Principal’s Page

More than $8000 has been raised as a result of the Iapathons! This is simply an amazing result for a school of our size. These funds will be directed to the dance program being run by Footsteps that will allow every child in our community to have a lesson a week for every week in term 4. We start the very first week back. Alison Bragard and Tammy Drake have done an absolutely outstanding job of organising this fundraising event and rallying our entire community. A huge thank you to everyone for their participation and support.

Congratulations to the students who raised the largest amounts of money. Jamey-Lee was the overall winner again this year bringing in $500. Wil’s Walker came in second raising more than $300. Wil’s Mum told me that he really embraced this process. No-one was safe! Wil convinced every person he knew to part with some serious money to support our community. At assembly yesterday 30 of our students were the proud recipients of prizes. Thank you to our sponsors, My Bike Shop, A Mart Sports, Charlie’s Fruit Market, and Night Owl.

Over the last two weeks parents have been invited to classrooms to share in the learning of their children. Celebrations of Learning have been very well attended and it has been a joy to watch children proudly engage their parents in discussions about their learning throughout the term. Celebrations of Learning are really one of the most significant and joyful times in our community.

Grovely really has got talent! Yesterday we showcased the talents of the students who auditioned for the Talent Quest at Mitchelton State High School. One of the greatest advantages of having a facility like GPAC is that our children do get the opportunity to perform in a very safe and supported environment. Each of our very brave and talented entertainers was enthusiastically encouraged by their peers. It was a very special afternoon. Again thank you to Miss Cathy and Mrs Rossouw for organising the students.

Diane Davis our Montessori consultant has sent through a report which will proudly be shared with members of our community via email. Again, Diane has spoken highly of the professionalism and dedication of staff. Our staff is a forward-thinking and sharing team with Diane in 2013.

Do you know what your children are watching or participating in online? Parents are urged to scrutinise very closely the on-line activities of children. The opportunity for children to be engaging in or being exposed to materials not appropriate for their age has increased dramatically. Vigilance, the strict setting of boundaries with very clear expectations is essential to protect children.

The hot weather is coming. If your child is missing winter garments there is every chance that it can be found in our lost property basket. It is overflowing. Please encourage your child to look for any missing lost property.

Enjoy the spring break with your children. Hopefully the very welcome warm weather and large doses of Vitamin C will drive away the winter colds and flu and revitalize everyone after one of the longest and coldest winters we’ve had in years. Our children have worked very hard throughout the term and have embraced the increased demands of the National Curriculum. Thank you to the wonderful Grovely staff for yet another very successful term of learning in our community... for their commitment, care and dedication to the students and families... to our hardworking P&C and to everyone who makes our school such a wonderful place to be. I look forward to seeing you all again in Term 4!

Vicki Baker
PRINCIPAL

Montessori Fees

Invoices for 2013 Montessori Fees were sent out recently to all parents of children in the Montessori Program. Fees for continuing students are due on 16 November. If your child is new to the Montessori Program, a $250 deposit was due on 14 September. If you wish to secure your child’s place in the program, please finalise required fees now or submit a payment plan in writing to Karen Bradford by Friday morning. Please refer to the terms and conditions of what is required to establish a payment plan. Forms accepting the terms and conditions must also be signed and returned to administration this week. Thank you.

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 log on to the free app or go to twitter.com. Search for us @Grovelyss

Grovely Gators Swim Club

Grovely Gators Swim Club is looking for new members to join their fun team. They welcome swimmers of all ages and levels of ability. Sign-on will be held this Friday 21 September from 2:00-6:00pm. Discount rates apply, free t-shirt and swim cap. Contact Mrs Kaylee Tozer at Secretary@grovely-gators.net or Tracey Jones at Administrator@grovely-gators.net

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CURRICULUM NEWS

Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum
The Department of Education, Training and Employment, in partnership with the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, has developed the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum for Queensland students. The curriculum is available to all Queensland schools and aims to teach children about personal safety and awareness, including cybersafety and phone safety, by focusing on three key safety messages: Recognise, React and Report. The first stage of the curriculum, Prep to Year 2 (Early Years Phase), is now available. The Middle Years (Year 3 to Year 6) and Junior Secondary (Year 7 to Year 9) phases will follow later in 2012 and 2013.


We will be using these resources in our planning and implementation of Health and Physical Education Learning area from 2013.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to everyone that supported Book Club this term. We were lucky enough to be able to purchase $100 worth of books for the library. In place of Book Club in term 4 we are holding a Book Fair from 25-31/10/12. Watch this space for further information.

P&C NEWS

Thank you all Braggard for co-ordinating another successful LaPathon. I would also like to thank all our sponsors in particular Charlie’s Fruit Market at Everton Park and the Groovy Night Owl Convenience Store for supplying the fresh fruit and bottled water on the day. Also to the volunteers on the day and the ladies who made the LaPathon cards!

Tuckshop

NEWFLASH!!! The Tuckshop will operate on Friday's only in Term 4. Volunteers are required on this day, please contact Maria our Tuckshop Convener. An updated menu will be issued first week next Term.

Calendar of Events
16 Oct  P&C General Meeting 6:30pm (Staffroom)
17 Nov  Family Portrait Fundraiser - GPAC

Have a wonderful school holidays.
Tammy Drake (President) Mobile 0418 711 021

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2013

Information was sent home last week to parents/guardians of children in years 4 and 5 who maybe interested in learning a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument in 2013. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR FORMS ASAP.

I started the testing process yesterday and will be continuing testing on Monday 8 October. There will be a parent information evening on Monday 5 November at 6.00pm at Mitchelton State School’s Hall. Any queries regarding the woodwind, brass and percussion programs please contact Penny Hall - phall35@eq.edu.au

Learning a musical instrument is a wonderful opportunity and offers many benefits which has been researched including: playing a musical instrument makes you smarter, music teaches discipline, playing a musical instrument relieves stress, playing a musical instrument gives you a sense of achievement and playing a musical instrument opens up a lot of good possibilities that can enrich your life.

CONTINUING BAND STUDENTS - 2013

Don’t forget to please send your forms back to our office by MONDAY 8 OCTOBER about your child who is currently in the woodwind, brass and percussion program which will tell me if they are continuing or not in 2013. Letters were posted home last week.

COMBINED SCHOOLS BAND PERFORMANCE - 20TH OCTOBER 2012

Our combined schools band will be performing at Mitchelton State School’s Hall on Saturday 20 October from 2.00-2.30pm. Information will be sent home this week. We will also be performing at Mitchelton State High School’s Awards Night on Wednesday 14 November.

Lessons and band rehearsals will resume with Mrs Hall on Monday 8 October and on Thursday 11 October for combined schools band.

For all string queries please contact Terri Giesen at tgies1@eq.edu.au
For all woodwind, brass and percussion queries please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au

HOT TOPIC

I did not receive a ‘hot topic’ request this week so I thought I would take the opportunity to share the school’s Communication Policy.

At Grovely State School we believe that positive and engaging community relationships are essential for developing successful and confident learners. Staff members at Grovely work to ensure that the learning needs of students are met and parents and carers are well informed.

At Grovely State School we foster positive relationships with parents and caregivers by:

- promoting parent participation in school events and providing opportunities for families to engage in the life of the school, observe student learning and celebrate student achievement through school activities such as the Meet and Greet, Parent Forums, Community Events and Celebrations of Learning.
- using multiple communication channels to communicate with parents/caregivers including email, school/class newsletters, telephone and twitter.
- providing written reports to parents/caregivers of students in years 1-7 twice a year, as per Education Queensland policy. Parent, student and teacher meetings are also offered twice a year so that parents and students have an opportunity to engage in conversations with teachers regarding progress at school. These interviews are of 15 minutes duration, to allow all parents to have access to class teachers.
- engaging in meetings at other times of the year at the request of parents/caregivers if they feel there is a need. Parents are able to contact their child’s teacher to discuss issues or concerns. Where a meeting is requested, an appointment must be made to determine a mutually agreed time. Staff members are generally happy to make contact via email or by phone. Where possible a response will be achieved within 48 hours.

Please be aware....Learning is the Work.....

- Teachers are not available before school for meetings, unless a prior appointment has been made. Mornings are often difficult for staff as their focus is on preparing for the day ahead. Time taken in the morning can potentially, adversely impact on student learning.
- Students who arrive late, must enter the classroom quietly, without interrupting the flow of the class, and wait respectfully until the teacher can direct them to their learning task. Only in emergencies should parents interrupt the work of staff and the class.
- Teachers are not available to address matters of concern while school is in session.
- Every teacher has a communication system that has been shared with the families in their class. This outlines how parents can communicate issues of a minor nature and the teacher’s availability.
- Given that staff are responsible for between 20 and 25 students, consideration should always be exercised by parents.

The Year 7 Orientation Day at Ferny Grove State High School will be held on Tuesday 4 December from 8.45am – 12.10pm for those students who have enrolled to start Year 8 (2013).

SCHOOL BANKING

It’s great to see so many kids bringing in their banking each Thursday morning...Keep up the great work. It is a great skill to learn how to fill out the deposit slip so *we’d love to see the kids filling these in themselves each week* – if you need help in learning how to, please let us know when you drop your book off and we’ll help you out. It’s awesome to see how enthusiastic the kids have become about banking as it’s such an important habit to get into from a young age – keep up the excellent banking and see you all in term 4...

From the Banking Ladies.

Monday 8 October - School Resumes

Monday 22 October - Pupil Free Day
GROWING GROVELY
The process has begun with the first phase coming to a close. To date 6 forums have been conducted with the following achieved:
* The team has been created and the coach assigned.
* The team has had its first day of training and two following planning meetings.
* Vicki Baker has attended a leadership breakfast and I have attended a two day conference that was truly inspirational.
* The staff has planned Vision for the next phase.
* The branding process is underway with the thoughts and suggestions of the community canvassed. The final decision will be determined by a community vote in term 4.
* A survey form to parents has been issued and will be reissued in this week’s newsletter.
* The matrix will also go home so that parents can provide feedback and suggestions. Staff have commenced work on the matrix.
* Consultation for the branding and the matrix will also be shared with the students so they too can have input.
* Community input for the next phase will occur in Term 4 on the following dates:
  - Tuesday 23/10/12 at 6.30pm.
  - Monday 29/10/12 at 9am and Tuesday 30/10/12 at 6.30pm.
We look forward to seeing as many people there as possible to contribute to the next phase. Thank you to all parents who have taken the time to attend our community forums this term. It has been great to have all of your feedback and input! Enjoy your holidays everyone

Regards, Louise Barry

CHAPLAINS CHAT
TALENT QUEST - Congratulations to all the students that auditioned and performed in our Talent Quest yesterday. It was great to see the students grow in confidence as they went through the auditioning process and then perform in front of a large crowd. Thank you to parents and staff for their support of the two talent quests. Thank you to Andrew K and Andrew T for giving up their free time to provide technical support which ensured everything ran smoothly throughout the auditions and performances. Thank you also to McDonalds at Arana Hills for supplying vouchers for the students who participated. Have an enjoyable, restful spring break with your children.

SHACK – SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTION CAMP FOR KIDS is a holiday program for kids in grades 3-7 where they will have fun, make friends and learn more about God. Held on 27 & 28 September from 9am-3pm at North Pine Baptist Church, Ogg Road, Murrumba Downs. Cost is $50 per day and inc. Lunch and morning tea & lunch. Registrations limited and close on 21 September. For more information contact Cathy Longford (Chaplain), Beck Holloway 0409 811 129 or Jeff Howard 0449 928 405.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
BLUE LIGHT DISCO will be held at the Hills District PCYC this Saturday 22 September for 5.30-7.30pm for students in years 3-8. FREE entry, canteen open and merchandise on sale. Children are to be dropped off at the door and picked up from the door. This dance is supervised by Blue Card volunteers with Police presence. For more information call 3855 1980 or check out http://www.facebook.com/youthmanagementteam

MORETON BAY REGIONAL LIBRARIES SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM will be held on 23 September-7 October at libraries at various locations. Loads of FREE activities on offer so book now on 3205 0555 or visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries

'MORE THAN MAGIC' with Celebrity Illusionist, Christopher Wayne will be held on Sunday, 14 October at GPAC from 9:30 am – 11:00 am (rides and food commence after 11:00 am) with Hope City Church. Great Family fun including: FREE sausage sizzle, Live Band, Jumping Castle, Pony Rides, Face Painting and Great Coffee, Fairy Floss and Sno Cones for sale.

'LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRIAGE' with Mark Gungor's hilarious marriage tips and insights! This is a five week course starting Wed 17 October at GPAC from 7:30-9.15pm, including light refreshments. Each night will include a DVD presentation followed by the chance to discuss these new insights in a small group with other couples. For more information contact Joan at Hope City Church on 3354 4511.

KIDS CHALLENGES AND CHOICES present the Being Me is Great program that explores issues that concern children. The program helps kids to identify, label and monitor their feelings and identify and challenge negative thoughts about themselves and others. Suitable for children 8-12 years, held at Mercy Place Bardon on 22 September at a cost of $95.00. For information and bookings go to www.kidschallengeschoices.com

GOLF HOLIDAY CLINIC will be held at the Kepperra Golf Club from 2-4 October. The clinic will be taken by our Club Professional Chris Chaplin and is broken into 2 groups (beginners 8:00am-12:15pm and intermediate 1:00pm – 5:15pm). The clinic covers fundamentals of the swing, chipping, bunker shots and putting. The cost of the clinic is $79 per junior (non-members welcome) with juniors being asked to bring golf clubs, sunscreen, hat, golf balls and tee (clubs will be provided at no cost for those without them). If you need any further information, please call 3355 7744.

YMCA SPRING HOLIDAY CLUBS are full of fun and excitement as you explore many different and adventurous activities. Held at various locations across Brisbane including Mitchelton (3355 6016) and Enoggera (3355 3870), each Holiday Club plans individual experiences, trips and exciting visitors. For more information call 3354 0444, email brisbane.oyo@ymca.org.au or check out www.ymcachildcare.com

PICABEEN SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
Sun 22 Sept – Big Air School skate/scooter/BMX competition and Youth Event at the skate bowl, Bob Cassimaty Park, Samford Rd, Ferny Grove, 12midday as part of Brisbane City Council Chill Out program. To participate in the skate competition under 18yrs need registration on the day with parents signature. Design Tent/sausage sizzle/basketball and football. Come and have your say about youth activities in the North West!

FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAMS are conducted for parents/carers and children to encourage open communication about sexuality. Courses are being held at Fortitude Valley and Redcliffe on 25 September and 2 October from 9.30-11.00am. Cost is $15 per family. For information and bookings call 3250 0240 or email Family Planning Qld at education@fpq.com.au

CHILDREN WILL POTENTIAL CONFERENCE will be held on 26 & 27 September at the Lakes College, 2 College Street, North Lakes and convened by The National Council of Women Qld Inc. For children who love to learn and parents who want to know why and how and what to do. Cost is $30 per day, full details and registration forms are on the NCWQ website www.ncwq.org.au

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

Have a safe and happy holiday