Congratulations to Mr Green and all the P-3 staff for a very successful sports day. The weather was absolutely perfect and a wonderful day was had by all. Thank you to all the parents who came along and cheered and encouraged our young ones.

The school’s involvement in the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support process has begun with an initial planning day held on Tuesday 14 August under the guidance of our Behaviour Support coach, Mrs Burratt. The process within our community will be known as Growing Grovely and will build on the wonderful work that has been achieved over the last three years. Community consultation involving students, parents and staff will take place before the end of term. This process will inform the school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan which is due for review by the end of 2012 in preparation for the 2013 year. One task that has the potential to impact significantly on the effectiveness of the implementation is the creation of an icon. Our coach has indicated that where an icon can be personified and connects to students it is more effective. Durack has the Dragon. Sandgate High School has the Bumble Bee and their values all start with be... be respectful, be work ready, be your best. To any of our highly creative people and budding artists, I urge you to put some thought into what you think would be a good fit for our community. Please forward your work to Nicole at ndgeg1@eq.edu.au. I look forward to your thoughts. Please have entries in by Friday 7 September. We will vote as a community.

Congratulations to all our budding performers who over the last few weeks have mustered their talent, their courage and their enthusiasm to audition for the combined talent quest with Mitchelton State High School and Mitchelton State School. Some of our children have really taken a risk and put themselves out there. It really has been very special to witness their private victories as they’ve overcome their fears and just given it their best shot. Our students really did us proud last night. They were prepared, polished and simply a joy to watch. Congratulations to Kirsten, Jacey, Trent, Barbara, Lily, Emily, Sarah and Margarita. A special congratulations to Margarita who was the overall winner from our school. Grovely has got talent and we will showcase our young people with a concert on Wednesday 19 September from 2pm as part of one of our usual assemblies. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ms Maguire, Miss Katrina and I attended a truly inspirational session last week presented by a school in North Queensland. This school has been working with educator John Fleming for the past twelve months on school improvement. Our school has adopted some of the Fleming methodologies and even at this point we have started to see a very pleasing difference in student achievement. Our mainstream year 3 class has just measured what is known as the effect size with the results for every student performing above and mostly well above what is expected with their spelling. Over the next few months across the school we will continue to focus on implementing further strategies in keeping with our dual pedagogical approaches. Ask your children...what warm ups are you doing?

One of the most consistent pieces of feedback I receive is about the lovely feel of our school. This is such a welcome comment as building a strong sense of community has been deliberate and the result of everyone in our community working together, working in sync for the benefit of the young people we serve. Over the last three years we have experienced significant growth almost doubling in size. We are on the cusp of being rebanded from a small to middle sized school and will begin to reap the resourcing benefits associated with this. Of our current 15 teaching team 10 have been with us for less than 2 years. Last year we had 8 out of 14 teachers as beginning staff in our community and this year 5 of 15 are new. Starting in any community is challenging but our community presents a unique set of demands and expectations. What each and every member of our staff community brings to this school is a deep commitment to every child and preparedness to work in partnership with parents and carers to support children. While meeting the needs of everyone is our ultimate goal, there are times when decisions are made that may not resonate with some. This can be disappointing. We consistently work to minimise this and ask that parents work in partnership with us at all times, particularly through challenging times. When home and school work together great things happen for children. Parents are reminded that they are welcome to make an appointment with staff to discuss any issues related to the needs of their children.

Next week is Literacy and Numeracy week and we have a lot planned..... Please check out the activities in today’s newsletter.... Don’t miss out on any of the fun.

Alison Bragard one of our lovely mums, spoke to the students on assembly this week about the upcoming lay-out of the last year’s event was highly successful raising over $7,000 facilitating the fabulous line marking in our school. This year the funds raised will go to paying for dance lessons for every child in the school. Each child will have ten lessons in term four at a cost of $22.50 per child so we are challenging every child in the school to set this amount of money as a minimum target. There are great prizes for those children who bring in the most and also for the class that is the highest fundraiser. I spoke to the students at length about the need to be safe if going door knocking and...
Some reminders

- Parent Opinion Surveys are due back. Thank you to the 40 parents identified to participate in this process. This process is undertaken by Education Queensland every year in every school. This process is completely confidential with parents identified by a process determined by Education Queensland.
- Uniforms.....Denim shorts, jeans, non-uniform colours, jewellery other than studs, sleepers, watches or necklaces of religious significance, caps are not part of our uniform. Children should come to school attired in correct uniform. Children wearing caps to school will not be permitted on the oval. All hats must have a brim, all the way around. Parental support in regard to this is appreciated.
- Lollies, toys, skateboards, mobile devices (is a child absolutely HAS to have one it must be left in the office as soon as the child arrives at school).
- Father’s Day stall.... Thank you Debbi Jones for taking on this role.
- Father’s Day breakfast.... In GPAC from 7am on Friday 31 August. Dads, grandfathers, significant others are all welcome.

Vicki Baker
PRINCIPAL

CHAPLAINS CHAT

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 7.00-9.00am at GPAC. The morning is open to Dads, Stepdads, Grandfathers or significant role models in the child’s life.

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 Fenny Grove State School Hall. Paula is internationally recognised as a prominent scholar and groundbreaking researcher in the field of child psychology. RSVP to Cathy.

Talent Quest – Thank you to all the students who auditioned for our combined talent quest. The talent we have in our students here at Grovely is amazing, the hardest part was to pick the 7 acts to continue to the final. Last night those students competed in the final at Mitchelton SHS. Congratulations to all of the competitors for overcoming their nerves and fears to get up on stage and give their best performance. Thank you to parents for their support and to Mrs Baker and various staff for their support throughout the auditions. I look forward to showcasing their talent at the final assembly.

Separation Workshop - The Moreton Family Support Network proudly presents a one off event for parents, grandparents and carers who have experience or are experiencing family separation with the focus on how they can support the children. The workshop will be held on Tuesday 11 September from 9.30am – 2.30pm at the Penducip Community Centre, 365 Samsonvale Road, Warner. Cost is $5.00 payable on the day and includes morning tea. Places are limited so please call 1300 364 277 to register.

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@suycamps.org.au

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 $5.00 per day and includes activities, 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.

CURRICULUM

QCATS - This term has seen our Year Four and Six students completing the English, Maths and Science QCATS.

QCAT stands for Queensland Comparable Assessment Tasks. These are authentic performance based assessments designed to support teachers to improve student learning and to support consistency of teacher judgements across the state. These tasks were developed by the Queensland Studies Authority to provide teachers with a common assessment task that is aligned with the Australian Curriculum Content descriptors and achievement standards. They have been incorporated into the Curriculum into the classroom units.

Our teachers will be involved in moderation events in term four where they are provided with opportunities to talk to teachers from other local schools to moderate student work. This process assists in consistency of teacher judgements across school locations. Enjoy Literacy and Numeracy Week next week! Sue McIvor (Head of Curriculum)

GIFTED AND TALENTED AT GROVELY

FYI…There will be some Parent Information Nights for Parents of Gifted Children (Parents, Carers & Teachers welcome), coming up late August/ September. They are being hosted at a local school in the Brisbane West District by the QAGTC. You don’t need to be from Brisbane West or a member of the QAGTC to attend.

The topics are:

27/08/12: #1 Introduction to Gifted: Facts, Figures and Foretelling Frustrations
03/09/12: #2 First Steps: Identifying and nurturing potential during early childhood
10/09/12: #3 Challenges Ahead: Building awareness of learning needs and challenges in the middle and adolescent years

If you know another person who might be interested in attending can you please pass this information on. For more information on each topic and to register your booking, please go to: http://www.qagtc.org.au/events

NUMERACY & LITERACY WEEK - 27-31 August

Mon-Fri “Reach for the Stars” Numeracy Data Collection
Tues 28/8 Book Character Dress Up Competition
Wed 29/8 Read for Australia – 2.00pm
Thur 30/8 Book Swap Day
More information please refer to the flyer included with the newsletter today.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations and Bravo to all of our students who performed very well last week at the Intermediate Music Camp. A special thank you to all parents and friends for attending the concert.

BAND TOUR AND PERFORMANCE DAY - Thursday 30 AUGUST

Our combined schools band will be performing at Mitchelton State School, Kindy Patch Childcare Centre, Everton Park State School, Grovely State School and Mitchelton State High School on Thursday 30 August. Information was sent home two weeks ago about these performances. We will be performing at Grovely State School at GPAC at 11.30am - 12.00pm. All welcome! Our band tour evening performance will be at 6.00-6.30pm at Mitchelton State High School, 73 J block performing arts complex, Turnbull Street entry. All welcome!

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IN THE COMBINED SCHOOLS BAND RETURNS THEIR PERMISSION SLIP TO OUR SCHOOL OFFICE OR TO PENNY HALL BY FRIDAY 24 AUGUST.

For all band queries please contact Penny Hall phall35@ec.edu.au
(Penny teaches at our school on Mondays from 8.00 - 11.00)
For all string queries please contact Terri Giesen tge61@ec.edu.au
(Terri teaches at our school on Tuesdays)

VIVA LA MUSICA!

MONTESSORI PRESENTATION

Dianne Davis will be presenting Parent education talks on “The Planes of Development” on Wednesday 29 August 2.00-3.00pm in the Library and Thursday 30 August at 6.00pm in GPAC. All welcome to attend.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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27-31 Numeracy and Literacy Week
29 Montessori Presentation - 2.00-3.00pm Library
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 Stall
SEP
8 Craft Day - 2.00-10.00pm - GPAC
12 Lapathon Fundraiser
18 F&C General Meeting

P&C NEWS
Lap-a-Thon will be held on Wednesday 12 September. All Braggards is our co-ordinator and is looking for volunteers to help prepare the fruit donated by Charlie's Fruit Market. Upon completion of the lap-a-thon the children will be provided with fresh fruit platters. Please contact Ali at abraggard@hotmail.com or myself on the number below.

Coles Sports for Schools - has ceased. Thank you for collecting the vouchers and Mr Green (HPE) will be ordering sporting gear for the school.

Father's Day Stall is on Friday 31 August. Debbie Jones is the co-ordinator and looking for volunteers to help out on the day (to assist children choose gifts) between 9am and 1pm. Please see Debbie at school or contact myself.

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 Convenor.

Calendar of Events
31 Aug Father's Day Stall
12 Sept Lapathon
18 Sept P&C General Meeting

Please feel free to contact me at anytime.
Tommy Drake (President) Mobile 0418 711 021

CRAFT DAY - 8 September
Come and enjoy an amazing fun filled day to finish those projects - scrapbooking, card making, quilting and more. We welcome everyone - from 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, dinner, supper and an entry into the lucky door prize. Raffle tickets only $1 each. Phone Grovely State School office on 3356 6393 or 0418 183 679 to reserve your seat.

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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
THE BRAVE PROGRAM - A team of researchers (the BRAVE Team) at Griffith University and the University of Queensland is investigating internet-based programs for children suffering from social anxiety. Social Anxiety is extreme shyness, or fear of speaking or performing in front of others. The BRAVE Team is seeking children aged between 8 and 12 years to take part in an internet-based treatment study.

The treatment program involves 12 online sessions for children and 8 online sessions for parents, which each session taking approximately an hour to complete. Families are charged a one-off fee of $120 to assist in covering treatment costs. Families will also be asked to complete questionnaires and telephone interviews, but will receive a rebate of $25 in vouchers each time they complete a post-treatment assessment.

For more information contact the BRAVE Team:
Phone: (07) 3735 3312, Email: lgreen@qut.edu.au
Website: www.exp.psych.uq.edu.au/socialanxiety

LOST AND FOUND - The lost and found basket is overflowing with uniform items and other bits and pieces. Please check it out today as unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

HILLS DISTRICT PVYCO BLUE LIGHT DISCO will be held on Saturday 25 August from 5.30-7.30pm for children in grades 3 to 8. 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. FREE entry, canteen open and merchandise on sale. For more information call 3855 1980. No Alcohol, No Drugs, No Pass Outs.

FERNY GROVE SHS UNIFORM FIT OUTS - YEAR 8, 2013 - Extended trading hours will be in place for December 2012 & January 2013. Please phone Melissa or Christine on 3550 5792 to make an appointment. Please bring your child with you and allow 30 minutes. Uniform items will need to be purchased at the time of the appointment.

Monday to Wednesday - 29 Oct - 14 Nov - 9.15am to 12.15pm
Monday to Wednesday - 12 Nov - 14 Nov - 2.30pm to 5.30pm
Monday to Friday - 19 Nov - 30 Nov - 9.15am to 1.45pm

Uniform Store & Second-Hand Uniform Store
Open normally: 8.15am - 9.15am on school days

ARANA LITTLE ATHLETICS SIGN ON DAY will be held on Saturday 1 September from 12-3pm at the Hills Community Centre, Dawson Parade, Arana Hills. They offer quality coaches, programs and carnivals for social and competitive athletics and more. For more information check www.aranal.com.au

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 subjects, Gifted and Talented programs and Laptops 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

PIRATES WEEK will be held at the Qld Maritime Museum at South Bank from 24-28 September from 10.00am-2.00pm. A full day's entertainment for children 5-10 years who will experience The Pirates on the Diamantino show, Knot Tying, How the Pirates Cannon works, Find the buried Treasure and loads more fun activities. Cost is $20.00 per child (includes lunch) and $15.00 for an extra family child. Bookings essential so call 3844 5361 by 14 September.

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 9201 to express your interest. Child care will not be available on the day. Morning tea will be provided.

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 Sandford Farmers' Hall from 3.30-4.30pm - Tuesdays 5-8 year olds, Wednesday 9-12 year olds. Email thedanceworks@oxenmail.com.au or call Lisa on 0420 856 386.

THE SAVER PLUS PROGRAM - The Smith Family is still running the Saver 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

RSPCA - ANIMAL EMERGENCIES
Acts of cruelty or neglect - RSPCA Inspectorate 3426 9971 or 1300 852 188, DPC 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