ‘out there’. Many have signed up tentatively, accepted a personal challenge and done a really good job. Students will compete against students at Mitchelton State School and High School. Commencing at 6pm, the evening promises to be lots of fun. Students participating in Singfest are welcome to attend after their performance. Grovely students will be performing midway through the program to accommodate travel time. Everyone is welcome to attend. On assembly this week we had the pleasure of listening to Barbara and Margarita sing their audition song. Grovely really does have talent!!! At the next assembly on 22 August students participating in the talent quest but not in Singfest will have the opportunity to perform to our audience as a dress rehearsal. Thank you to Miss Cathy for her brilliant organisation of this event.

Learning is the work.... On assembly this week we acknowledged children across the school who’ve made significant progress with their individual learning goals. Every child in our school has goals that they are working towards. There is an absolute sense of joy and accomplishment when children achieve and in many instances exceed their desired goals. That feeling of success is highly motivating. Often now, children celebrate their success by determining another goal almost in the same sentence. ‘I’m level XXXX and in two weeks I’m going to be on level XYYYY! This is so powerful. Success builds success. Checking in regularly with your children on how they are travelling supports their aspirations.

Just so you know.... the organisation responsible for the distribution of the poppers on 27 July have apologised profusely. Simply an error in judgement by two young, overzealous promotions people. On the positive side of this though, it did create a purposeful opportunity to discuss issues of safety with our students.

Winter woollies.... The cold weather continues and so does the mounting pile of lost property! Please remember to name all articles so they can be returned to their rightful owner. It’s wonderful to see the number of students outfitted completely in full winter uniform.

On Tuesday we start the Positive School-wide Behaviour process. This process will inform the basis on the school’s Responsible Behaviour plan that is to be reviewed by the end of this year. Mrs Tammy Drake is our parent rep in this initial planning phase. Opportunities for parents and students to have input into this process will be organised following this day. Your contributions will be valued.

Vicki Baker
PRINCIPAL

MONTESSORI PRESENTATION

Dianne Davis will be presenting a Parent education talk on ‘The Planes of Development’ on Thursday 30 August at 6.00pm in GPAC. All welcome to attend.

RSPCA Fund Appeal
Friday 17 August @ Community Coffee
**P&C NEWS**

Coles Sports for Schools - don’t forget to collect the vouchers until 14 August and place in the box in the school foyer for sporting equipment for our school.

Father’s Day Stall – will be held on 31 August. Please ensure you send money with your child if they wish to purchase a gift, as unfortunately no credit can be given.

Tuckshop - The Tuckshop operates on Thursday and Friday’s. Orders must be placed by 9.00am. Please support this wonderful resource by volunteering, drop in and say hi to Maria our Tuckshop Convener.

Calendar of Events

- 17 August: RSPCA Fund Appeal (Community Coffee)
- 21 August: P&C General Meeting, 6.30pm
- 31 August: Father’s Day Stall
- 12 September: Lapathon

Please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Tommy Drake (President) Mobile 0418 711 021

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS**

**INTERMEDIATE MUSIC CAMP**

Many of our instrumental music students will be attending our district Intermediate music camp on Tuesday 14 & Thursday 16 August. Any queries regarding the camp please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au

What does my child need if they are attending the camp? School uniform and hat, morning tea, drink and lunch each day, their instrument plus spare reeds/ valve oil/ rosin/strings (equipment needed for your child’s instrument), tutor book, a pencil and a rubber.

What are the times of the camp?

- **Tuesday 14 August** - 8.30-2.30pm - There is also a free open rehearsal from 2.00-2.30pm at Mitchelton State High School’s hall with the Australian Army Band.
- **Thursday 16 August** - 8.30-3.00pm - There will be the culminating concert from 2.00-3.00pm featuring a string orchestra, concert band and Angels Strings. No late supervision will be provided at the end of each day of the camp, please collect your children promptly.

Where is the best place for parking/drop off and pick up?

Turnbull Street, Mitchelton (this is the street that runs between Mitchelton State High School and Mitchelton State School)

ALL STUDENTS MEET AT MITCHELTON STATE SCHOOL HALL AT 8.30AM ON BOTH DAYS OF THE CAMP. Please note if your child has a larger instrument such as a double bass or tuba they can be left at the camp and will be safe.

REMEMBER: There will be no orchestra strings lessons next Tuesday 14 August as Ms Giesen will be at music camp.

For all band queries (Mondays) please contact Penny Hall - phall35@eq.edu.au
For all string queries (Tuesdays) please contact Terri Giesen - tgies1@eq.edu.au

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**CHAPLAINS CHAT**

**Fathers Day Brekky** - We are holding our annual Fathers Day Brekky on Friday 31 August. This is a great opportunity for our Dads to spend time with their child in the school setting. A cooked breakfast will be on sale at reasonable prices from 7.00-9.00am at GPAC. The morning is open to Dads, Stepdads, Grandfathers or significant role models in the child’s life.

**Talent Quest** - This year we are joining in with Mitchelton Primary and High school to present a Talent Quest. This was held last year with great success. There will be a primary section and a high school section, with prizes for the winners. The night will be held on Wednesday the 22 August at 6pm at Mitchelton SHS hall. Auditions will be held here at school the week starting 30 July. There is a small entrance fee and children may showcase their talent in a variety of ways eg: singing, dancing, playing an instrument, perform magic etc. This will be a fundraiser for the combined Chaplaincy programs at these schools. Please encourage your child to enter.

FREE - ‘Modelling brave behaviours in children: dealing with anxiety and promoting resilience’ - FREE presentation by Professor Paula Barrett will be held on Tuesday 28 August 7.15-9.15pm at the Ferny Grove State School Hall. RSVP to Cathy.

**Hills to Hinterland SU Camp** will be held from 1-5/10/12 for children in grades 5-7 who go to school in the North West Hills area of Brisbane. Cost is $190 including transport. For enquiries and brochures please see Cathy Longford (Chaplain), call Sue King on 0403 060 952 or Email h2h@suicamps.org.au

Second hand clothing - I have supplies of second hand jumpers in sizes 5 - 9 available for students at no charge. These are available from my room in F block from Tuesday - Friday. Feel free to come and look or send your child up to see me.

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**BOOK WEEK – 20-24 August**

**BOOK WEEK THEME: Champions Read**

This year we will be celebrating book week with a number of events. Firstly, we are excited to be hosting a parent/author evening on Monday 20 August in the Library from 6.30-8.00. It goes without saying that we have invited our Resident Author – Belinda Jeffrey to be our guest of honor and speaker on the night. If you are interested in attending the Parent/Author Workshop please register your name with me in the Library or alternatively email me at johm63@eq.edu.au we hope to see you there!

On Tuesday 21 August we will be hosting our Book Week FREE Dress Day where the children will be encouraged to come dressed as their favourite Champion! On this day the children will also have the opportunity to do a workshop with Belinda who will be working with each class throughout the day.

Sincerely, Jody

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**NUMERACY & LITERACY WEEK - 27-31 August**

**Mon-Fri “Reach for the Stars” Numeracy Data Collection**

**Tues** Book Character Dress Up Competition

**Wed** Read for Australia – 2.00pm

More information on events in the next newsletter.

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**FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!!**

We now have a twitter account and will provide up to date information via twitter. Follow us and stay up to date with the Grovelly happenings. You will need to upload the free app or go to twitter.com Search for us @Grovellyss
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUG
13 Excursion to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary – Class 2A
13 ICAS Maths Tests
14 Junior Sports Day
14&16 Intermediate Music Camp
15 Exhibition Public Holiday
17 RSPCA Fund Appeal - Community Coffee
20-24 Book Week
20 Parent/Author evening 6.30pm - Library
21 Book Week Free Dress Day
21 P&C General Meeting 6.30pm
22 Singfest
22 Combined Talent Quest – MSHS hall
27 Numeracy and Literacy Week
27 Ferry Grove SHS Gala Concert
30 Year 1 Fire Safety Talk 10.30am
30 Combined Band Tour Performance
30 Montessori Presentation - 6.00pm GPAC
31 Father’s Day Breakfast 7-9am @ GPAC
31 Father’s Day Stalls

SEP
12 Lapathon Fundraiser

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

LOST AND FOUND - The lost and found basket is overflowing with uniform items and other bits and pieces. There are also several pairs of reading glasses, keys, and other miscellaneous items being held in the office. If you are missing something please come and have a look, as unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

PINE RIVERS BOOK HARVEST – 18 & 19 August
Thousands of good used books, magazine, toys, vinyl records, CDs and comics will be on sale at the Lions Hall, Pine Rivers Show grounds on Saturday from 7am – 4pm and on Sunday from 9am – 3pm. There will also be a sausage sizzle and a cafe selling lovely homemade goodies. Please come along and support the Pine Rivers Care Network, all money raised will go straight back into the community. For further information P: 3205 2955

FERRY GROVE SHS GALA CONCERT SERIES will take place on 23, 24 & 25 August. Tickets are on sale from Monday 6 August for $30 each or $25 concession. For information call 3550 5804. Book early to avoid disappointment.

MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL - 2013 enrolments are being taken now! Looking for a high school that successfully blends excellence in academic performance, creative arts and sports? Mitchelton SHS offers a full range of subject offerings, Gifted and Talented programs and is supplied to all year 8, 9 and 10 students. Call the office today to receive your enrolment pack or to organise a school tour. Phone 3550 1111 or email admin@mitcheltonshs.eq.edu.au

THE SUCCESS 4 KIDS PARENT WORKSHOP will be conducted at the Enoggera Parent Education Centre on Thursday 30 August from 9.30am to 12.00pm. The workshop offers parents ideas to assist children to achieve in their primary school years. Limited places available, please contact the Centre on 3355 9202 to express your interest. Child care will not be available on the day. Morning tea will be provided.

THE SAVIOR PLUS PROGRAM - The Smith Family is still running the Savior Plus program to assist families in the Brisbane area to save for their own or their children’s education. Every one dollar saved by participants is matched with one dollar, up to $500, to buy books, computers, uniforms etc... Participants are also involved in free financial education workshops. If you are over 18, have a family Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, some regular income from paid employment and children enrolled in school or studying yourself, please contact Andrew Green on (07) 3115 6228 or email andrew.green@thesmithfamily.com.au

PINE HILLS LIGHTNING BASEBALL CLUB are inviting all 5-9 year old boys and girls to our FREE Aussie T-Ball Come n Try J Gala Day at the James Drysdale Reserve, Jinker Track, Bunya on Saturday 11 August between 12.00-2.00pm. For more information about Aussie T-Ball please see www.pinehillslightning.baseball.com.au or contact club secretary Jacqui Canseldine on 0409 168 681.

DOES YOUR CHILD SUFFER ASTHMA OR ECZEMA? - Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P - Positive Parenting Program, offering practical ideas and support for parents of children suffering asthma or eczema. Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 3-10 year old children suffering asthma or eczema are able to access this program free of charge as part of a University of Queensland research project. Contact Amy Mitchell on (07) 3365 7305 or email healthyliving@uq.edu.au or visit their website www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/healthyliving

THE DANCE WORKS introduces children to the joy of dancing! Contemporary dance style offered (modern, jazz, classical & lyrical). Fun, exciting and energetic classes, no previous training or experience required. Held at the Samford Farmers’ Hall from 3.30-4.30pm - Tuesdays 5-8 year olds, Wednesday 9-12 year olds. Email danceworks@exemail.com.au or call Lisa on 0420 856 386.

RSPCA - 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

CURRICULUM

Yesterday afternoon provided another planning afternoon for our teaching staff. This year has been a transition year for all of our teachers and students as we become familiar with the new Australian Curriculum in English, Science and Maths. Education Queensland has provided schools with planned units to assist in implementing the new curriculum. At our planning sessions we unpack what this curriculum means for student learning and our teaching. Teachers prepare pre-tests (which do not have to be tests!). This is a way of giving students an opportunity to demonstrate what they already know so that we are able to provide opportunities for students to reach their learning potential. For any questions about the curriculum please speak to your student’s teacher or contact me via the office 3354 6333.

Sue McIvor (Head of Curriculum)

GIFTED AND TALENTED AT GROVELY

Opportunities to engage in ICAS tests were provided for students from years 3 - 7 at the beginning of this year. We have begun to receive student results for these tests and we are very proud of the efforts our students have made. Certificates were presented yesterday on parade to all participants who engaged in the computer skills and science ICAS tests. More results will be available as certificates are sent to our school.

We are pleased to say that we now have four trained GEM’S in our school. (Gifted Education Mentors) this provides all of our teachers with great support in understanding gifted students. We use the Gagne model of understanding giftedness as recommended by Education Queensland. Please see the link below for further information.


Teachers will be engaging in Professional Development around this model during this term.

PARKING REMINDER
In the interest of student safety, parents/carers are requested not to park in the 2 minute drop-off zone in Madsen Street. Ample parking is available further down in Madsen Street, on Dawson Parade or in the lower car park near the pool.
Thank you.