Principal’s Page

Congratulations to Mrs Meg Pustolla! Meg has been permanently appointed to our school from 2013 and will be one of our Montessori Cycle 1 teachers. Meg is a very experienced teacher, fully qualified in Montessori and has been working part time in our community this year. It’s great to have her on board.

Recently we had the pleasure of hosting Judy Ketchell (Executive Principal) and Stephanie Savage (Deputy Principal) from Tagai College in the Torres Strait. They’ve had a Montessori Program in their school community since 2009 and were deeply interested in the progress of ours. It was a privilege to spend time with them, listening to their story and sharing the journey of our program over the last four years. The work that is being done in the Torres Strait is commendable with very successful outcomes being achieved for students. This visit forms the basis of what I believe will be a very long and productive relationship with our community.

Book Lists
The process to ascertain interest from our community about introducing a Resource Scheme has not generated the amount of interest needed to proceed. Because of this a stationary list will be issued in the next week and parents will be required to source items themselves prior to school commencing in 2013. Staff have worked hard to ensure that these items will not cost more than $80 per student. At the beginning of 2013 an invoice will be issued for a consumable levy of $70 per student. This will cover items such as Mathletics levy, art materials, consumables and photocopying. This represents a significant saving compared with last year’s book lists.

Parent Session: Social Media
On Tuesday 27 November at 7.00pm the school will be hosting a parent session on social media. While this topic has strong relevance for the parents of students in years 5, 6 and 7 we strongly urge parents of children of all ages to attend to learn more about this very important issue that is impacting on our children. Michelle Mitchell will be presenting. Michelle will educate parents on issues related to safety and how to effectively monitor the online behaviour of their children. This session has been opened up to our broader community so please feel free to invite others along. Please be aware that this session is not suitable for children. It would be appreciated if you could RSVP to Nicole by ringing the office or by email nsheg1@eq.edu.au

Student Leadership
Next week students in years 6 and 7 will be invited to nominate as student leaders. In our community every student has the capacity to become a leader. There is no quota system. Leadership is attributed to those students who consistently demonstrate our school’s values. Students may also wish to nominate for either school captain or house captain positions. I urge parents to encourage their children through this process. It really is all about having a go!

On time and in uniform....
We are recording the efforts of students to be on time and in uniform. A house point system has been established. It has been really satisfying to see students make a real effort to achieve points for their team. Just a reminder… an additional point is scored by students wearing plain black shoes and white socks..... please keep this in mind when you next go shoe shopping.

A three hour uninterrupted teaching and learning cycle is an intrinsic component of Montessori education. From next week we will be making a change to the configuration of our day to more efficiently achieve this. Students in the Mainstream classes will follow their current day configuration but enjoy a longer morning tea. All students will still have a shared big lunch. Students in Montessori will be asked to bring two small, healthy ‘snacks’ to be consumed through the three hour cycle.

Congratulations to the students who so capably and confidently showed prospective families around our school community at our Open Day last week. The feedback as always was extremely positive. It really is heart warming to see our students have such pride in their community. Well done guys!
**Prep Orientation Session for 2013**
TODAY 15 November, 6.30pm in GPAC. Parents with students commencing in 2013 will have the opportunity to elect to have a prep experience session.

**Craft Day**
Saturday 17 November from 2.00pm-10.00pm— it’s not too late to book!!!!!! Please contact Annette Norman. Your $25 entry includes a delicious afternoon tea and Christmas dinner - all home cooked!

**Volunteer Morning Tea**
All volunteers are invited to attend this event on Friday 7 December in GPAC.

Thank you to Scott Spence and Penny Hall for their work in putting together a submission for a Community Gaming Grant to purchase additional instruments for our Instrumental Music Program. If successful, this will make a tremendous difference to our program.

**Reminder:** If your children are not returning to Grovely State School in 2013, please advise the office as soon as possible. In addition, we request that any outstanding accounts are paid in full by 9.00am, Friday 7 December.

Vicki Baker
PRINCIPAL

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**GROWING GROVELY**
With only weeks until we farewell the 2012 school year we have two main tasks to complete.

Firstly the review of the Responsible Behaviour Plan which has been based on community and staff feedback will be placed on the website for perusal by the end of Week 7. A huge thank you for your feedback and contributions.

Our second and very exciting task is the whole school community vote which will also take place in Week 7. The Growing Grovely team have narrowed it down to 4 branding ideas which all represent the essence of our Grovely Values.

Voting will take place before and after school outside GPAC from Tuesday to Friday – 8.30-9.00am and 2.45-3.15pm. Each family will get one vote. If you are unable to attend those days and times please send a note to the office and a ballot form will be sent home. The graphic examples will be at the voting booth and copies will be sent with any home ballots. All ballots must be completed by Friday 23 November. The decision will be published in the next newsletter.

Louise Barry

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**P&C NEWS**
**CANCELLLED FUNDRAISER!!** – Advanced Life Photography sessions this Saturday 17 November. Thank you to the families who made appointments for this fundraiser. Unfortunately not enough appointments were made for the photographer to attend. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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

Tuckshop Convenor 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**
20 November Six Way Swim Meet
Tammy Drake (President) Mobile 0418 711 021

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**CHAPLAINS CHAT**
**PAULA BARRETT TALK**
The second part to the Paula Barrett talk will be held on Tuesday 20 November in the Ferny 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 – CHANGE OF DATE!**
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 Friday 7 December at GPAC.
We would love to see you there and celebrate the important work you do!

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**SCHOOLZOUT SU CAMP**
SchoolzOut 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 Pelce 0412 282 217 or email schoolzout@scucamps.org.au

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2013**
A special thank you to all parents/guardians and students who attended our parent information evening last Monday evening.

**ALL PAYMENTS FOR BEGINNER MUSIC CAMP AND ENROLMENT FORMS FOR 2013 NEED TO BE RETURNED TO OUR SCHOOL OFFICE BY THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER.** Any payment queries please contact our Business Services Manager Di in our office.

**WED 21 NOVEMBER** - Combined Schools Band final performance for 2012 will be held at Mitchelton State School. Arrivals 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 for all of Mrs Hall’s students.

**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 tgleis1@eq.edu.au

For all woodwind, brass and percussion queries please contact Penny Hall at phall25@eq.edu.au

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**SCHOOL BANKING**
Hello bankers.... it’s almost the end of the year but never too late to join in for school banking. Come and get a starter pack from the office or pop in and say hi to us on banking, each Thursday morning before school. Great work to those kids filling out their own banking book, let’s see if we can get all of you doing it. We can always help you if you need it. Have a great holiday and Christmas! Happy Banking.

_The Banking Ladies._
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEWSLETTER

Members of the Grovely school community can now subscribe to receive the school newsletter on the school’s website. If you wish to subscribe to receive the newsletter, click on the website, go to HOME > CALENDAR AND NEWS > NEWSLETTER > Click on Subscribe to our newsletter. You will then receive an auto-generated email with your email address. All you need to do is press the “send” button and this will add your email address to the list. At any point individuals can also unsubscribe.

SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Senior Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 11 December for students in years 4-7. The pool canteen will be open on the day for morning tea and lunch food as well as drinks and snacks. A meal deal of a chicken burger, LOL drink and fruit bomb (ice block) is available for $6.00. There will also be party pies, sausage rolls and chicken chipes available for purchase.

YEAR 7, 2015

From 2015, Year 7 will become part of the Junior Secondary program at all Queensland State High Schools. Mitchelton State High School has commenced planning to engage and support our first intake of Year 7’s in 2015.

Mitchelton State High School Principal John Searle and key staff members of our Junior Secondary Program invite parents, in particular current Year 4 students, to an information/question and answer session detailing our Year 7 2015 and future years planning so far. We will be seeking your ideas, opinions and support during planning sessions.

When: Wednesday 28 November 6.30-7.30pm
Where: Mitchelton SHS Library
Phone: 3550 1111
ecame10@eq.edu.au

END OF YEAR FINANCE NEWS

RECEIVING OF MONIES: Please be informed that Administration cannot accept monies in the last week of term due to other end of year commitments. The last day that monies can be received and receipted at the office will be Friday 7 December by 9.00am. This includes credit card payments.

MONTISSORI FEES: Parents of children in the Montessori Program need to return the Continuing Placement Form to secure your child’s ongoing placement in the Montessori Program. 2013 fees are due by this Friday 16 November. We accept cash, cheque and credit card. If you wish to make a payment plan you must submit your request in writing to the office before this date. Thank you.

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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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

BLUE LIGHT DISCO will be held on 24 November at the Hills District PCYC to celebrate the coming of Christmas. Children in Grades 1-7 are invited. The disco is held from 5.30-7.30pm and children are to be dropped off at the door and picked up from the door. No passes out. Supervision will be provided by Blue Card volunteers with a Police presence. Entry is $10 and includes a drink, sausage sizzle and prize. For more information please call 3855 1800.

PINE RIVERS NO INTEREST LOAN SCHEME (NILS) provides interest-free loans for individuals and families on low incomes. This scheme is offered by Picabeen Community Centre and Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre. Loans are for the purchase of essential household items like fridges, washing machines, beds etc., not for bond or rent money, living expenses or debt repayment. For more information telephone 3205 2955 or email nils@prnc.org.au

JUST FOR KIDS (JFK) is held each Thursday afternoon 3.30-5.00pm for primary school kids. It operates at Grovelly Christian Church, 38 Woong St Mitchelton (just off Casey St, opposite the school on Dawson Parade). Each week will have a theme with fun, food and activities.

Thursday 15 November – Water – Get Wet
Thursday 22 November – Tricky Challenges
For more information please contact Merelda Livermore on 3351 6007 or 0401 012 615.

HILLS DISTRICT PCYC offers sports & activities for you and your children at affordable rates. Check out their website www.hillsdistrictpcyc.org or call 3855 1980 for more details.

ANIMAL EMERGENCIES

Acts of cruelty or neglect - RSPCA Inspectors 3426 9971 or 1300 852 188, DFP 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.