Principal’s Page

Welcome back! I do hope you all enjoyed your break. Term two finished on a high with Celebrations of Learning in many classes and report cards going home.

We welcome Miss Kristy Leighton back to our school community. Kristy has been working in Central Office for the past twelve months leading a project for beginning teachers. She is well known to the students making the change in teachers considerably smoother for our year 5/6 students.

We also welcome Mrs Leanne Duncan into the role of Head of Curriculum (HOC) and Ms Sandy Isbester taking her place as Learning Support teacher. Leanne will support the work of Mrs Sue McVor who is our HOC for two days a week.

Unfortunately one of our cycle two teachers, Mrs Trish Bassetts has had to make the very difficult decision to relinquish her contract to deal with some pressing (but thankfully, not life threatening) health issues. Trish has been with us from the beginning of this year and in this time become a highly valued member of our community. We are saddened by this news and wish Trish all the very best. We’ve so appreciated her work with our students and the contributions she has made to our community. Trish will continue to be a part of our community as she is hoping to do relief work as she manages her health issues. I am currently interviewing for this position and have been extremely impressed by the calibre of those applying. The decision is going to be quite difficult. I will notify the parents and students of M2C as soon as a decision is reached. At this point it is anticipated that Trish will finish on Friday 20 July. I am extremely grateful to Trish for working through until another person is appointed limiting the disruption to our children. This says a great deal about her. Every effort will be made to support our children through this time.

Mrs Sue Reith one of our longest serving teacher aides has accepted a twelve month temporary contract to the Royal Children’s Hospital school. We wish Sue all the very best also.... RBH is lucky to have you!

We’ve returned to school continuing to feel the full brunt of winter weather. For many of our children this will be the coldest winter they’ve experienced. I spoke with students on assembly this week about the need to ensure they are properly attired for the weather. They need to keep warm. Students have been reminded about the need to wear the school’s winter uniform and ensure every item of clothing is named. Each child has a responsibility to ensure they take care of their belongings and ensure they take home each day what they have brought to school. Already the school’s lost property bin is bulging with sweaters that cannot be returned because they are unnamed. Students will not be told they cannot wear clothing that is not part of the uniform, however they may not be able participate in some activities, such as school excursions if they do not wear the uniform. State schools now have the authority to enforce a uniform policy and as with all that we do in our community, where there are difficulties associated with this, our school will work with families to support. Our uniform is maroon and white and parents are encouraged to buy from our uniform shop because the quality and fit of our uniform is superb, any plain maroon track suit is acceptable. These can be purchased at a very reasonable cost from major retail stores and in fact tend to be much less expensive than the clothing that a small percentage of our children are wearing. Hoodies, bright socks and black leggings are not part of the school uniform. Girls are able to wear black or maroon stockings. Our aim is to cultivate a pride in wearing our uniform. Parent support of this appreciated.

With the winter weather has also come the colds and flu. Many of our children and staff have fallen victim to illness. I have reminded children to be proactive ensuring they wash their hands thoroughly particularly after toileting and before eating. Children should not attend school if they are ill, but every endeavour should be made to ensure that students attend every day that they can. Poor attendance impacts significantly on learning.

This term I would ask parents to make a concerted effort to ensure students arrive on time. Arriving late potentially impacts on every child in the class. Parents are reminded that teachers should not be interrupted during learning time. Every class teacher has a communication strategy that parents are able to access. Students who arrive late should enter the classroom in
the least intrusive manner and join their class and learning program with minimal disruption. Teachers have spoken about how children arriving late can impact on the ‘flow’ of the learning program as teachers need to stop to explain individually to students what is required. Again parent support is appreciated.

Much is planned for this term...

- Students are engaging in the 5th unit of C2C which is the Queensland version of the National Curriculum.
- This term the students in Year 6 will be learning how to Hip Hop. How exciting! This will culminate in a performance with two other participating schools.
- We will be celebrating NAIDOC week with a special performance this Friday afternoon. Money is still being taken for this performance.
- We will be working with Mitchelton State School and Mitchelton High School on a talent quest culminating on 22 August at 6pm at Mitchelton SHS.
- Tuesday 7 August at 10am.
- Our whole school bush dance is on Friday 27 July.
- The P-3 Athletics Carnival is on Tuesday 14 August.
- We have a team of students participating in Optiminds.
- We will be sending two teams of students to the Maths Challenge held across schools in the district.
- The Choir is participating in Singfest and attending a performance at Ferry Grove SHS.
- The Young Entrepreneurs Program is starting – congratulations to the 15 successful applicants.

Communication...

Class newsletters will go out by the end of next week and issued on a fortnightly basis. Please ensure you get your copy. Students will be given a paper copy to take home and where email addresses have been provided they will also be sent electronically. If you have an email address and have not given it to your child’s teacher, please do so. We are committed to ensuring you are properly informed and it can be frustrating when newsletters do not make it home.

Did you know we’re on Twitter? We are and will be including this as part of our communication processes.

This term each child will also be issued with one invoice for money collections for the entire term. We are hoping this will assist with family budgeting and organisation. We know this will make a difference to our administration team and is part of our strategy to improve systems as we adopt the new operating system and manage steady growth in our community. Our admin staff have been engaged in training as they’ve implemented OneSchool and worked with facilitators to adopt models of best practice. Critically, parents need to know that the due date is the due date and money WILL NOT be taken after this time. Your attention to this will eliminate disappointment and frustration. Please note the preferred method of payment is credit card.

Open Days

We have two Open Days scheduled for the beginning of the term. The first is on Saturday 21 July from 10am to 1pm. The second is Tuesday 7 August. We seek your support by spreading the word to neighbours and friends. Our mission is to have every family that lives in our locality choose our school. Your support as always is appreciated.

Here’s to another great term!

Vicki Baker
PRINCIPAL

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**OPEN DAYS**

**Saturday 21 July**  
**Tuesday 7 August**  
**10am – 1pm at GPAC**

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**STUDENT ABSENCES**

Parent Reminder: If your child will be absent from school for 10 days or more you need to complete an Exemption from Compulsory Schooling form, available from the school office. This form must be approved by the Principal prior to the absence occurring.

**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 Grovely happenings. You will need to up load the free app or go to twitter.com  
Search for us @Grovelyss

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS**

For all band queries please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au  
For all string queries please contact Terri Giesen at tgies1@eq.edu.au

**QLD READY READER PROGRAM**

The Parent Program recognises parents as important partners in their child’s education. As a parent/caregiver, you bring unique experiences that can help your child to learn. The Parent Ready Reader Program explores:

- the wide range of literacy experiences that happen daily and how these can provide opportunities for learning in natural and exciting ways
- the knowledge that effective readers draw upon when reading  
- ways to engage your child with reading  
- strategies for supporting reading

Audience: Parents and carers of young children particularly to Year 3. This free presentation is for 1¼ hours and you will receive a workbook, magnet/bookmark. CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY PARENTS.

McDowall State School - 19 July 9.15 – 10.45am  
West End State School - 24 July 9.15 – 10.45am  
Sacred Heart School Sandgate - 24 July 7 – 7.30pm  
The Gap State School - 7 August 9.15 – 10.45am  
Eveton Park State School - 7 September 9.15 – 10.45am  
Ashgrove Library - 27 September 10 – 11.30am

Additional venues are available and you may attend any venue which is most convenient to you. If you would like more information or to RSVP, please email sharlene.m Emanuel@deta.qld.gov.au or phone 3350 7821

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Sharlene Emanuel  
Regional Coordinator  
Department of Education, Training and Employment

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**Have you changed your contact details? If so, please update them at the office.**
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**P&C NEWS**

*General Meeting* next Tuesday 17 July cancelled. If you have anything that requires urgent attention please contact myself. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**P&C Executive Committee** - The position of Treasurer is Vacant. If you are interested or require information on this position please contact myself on 0418 711 021 or email pandcpresident@grovelyss.eq.edu.au

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

**Father’s Day Stall** - Volunteer Needed - We are looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate the stall this year. It will be held on Friday 7 September from 9am to approx 1pm. Duties include ordering the stock from specific online websites, pricing and setting up on the day. Ideally there would be 4-5 helpers on the day. Assistance will be provided.

**Tuckshop** - The Tuckshop operates on Thursday and Friday’s. Orders must be placed by 9.00am. Please support this wonderful resource at our school and drop in and say hi to Maria our Tuckshop Convenor. An updated menu was sent out earlier this week to each student.

**Fundraising** - Our school has been selected to participate in the Amart Community Kickbacks Program. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart All Sports as instore credit to spend on our school sports programs. All you need to do is join Team Amart, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart All Sports. You’ll receive access to great member prices and other initiatives and the school will receive a 5% credit. Thanks for your support.

**CHAPLAINS CHAT**

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.

**Fathers Day Brekkly** - We are holding our annual Fathers Day Brekkly 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 am – 9am 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.

**Bush Dance** – The combined Chaplaincy programs at Grovely SS, Mitchelton SS and Mitchelton SHS are hosting a family bush dance fundraiser at Mitchelton SS hall. The night will be held on Friday 3 August at 6pm. There will be a small entrance fee. So dust off your dancing shoes and come along and join in the fun. Hope to see you there!

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**THE NUNDAH FRESH FARMER’S MARKETS** are located in the Nundah train station car park, tucked just below Nundah Village. Open 6am to 12 noon every Sunday with FREE entry and plenty of free parking only 10 metres from the stalls! Stock up on fresh produce including gourmet meats, fresh seafood, Artisan Breads, croissants, cakes, and farm fresh eggs. Browse the wide selection of flowers & plants, arts & crafts, handmade gifts, home decorations, health & lifestyle products and alternative therapies. For more information check out [http://www.nundahmarkets.com.au/](http://www.nundahmarkets.com.au/)

**COME PLAY SOFTBALL** at Warratahs Sports Club Inc.
Sign On 28 & 29 July 2012 from 10am – 2pm at the Hills District Community Centre, 291 Dawson Pde, Arana Hills. $100 Sign On Deposit. For more details contact Elaine Parker on 3550 1003/0422 075 503 or email src@aranaSports.com.au

**BASKETBALL** - Are you aged 6 to 11 and want to learn fundamental basketball skills? Dragons Club is again conducting their highly successful B.L.A.S.T.™ 6even non-competitive skills development program from Saturday 14 July. Numbers are strictly limited and filling fast. For further information, email blast@northbrisbanebasketball.com.au or visit our website [www.northbrisbanebasketball.com.au](http://www.northbrisbanebasketball.com.au)

**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

**GROVELY STATE SCHOOL IS A NUT FREE ZONE**

Please do not send foods containing nuts to school.