Welcome back! I do hope you all enjoyed a truly restful time with your children over the winter vacation. It’s always lovely to welcome everyone back.

We welcome Mrs Renee Hughes to our teaching community. Renee is replacing Ms Michelle Corby who had to finalise her contract to move to Sydney to care for her parents. Renee will be working three days a week in a teaching partnership with Mr Chris Bell who joined our community at the beginning of the year. Renee and Chris along with many of our staff spend days at the school over the holidays preparing for the term ahead.

Over the holidays quite a lot of work has been undertaken in the school. Gutters have been cleaned, branches lopped, garden edges installed, the GPAC storeroom has had a refit, work on the tennis courts has progressed and set-up for the new covered walkway commenced. We’re looking good.

Under 8’s Day held at the end of last term was another huge success. Our young ones had the most fabulous morning participating in arrange of activities organised by our very hard working early years staff. A big thank you to all of them.

A huge thank you also to Sarah Xu for opening the coffee shop and to Bryony Roschitsch for organising the face painting. I have actually never seen face painting quite like it. It was simply stunning. Our children were walking pieces of art. Bryony has a business that caters for children’s parties and donated her services and the services of her staff on the day. Bryony and another mum, Paola have also offered their artistic expertise to run a lunchtime art class for ten of our senior students this term. The works of art produced will be auctioned to the community at the art show later this term.

Celebrations of Learning held at the end of the term were again extremely well attended. These are such an important part of your child’s learning process. Having the time to engage with your child in a focussed conversation about their work and how they are progressing makes a difference. Last term along with members of the P&C executive, Kristy Leighton and I attended a workshop hosted by George Otero on the topic of parent and community partnerships. He stated that research indicates that school has a 20% influence on student achievement while the influence of parents is 40%. The remaining 40% is the child. This information serves to highlight the critical nature of having strong home and school relationships where we work together to get the best outcomes possible for children.

Your attendance at the events is appreciated and applauded.

Congratulations to Mrs Kerry Doorley for her successful grant application. Thanks to her efforts, our tuckshop will soon have a thermo mix. This will be a huge asset to the tuckshop and assist Sherine and her volunteers with food preparation. We are extremely fortunate that our tuckshop is committed to providing freshly made food to our students. Pre-prepared packeted foods are kept to a bare a minimum. Even the sushi is made on site. This is such an accomplishment. Sherine is really looking forward to having her new appliance. While we’re talking about the tuckshop, I would also like to put out a plea to any community members who’d be able to assist. Volunteering even just a few hours on a Thursday or Friday makes all the difference to her workload. Tuckshops cannot operate effectively without the support of volunteers. Please do not be shy. Sherine would love to hear from you.

Currently Tammy Drake is working on a grant through CUA to enhance the school’s vegetable garden and Rebecca Anderson is putting together a Community Grant to improve the school’s tuckshop. For this we are appreciative.

Vacation Care at Grovely was a huge hit! Numbers of students attending exceeded expectation. I have it on good authority from our young ones that a great time was had by all. Thank you to all who supported this.

Just so you know……

- Report Cards, attendance certificates and positive behaviour letters were posted on 10 July.
- The School Annual Report for 2012 has been uploaded to the school’s website for perusal.
- The calendar for the term is also available on the school’s website. Please keep abreast of this. We have a very busy term.

Welcome back!

Vicki Baker
Principal
CHAPLAINS CHAT

QLD FATHER OF THE YEAR

Nominations are open for Queensland Father of the Year. Nominees may include natural Fathers, adoptive Fathers, Step Fathers, Foster Fathers and Grandfathers raising their grandchildren. Nominations and competition criteria can be found at qdfatheroftheyear.org.au or I am able to give a printed version to children to complete at home. Nominations open until 15 July. This competition is hosted by Scripture Union, Qld and partnered with RSL Qld, prize sponsor is Sea World Nara Resort.

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST

This year we will be once again hosting our Fathers’ Day Breakfast on Friday 30 August. Dads, Step Dads, Grandfathers or in the absence of these, a significant male role model in a child’s life are invited to come and have breakfast with their children, for a small charge. The morning will follow next term.

TALENT QUEST

Auditions for our combined talent quest with Mitchelton Primary and High School will begin in Term 3. Students are required to prepare an act that they have been practicing. Last year we had a great number of students audition with acts from singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, reading poems and joke telling just to name a few. From the auditions we will choose 5 – 6 acts to perform on our final night at Mitchelton High School on Friday 13 September. Everyone is welcome to come along and support our children as they perform with the students from the other two schools. This is a combined Chaplaincy fundraiser.

STATE OF ORIGIN SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISER - CANCELLED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the above event has unfortunately been cancelled. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Cathy Longford (Chaplain)

P&C NEWS

“Tuckshop Open Day” - Wednesday 17 July 9-11am. Everyone from the Community is welcome. Please call Sherrine Navakas (Tuckshop Convenor) on mobile 0412 980 113. Come along and see how healthy we are at Grovely!

Entertainment Book Fundraiser - Selling for only $65, the new 2013/2014 Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and Surrounds Entertainment™ Book is packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from the best restaurants, cafes, hotel accommodation, attractions and activities. Plus $13 of your Book purchase goes towards our fund-raising. So please tell your family and friends, as the more Books we sell, the more funds we’ll raise! Contact Tammy or leave a message at the school office if you are interested in purchasing a book.

Tuition - The PCYC has a new Learning Centre which has qualified tutors to help tailor a suitable program for your child. For any queries phone PCYC on 3855 1980.

Uniform Shop opens every Thursday from 8.30-9.30am. EFTPOS is available.

Tuckshop operates on Thursday and Friday’s this term. Orders must be placed by 9.00am. Volunteers are required. Contact Sherrine our Tuckshop Convenor on mobile 0412 980 113.

Calendar of Events

16/7 P&C General Meeting – Staffroom 7.00pm
20/8 P&C General Meeting
11/9 Lap-a-thon

Please feel free to contact me at anytime and email pandcpresident@grovelss.eq.edu.au

Tammy Drake (President) Mobile 0418 711 021
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY
15 Father of the Year Nominations close
16 P&C General Meeting – 7.00pm Staffroom
17 Assembly
19 Payment due for Culture Performance/Author Workshop
22-26 NAIDOC Week
23 Yidinji Culture Performance
25 Jelly Bean Free Dress Day – gold coin donation
31 Assembly

AUGUST
2 Payment due for Science Show
6 OPEN DAY
12 Science Show
13 Intermediate Music Camp
14 Exhibition Public Holiday
15 Intermediate Music Camp
20 Singfest
21 Author Workshop by Dr Cameron Stelzer
28 Assembly
29 Combined Band Tour
30 Fathers’ Day Breakfast 7-9am GPAC

SEPTEMBER
6 Whole School Art Show & Cent Auction (evening)
11 P&C Lap-a-thon
12 Junior Choir Kindy Visit
13 Talent Quest Finals - Mitchelton SHS
17 PAC General Meeting

TERM ACTIVITIES
This term there are three whole of school activities which have been arranged for our students.

1. Yidinji Culture Performance Maa-room (Carl) Fournile
   Tuesday 23 July

2. Author workshop by Dr Cameron Stelzer
   Wednesday 21 August
   The total cost of these two activities is $5.00 per student. A letter has been sent home this week. Payment and the signed permission slip for both these activities are due back to school by 9.00am Friday 19 July. Tuesday 23 July is not far off and if your child is to attend, the permission slip and payment must be returned to school by 9.00am Friday 19 July. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

3. Science Show (to celebrate Science Week)
   Monday 12 August
   Cost of the Science Show is $6.00 per student. This letter has been sent home and requires return of permission slip along with payment of $6.00 by 9.00am Friday 2 August.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

Thank you to all the families who have contributed to this scheme in 2013. If you have not already paid the amount of $50 (+ $3 for Religious education) please consider paying this amount either in full or by instalments as soon as possible.

The scheme was introduced to save parents the extra costs of additional textbooks and resources. Payment of the resource scheme allows the school to purchase and reproduce resources which aid and enhance your child’s learning, which would otherwise have inflated the cost of the yearly book pack. A portion is for the Mathletics program which teachers run in the classroom and is a subscription paid by the school. If the resource scheme has not been paid, your child is unable to participate in this program which enhances the school curriculum.

Thank you for your prompt action in this matter. If you are unsure if you have paid, please contact the office.

MONTESSORI FEES

There are some families who still have outstanding Montessori Fees. As we are now at the beginning of Term 3, it is imperative that these accounts are finalised as soon as possible. It is very important that these accounts are finalised prior to the 2014 Montessori fees being invoiced.

A substantial amount of resources are required for this program, above those in a mainstream learning program. As a result of this, it is very important that the $500 per student yearly fee be paid by all families participating in the program.

Thank you for your prompt action in this matter.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

POSITION VACANT - UNIFORM SHOP MANAGER - Applications are invited for the position of Uniform Shop Manager at Mitchelton State High School. The position is for six hours per week (three hours per day) during the school term. Extra hours of duty may be required during uniform sales periods at the beginning and end of the year or as otherwise determined by the P&C. Normal days of operation are Monday and Thursday each week. If a Public Holiday falls on one of these days, a substitute day may be scheduled. Please contact P&C Secretary Heidi Smith on 0413328015 or h2oo4au@hotmail.com for further information. Applications close on Friday 12 July 2013.

WILLMORE KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL OPEN DAY – Saturday 27 July from 10am-1pm at 14 Irruka Crescent, Ferny Hills. Come along and meet the wonderful teachers, explore Willmore’s beautiful grounds, and add your child to the waiting list for 2014 and 2015. Willmore Kindergarten and Preschool is affiliated with the Crèche and Kindergarten Association, and is proudly run by the community. For more information, please visit: www.candk.asn.au/willmore

TENNIS COACHING is held every Tuesday from 3.00-3.45pm at Grovely State School. New beginners receive a FREE racquet. For further information please call Dave Prickett on 3351 4483. **Lessons will resume once the tennis court resurfacing is completed.

LEARN TO FENCE – Tuition is available for 8-13 year olds or secondary & upper primary students. Held on Tuesdays 5.30-6.30 pm & Fridays 6.00-7.30pm at Ashgrove West Uniting Church Hall, Glory Street (opp. Ashgrove SS). FREE come and try – 16 & 19 July. Phone 0498 191 818 or email development@qfa.org.au

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