Principal’s Page

On Monday we returned to a school that was senselessly vandalised by graffiti. It appears that a group of about ten youths, unknown to our community were in the grounds on Saturday afternoon wreaking havoc. In my eight year history at this school I’ve never experienced vandalism this extensive. This senseless act impacted on all of us. So many of our children questioned why anyone would want to do this to their school. The damage bill is in excess of $6,000. I would ask that if anyone knows anything about this incident, that they contact Ferny Grove Police and make a report. It is extremely important that these young people are held accountable and every endeavour is made to prevent this happening again. I would also ask that as you are out and about on the weekends and in the evenings that you report anything suspicious in our community to either the police or School Watch. It appears that many people saw these young people in the school on Saturday and thought they were just skateboarding. Your vigilance is appreciated greatly.

I’d like to thank David and the clean-up crew from Kleenit. They worked well into the evening on Tuesday night to have our school returned to normal. Returning to school on Wednesday morning with everything in order felt just wonderful.

Arriving at school this morning to find the school tagged again with the message ‘Bang is back’ was to say the least demoralising. It looks like the vandals were interrupted at some point as 11 half used spray cans were found. The damage could have been much worse!!!!!! Thankfully we can manage the clean up this time. I will be speaking with EQ Facilities personnel for advice on what security measures can be considered.

While these incidents have been disappointing for our community, it pales when we consider the fire at Mitchelton State High School this week. Thankfully no one was injured.

On Saturday I attended a workshop with Bruce Sullivan a relationships counsellor and Michael Grose the author of Parenting Ideas. Even though the target audience was parents, I attended the workshop because their topic was about Resilience. Given this is an area we are exploring as a community I was deeply interested in hearing their viewpoints about how we build resilience in our children. I thoroughly enjoyed the session and think their research will be worthy of further scrutiny as we move forward.

They had a number of key themes that I thought you might find interesting:

1. The secret ingredient to raising successful kids is character….. Developing impulse control, and teaching kids to do the right thing even when it’s not easy.
2. Never do for a child what they can do for themselves….. Often in the hurry of busy lives it is easier to simply get things done yourself, rather than wait for children to do what you want….. Your job as a parent is to make yourself redundant. Both Michael and Bruce believe parents work too hard. They should actually do ‘just enough’.
3. Children should do chores and not be paid for it.
4. It is important as a parent to equip children to have a sturdy life….. Michael Grose talks about children having ‘girt’. Parenting is not a popularity contest….. it’s not about kids liking you, but respecting you….. he talks about parents having a guilt gland and children knowing how to use this…..
5. Children need encouragement, not praise. Children who are praised a lot can become low risk takers.
6. Parents should be a witness and a teacher not a solver of children problems….. Parents need to be the ‘hope’ person…… modelling that this (sad, disappointing….) time will pass, you will get through it…… In difficult situations parents need to skill their children up and stand back and let them work through it.
7. Kids need to know the difference between a need and a want…. they need to self-regulate.
8. Six things kids need to experience to be resilient:
   a. conflict
   b. change
   c. rejection
   d. disappointment
   e. loss
   f. failure

He encourages two very important things:

1. Developing good mental habits in getting kids by
   a. exercising
   b. sleeping – they should have a good routine, their room should be a cave with no screens
   c. talking
   d. relaxing – ‘down time’ is good
   e. helping others – this takes children away from themselves

Value of the Week: VOW – I bounce back from disappointment.
Habit of the Week: TAKE TIME TO SHARPEN THE SAW – I take care of my body by eating right, exercising and getting sleep. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school. I take time to find meaningful ways to help others.
2. Build a strong family brand by knowing what you stand for... in our family we... and having rituals that bring you together. Michael spoke at length about the power of shared meal times and talk around the table. These notes are just a snapshot. If you’d like to know more I encourage you to go to parentingideas.com.au

On Tuesday, as part of our Indigenous study and NIADOC week students had the pleasure of listening to Lewis an Indigenous artist who educated and entertained our students through story and music. This session was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Ms Maree and Jody for organising this.

Vicki Baker
Principal

P&C NEWS

HELP US WIN $5,000 TO IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL
At Grovely State School we believe it's very important to encourage our students to lead active and healthy lifestyles. Through our participation in the adidas School Lapathon – a healthy alternative to the traditional chocolate fundraising drives – we have been eligible to enter a program called 'CUA Community Care' that gives us the chance to win $5,000 for a school or community project of our choice.

This program is a community-focused initiative from CUA, Australia's largest customer-owned financial institution and our project proposal is to rejuvenate the school's garden including construction of a covered outdoor shelter (outdoor classroom).

We're up against 8 other schools in the area to take out the $5,000 prize and given the winner will be determined by community voting - we need your votes!

Voting is open from 29 July – 23 August and you can register your vote online at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and in CUA'S Chermside branch. Each person can make one online and one in-branch vote. So, please give us your support and help us win $5,000 to improve our school!

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 Sherine our Tuckshop Convenor on mobile 0412 980 113.

Calendar of Events
21/08 P&C General Meeting - Staffroom @ 7pm
30/08 Father's Day Stall - GPAC
11/09 Lapathon
17/09 P&C General Meeting

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

Tammy Drake (President) Mobile 0412 711 021

Words of wisdom from a dad...

Last week, when I was talking with a boy in year three about his reading he told me that when he was in prep and just beginning to read he found it a struggle. He said that his dad told him at the time, that when he got good at it, it would open a whole new world to him and that he would really enjoy it. And now it’s happening.

Never underestimate the messages you give or your child’s capacity to remember what you’ve said.....

Working Bee

On Saturday 10 August we’d like to do a mammoth make-over of the school’s front garden. Over the last vacation new concrete edging was installed. We would like to do a major plant and mulch of this area and would appreciate the support of anyone in our community who can lend some hours. We will kick off early, around 7.30am and continue through the day. Even just a couple of hours will make a huge difference. Please contact Nik or Annette in the office on 3354 6333 if you can lend a hand.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

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.

TALENT QUEST
Auditions for our combined talent quest with Mitchelton Primary and High School will begin in Term 3. Students are required to nominate 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.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

INTERMEDIATE MUSIC CAMP – Tuesday 13 & Thursday 15 August
Information about the Intermediate Camp was posted home in the holidays to Mrs Hall’s students who did not attend Advanced Music Camp and have been learning their instrument for one year. All medical forms and payments must be returned to our school office by FRIDAY 26th JULY.

COMBINED BAND TOUR - Thursday 29 August - more information will be sent home in the coming weeks about this event.

For all band queries please don’t hesitate to contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au - Penny teaches at our school on Thursdays.

For all string queries please don’t hesitate to contact Terri Giesen at tgies1@eq.edu.au - Terri teaches at our school on Tuesdays.

CURRICULUM

It has been an exciting time at Grovely during the over the last four school weeks as we’ve worked together to map the recognised Montessori curriculum with the Australian Curriculum. This has been a fantastic process as we have had the opportunity to discuss what is happening in our cycles in relation to the curriculums. This has involved great sharing and discussion around the Montessori equipment across the cycles. We have learnt many things through this process and look forward to sharing our discoveries with our community once we have finished and recorded our work.

One of the most positive things we have realised is that at Grovely we have "the best of both worlds" to quote Miss Meg!! The Montessori gives us a very thorough curriculum that provides students with the "nuts and bolts" of their learning and the Australian Curriculum has an expectation that these skills and understandings are used to problem solve in maths and examine and create literature in English.

Community sharing sessions to discuss our learning will be set up for later in the year.

A bit of trivia we have discovered along the way..... In the recognised Montessori Curriculum there was a referral to the use of commas when writing large numbers. Upon further investigation of this we have discovered that the use of commas was phased out from 1974. There is now a 50 year timeframe where the comma in numbers is no longer used because in 2024 the decimal point will be replaced with the comma as it currently is in European countries!!!

Have a great fortnight
Sue McIvor
Acting Deputy-Curriculum
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY
31  Assembly

AUGUST
1  Year 1 Fire Education Visit – 9am
2  Payment due for Science Show $6.00
6  OPEN DAY
10  Working Bee
12  Science Show
13  Intermediate Music Camp
13  Junior Sports Day
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
30  Fathers’ Day Stall - GPAC

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

FINANCE MATTERS
This week we have sent home statements for outstanding monies for the following items:
- Year 6 & 7 Camp
- Montessori Fees which may include 2012 & 2013 amounts.

Naidoc Performance this week
Many students who had not forwarded their payment were allowed to attend this performance on Tuesday 23 July. Please send by Friday 26 July the amount of $5.00 (this amount also includes the visit by an author in August). Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

PREP 2014 ENROLMENTS
Have you enrolled your child for Prep 2014? We are accepting Mainstream and Montessori enrolments now! If you’re enrolling a child in the Montessori program, you need to enrol them NOW as positions are limited. Please contact the office for an enrolment pack and remember to provide proof of age with the completed forms.

VACANCY – SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR
A casual positions exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Grovely State School
Remuneration $26.25 per hour
1.25 hours per day on a roster system. 5 days per fortnight currently available. (Work one week, have one week off. Ideal person must be available on days off for any relief).
Application packs available from the school. Applications close: Friday 2 August 2013.

YMCA VACATION CARE
We had an absolutely fantastic time at our first ever Vacation Care to be held at YMCA Grovely OSHC. It was very exciting to see lots of familiar faces, along with some new ones, and share with them in lots of amazing activities, excursions and excursions. We’d like to thank the community for their support all animals great & small.

OPEN DAY
All members of the community are invited to our Open Day which will be held on Tuesday 6 August from 10-11am in GPAC. The information session will be followed by a guided tour given by our wonderful students. We will be accepting enrolments for 2014 on the day so please tell your family and friends. Hope to see you all there!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
RSPCA CUPCAKE DAY will be held on Monday 19 August to raise funds to help neglected, surrendered and injured animals. Please register Online today and get your fundraising started. Remember to choose wisely and use cage-free eggs when baking. You can also donate directly to the RSPCA. Please help support all animals great & small.

T-BALL COME & TRY DAYS For boys and girls 5-9 years old will be held on Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 July at the Pine Hills Lightning Baseball Club, downstairs at the Bunya Sports Club (Jinker Tracker). For more information call 3353 3759 / 0409 168 681 or visit www.pinehillslightning.baseball.com.au

BRISBANE TOUCH FOOTBALL is offering a 7 week AusTouch Program to both boys and girls from ages 6-12 on a Tuesday afternoon at Mitchelton Junior RLFC from 5:30-6:30PM. Cost is $50 per player and includes a bag, cap, water bottle, touch ball and certificate. For more information contact Dean West (Brisbane Region Touch Coordinator) on 0423 344 780 or email dean@brisbanecitycubs.com.au

The FAB 4 KIDS FREE Parent workshop is aimed at assisting parents to understand childhood anxiety and to explore approaches that can be used to help children cope with challenging life events or situations. The workshop will be conducted over 2 sessions on Thursdays 15 & 22 August between 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. at the Parent Education Centre, Laurel Street on the Enoggera State School campus. Please call the Centre on 3355 9202 for more information about the workshop or to enrol. There will be no cost, materials and morning tea will be provided, however numbers are limited. Please make personal arrangements for child care. Enrolments close on Friday 8 August.

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

COMMUNITY COFFEE BAKING ROSTER

COMMUNITY INFORM...