Principal’s Page

Over the last two weeks I have had the pleasure of meeting with children and families who will be joining our community in 2014. It’s such a joyful time. It’s also a very nervous time as we try very hard to ascertain numbers for 2014. Staffing directly correlates with student enrolment. Every child matters and contributes to a fraction of a teacher. My predictions at this time tell me we need to have 12 more students to be in the best position possible. Parents, I urge you to weave your magic and spread the word about how gorgeous our school is. You are by far our greatest advocates.

With the end of year fast approaching please ensure you have all relevant dates marked on your calendar. Our end of year Christmas event will be held on Friday 29 November commencing at 6.00pm in GPAC. These celebrations are very special and highly coveted in our community and not to be missed.

This week I conducted a forum with a number of students from years 4-7. When asked what they love about our school they were full of praise for teachers and community events. Owen, one of our year three boys actually responded…... “our great, inclusive community.” From the mouths of babes and such fantastic feedback. These students would love to have more events as well as air conditioning in classrooms. They also want teachers to be less tolerant for those children who do not want to learn. Food for thought......

Another date not to be missed is your child’s Celebration of Learning. This week I’ve had the opportunity to speak with many of our students and talk to them about how they are going in terms of meeting their learning goals. Every child I spoke with had a really positive message with many surpassing their goal. What thrills me most is the joy that is evident when children experience this success. At the end of last term at one of our Celebrations of Learning one of our shared with me his son’s delight in telling him that this time. They actually had something to celebrate as he’d achieved all his goals. I captured this in a photo.

I also took a photo of Zeke in Year 1 yesterday. His absolute joy in his personal achievements just melted my heart. Our young people are learning that persistence, belief and effort pay off.

A huge thank you to the many parent volunteers who are manning our coffee shop every Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons. We recently met to develop a shared understanding of what everyone would like to achieve through this work. While fundraising is a factor it’s not our major goal. For us it is about building community and providing our community with a place to gather, to chat and have a laugh. I call it building community one cup at a time. Some of our baristas have had significant experience in this field and their goal as a team is to deliver a perfectly blended cup of coffee every time. Trust me, at $3 a cup you won’t get a better coffee anywhere! Your patronage and company is appreciated. Thank you also to our dedicated student helpers who enthusiastically offer their assistance also. Thank you also to Tammy Drake our P&C President for spoiling our teachers with a beautiful message and cupcakes on Teachers’ Day. So greatly appreciated.

**Pay it forward** is catching on in our parent community…. a parent approached me this week wanting to know if there was any way that she could give assistance to a family in need this week... does not want to be named... just wants to help....

**Craft Day**…. is on 23 November from 2-10pm in GPAC. My mum is whipping up a traditional Christmas dinner while those who come along get to have some quality ‘me’ time working on your favourite crafts. We have many mums who scrapbook, make cards, make jewellery or quilt. We’ve even had a mum come along and spin her own wool!!!!! Even if you’ve never been before, you’ve really missed out. At $25 for adults and $10 for children this represents great value.………. we feed you ALL afternoon and strongly recommend you wear elasticised pants! Please see Annette in the office if you’d like more information.
Ms Geisen our strings teacher will be transferred in 2014. We wish her all the best with her future endeavours. More information in regards to her replacement will be made available later this term. Students who’d like to be part of our music program in 2014 are asked to speak to Mrs Rossouw.

At assembly next week Prep A will be sharing a song that Mrs Rossouw has penned to remind students about what great behaviour looks like in our school. You’re all invited to come along!

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Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Borrowing of library books will continue until week 8. Then all library books will need to be returned. This will allow for a stocktake of the library collection and make any repairs that are necessary to prepare the books for 2014.

I strongly encourage parents and carers to take their children to the local library to borrow books and maintain a connection with books over the summer holidays. There are summer reading programs and activities available.

If a book happens to get damaged please DO NOT attempt to repair the book. We have special equipment to use to do these repairs. Ordinary sticky tape causes more damage.

There are still some books that need to be covered. If you have any spare time we would love to have your company to assist with book covering. We have the contact pre-cut and ready to go. Come and see Marissa and I to help with this.

Therese O’Driscoll - Teacher Librarian

P&C NEWS

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CURRICULUM

Reporting:
At the end of term four all parents will receive the second report for the school year. As usual we expect that this is just a formality at Grovely. We work hard to ensure that parents are partners in their child’s progress during the year and nothing on your child’s report card should be a surprise to you.

History and reporting:
2013 has been the first year that Australian Curriculum History has been implemented in Queensland schools. During the year we have developed understandings of the expectations of this new learning area and the challenges this creates for students in higher grade levels as they are entering into this curriculum and its changes for the first time. The expectations of the History curriculum have shifted from having knowledge of historical events to being able to pose questions, understand concepts of empathy, perspectives and significance about events from the past. As students engage with this curriculum and their knowledge, understandings and historical skills continue to develop they will be able to demonstrate higher levels of achievement in this Learning Area.

Year 7 into high school
We have been working closely with Mitchelton SHS and their plans for when Year 7 moves into high school. As part of the preparation for this, Mitchelton is providing a two day orientation program for year 7 students. The days are Monday 5 December and Friday 6 December. Please note students must have had their enrolment interview to attend the two days. If you have not yet enrolled your student please contact the office at Mitchelton SHS on 3550 1111.

Sue McIvor

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Band and Strings Program
Information has been sent home to parents/guardians regarding our band and strings program for 2014. Our parent information evening was held on Wed 6 November at Patricks Road State School Hall, Patricks Road State School.

Beginner Camp forms were given out on Wed 6 November and these need to be returned to our school office with $55.00 payment by WED 27 November. No late forms and payments for the camp will be accepted after this date.

Any queries regarding the band program please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au (Thursdays - 12.00 - 3.00 pm)
Any queries regarding the strings program please contact Terri Giesen at tgies1@eq.edu.au (Tuesdays - 8.00 - 12.00 pm)
Any queries regarding the choirs or classroom music or any other musical queries contact Annie Rossouw aross172@eq.edu.au (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays)

Viva la musica!
Penny Hall

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Calendar of Events
19/11  P&C General Meeting (Staff Room) - 7pm
4/12  Christmas Stall – GPAC

Please feel free to contact me at any time and email pandcpresident@grovelyss.eq.edu.au
Tammy Drake (President) Mobile 0418 711 021

Congratulations to all children who participated at the Mitchelton State High School music concert last Thursday evening.

Wed 13 November Mitchelton State High School Awards Night Ceremony (Combined Schools Band only)
Who is performing? Combined Schools Band
Where? Mitchelton State High School Hall
Arrival time and meeting place? 6.15pm, Mitchelton State High School Hall
What time is the band performing? 7.00pm
Uniform? Formal school uniform
Approximate finish time? 7.45pm

Tues 26 November - Final Mitchelton State School Concert
Who is performing? Beginner Band students and combined schools band students
Where? Mitchelton State School Hall (best entry is Turnbull Street)
Arrival time and meeting place? 3.20pm, Mitchelton State School Hall
Uniform? Formal school uniform
What time are the beginners and combined band performing? 3.45pm
Approximate finish time? - 4.30pm

Thurs 28 November - Break-up Breakfast Party
What time? 7.45am
Who does this involve? Mrs Hall’s band students only
Where? Mitchelton State High School, room J3, Performing Arts complex
What does my child bring? A small plate of breakfast food to share (no chips or junk food allowed)
Drinks will be provided

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
CHAPLAINCY NEWS

MOVIE AFTERNOON – CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISER - CANCELLED

Unfortunately due to the lack of sales of tickets for our movie afternoon it has had to be cancelled.

CHRISTMAS TREE APPEAL

This years’ Christmas Tree Appeal will be to pay if forward to a couple of families in our school community that are experiencing a range of challenges at the moment. Donations of items including food, vouchers and toiletries can be dropped at the school office from Tuesday 12/11/13 onwards. These items will then be put together to form hampers to present to these families.

SECOND HAND CLOTHING

As the year draws to an end and some children will be moving on or your children have outgrown current uniforms/shoes, please consider donating them to help families in need. Donations can be given to me or left at the school office.

SU CAMPS

There are a range of camps happening over the summer holidays for children in grades 5-7. The camps are run by Scripture Union and are fantastic week away for the kids. For more information head to www.sucamps.org.au or contact me. Brochures are also available from the display stand in the school office.

Cathy Longford

DEC

29 Assembly
29 Beginner Music Camp payments & forms due
27 Assembly
27 Six-way Swim Meet
25-28 Montessori Prep 2014 Orientation Week
25 Prep/Cycle 1 - 12” Night Theatre Excursion
26 Mainstream Prep 2014 Orientation Session
26 Six-way Swim Meet
25 Montessori Prep 2014 Orientation Week
24 Volunteers Morning Tea – 10am @ GPAC
29 Christmas Event – 6pm @ GPAC

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOV
9 Chaplaincy Movie Fundraiser – Cancelled
13 Assembly
14 Marmalade Jam Performance – whole school
19 P&C Meeting
21 1/2A & 1A – Alma Park Zoo excursion
23 Craft Day
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2 Swimming Carnival Years 4-7
3 Swimming Carnival Years P-3
3 Year 7 Dream World Excursion
4 Christmas Stall - GPAC
5 Mitchelton SHS & Ferny Grove SHS Orientation Day 1
6 Mitchelton SHS & Ferny Grove SHS Orientation Day 2
9 Kelvin Grove SHS Orientation Day
11 Year 7 Graduation / Report Cards issued
12 Assembly
13 End of Term 4

JAN

27 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
28 School Commences for Term 1, 2014

CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY – SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER

CRAFT DAY will be held on Saturday 23 November from 2pm-10pm. Come along and enjoy an amazing fun filled day to finish those Craft projects. We welcome beginners to experts. Please bring your own equipment/supplies to use during the day.

Ticket price of $25 per Adult and $10 per Child is great value. This includes Afternoon Tea, Dinner and Supper. Be in the draw to win our Lucky Door Prize: Caffitaly Coffee Machine.

Please RSVP by 11 November on 3354 6333 or 0418 183 673 and reserve your seat to receive a gift on the day.

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA

The Volunteers Morning Tea will be held on Friday 29 November at 10.00am in GPAC. Anyone who volunteers in any capacity at Grovely State School is invited to attend this event and celebrate the wonderful work you do. Hope to see you there!

FINANCE NEWS

Term Activities
Thank you to all the families who paid for their children’s Term 4 activities by the due date of 31 October. The deadline for payment has now passed and no late payments can be accepted.

Outstanding Monies

Statements/invoices were sent out recently to families who have outstanding fees which include: Montessori 2013 Education Fees, Year 6 & 7 Camp Fees, 2013 Instrumental Music Fees, Year 7 T-Shirt fees. Please pay these amounts as soon as possible. Some parents have made direct contact with the school re payment of fees and we thank you for making regular payments.

Montessori 2014 Fees

Information re the Montessori Fees has been sent home. Included was general information re the fees, a page which must be signed, completed and returned to the school, a credit card payment form for your convenience, a payment plan form and shared responsibility form if required. Attached to the letter was an invoice for $500 of which payment is due by 29 November, unless a payment plan has been arranged with administration. Please do not hesitate to phone the school office if you have any questions.

Di Lowe (Business Services Manager)

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL is currently taking enrolments for Year 8, 2014. Students must have an enrolment interview before they can commence high school in 2014. Please call 3550 1111, email admin@mitcheltonshs.eq.edu.au or fax 3550 1100 to make an enrolment appointment.

MT MARIA COLLEGE COMMUNITY MARKET will be held on Saturday 30 November from 8am-12pm at their campus on 67 Osborne Road, Mitchelton. For more details email mtmarianne@bne.catholic.edu.au or book a stall online at www.mtmaria.com.au/communitymarket

STEAM LOCOMOTIVES - ALL ABOARD!

Enjoy a nostalgic and exciting experience behind one of Queensland Rails beautifully restored Steam Locomotives on Sunday 24 November from Mitchelton Station. For departure times, destination and prices please call 0412 181 328 or check out www.blackwoodstreet.org.au -

HOPE CITY CHURCH presents “Christmas Light” at GPAC (Grovely State School Hall), 200 Dawson Parade, Keperra 6pm - 7pm. Join us for a special free one hour service on Tuesday 24 December to celebrate Christmas Eve! Bring the whole family for a night out of carols, games, Christmas celebration and a cool Christmas treat. For more information call 3354 4511.

FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

Chris and the crew at Grovely Christian Community Church (38 Woking Street, Mitchelton - just behind the TAFE) are continuing to run free activities for Primary-Schoolers on Thursday afternoons. From 3:30pm to 5pm, the “Just for Kids” program includes puzzles, games, prizes, crafts, Bible stories, educational activities, and light afternoon tea. Provided by the church as a free service to the youth of our community, all are welcome!

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ANIMAL EMERGENCIES

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