Principal’s Page

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Leanne Duncan has been appointed to the position of Deputy Principal. Leanne has been acting in this role for the past six months and her contributions during this time and in her previous role as Learning Support Teacher have been significant. Congratulations Leanne!

Bush Dance
Our school bush dance is this Friday night, so strap on your boots, put on your jeans and come for a night of great fun with your children. The BBQ will start from 5.30. Arana Sport's Club has very generously donated the foodstuffs so all funds raised will support the P&C. This is a family night out. All children attending, this includes teenagers and high school students, must be accompanied by an adult and be supervised for the entire evening. Once the bush dance begins, children will not be permitted to play in the playground or around the buildings. These expectations have been explained to students.

Quadrennial School Review
All state school communities are required to conduct a Quadrennial School Review every four years to review the previous Strategic Plan and develop a new Strategic Plan that meets the needs of Education Queensland, the school and community over the next four years. 2013 is our year of review. The GSR will create the opportunity to develop an understanding of the school’s current position and consider where we would like to be in four years’ time. Community consultation is a key component of this process. Input is being sought from all key stakeholder groups in our community, as well as organisations in the wider community. A range of opportunities for parents to have a say will be made available over the next six school weeks. This week every teacher will make telephone contact with three parents of children in their class and ask them to complete a phone survey. Community Forums will also be held at the following times:
- Thursday the 13th of June @ 6.30pm in GPAC
- Friday the 14th of June @1.45pm in GPAC
- Monday the 17th of June @ 2pm in GPAC
- Tuesday the 18th of June @ 6pm in the school's staffroom (prior to the P&C meeting)
Your participation is appreciated.

Year 4-7 Sport’s Day
It has almost become the Grovely way…. rain at a school event!!!!!!! Our year 4-7 Sport’s Day was cancelled on Monday because the oval was just too wet. At this stage it has been rescheduled to Monday the 17th. Mr Green checked the long range forecast and it has been predicted the weather will be fine from today so hopefully the oval will dry out. If this does not happen it will have to be rescheduled to the Term 3. Announcements about any cancellation will be posted on the school’s website and Facebook page.

Term: 2  
Issue: 5  
13 June 2013  
Value of the Week: VOW – I keep my hands and feet to myself.  

Book Fair
Thanks to the fabulous support of our community the work of staff and volunteers, more than $1300 was raised at our Book Fair. This will facilitate the purchase of a significant number of new books that will be appreciated by our students for a long time into the future. A huge thank you to Mrs O'Driscoll for her leadership of this event, and to the many parents and staff who supported her.

High Tea
Our High Tea was just superb! Those who attended were thoroughly spoilt with great food and great service. Thank you to Julie Smith and her band of loyal volunteers - even her mum helped out!!! $1300 was raised. Cannot wait for next year!!!!!! Thank you all!!!!!

Facilities
A lot is happening! Work has commenced on the tennis courts. The entire process will take up to six weeks (weather permitting). To increase usage, the courts will be also marked for netball courts. This will be great for our girls.

Repairs have been done to the roof on the undercover area and the work to build a covered walkway to the disabled toilets will commence shortly. Great news for our school!!!!!!

This is our last newsletter for the semester. It’s incredibly hard to believe that we are half way through the year. It really has flown. It’s now time for everyone to have some serious ‘down time’ so they can return refreshed and rejuvenated, and ready to do it all again! Our teachers have worked incredibly hard and been focused on creating a climate that optimizes the learning for every child. For their work and dedication, I thank them most sincerely. To you, our parents and carers, I pay tribute to you all for your support. We’ve had a very successful first semester and we only achieve what we do, because of the great partnership we enjoy with you. Please make the most of this time with your children. They have worked very hard and deserve a really good break. They are the most important people in our community. We look forward to seeing you all again in Term 3.

Vicki Baker  
Principal

SCHOOL WATCH
Very sadly, we have been the target of vandalism over the last few weekends. This is really disheartening, and creates work for staff and draws on the school’s financial resources. As you are out and about I would ask that you keep a watchful eye over our community and report anything of concern. You can report by calling 13 17 88
ICAS WRITING AND SPELLING TEST – TUESDAY 18 JUNE

Just a reminder that the students who have elected to and paid to participate in the 2013 ICAS SPELLING TEST – Please meet at 8am in the ST:LaN room on Tuesday 18 June. The spelling test will go for 25 minutes plus dictation for all levels 3-7.

For those students participating in the 2013 ICAS WRITING TEST, this will be done after the Spelling test and a 15 min break. For all year levels the spelling test will go for 30 minutes. Good luck!

CHAPLAINS CHAT

QLD FATHER OF THE YEAR Nominees 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, Q44 and partnered with RSL Q44, 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 begin at 7.00am and conclude at 9.00am, in GPAC. More details 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 nominates an act that they have being 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 We are holding a State of Origin night here at our school where you can come along and cheer on QLD or NSW (should you unfortunately barrack for them) on Wednesday the 17 July - Game 3. Come along and support your state, watching it on the big screen in GPAC and enjoying some great food, fun and company. More details will follow next term. This is a combined Chaplaincy fundraiser.

Cathy Longford (Chaplain)

P&C NEWS

Thank you to the Co-ordinator of the Hi Tea Julie Smith and her volunteers for another amazing afternoon of sweet decadence. This event raised over $1,200. Thank you to everyone in the community for donations and support of this event.

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

18/6 P&C General Meeting – Staffroom 7.00pm
16/7 P&C General Meeting
Please feel free to contact me at anytime and email pandcpresident@grovelys.eq.edu.au
Tammy Drake (President) Mobile 0418 711 021

ATTENDANCES

Improving the attendance rates of students is an Education Queensland priority. There is no doubt, that high attendance supports the achievement of students. Last term we acknowledged those students whose attendance was above 90%. We will do this again this term, with certificates sent home via the post. To those young people who’ve been absent due to illness for longer than the 10%, please do not lose heart. You must not come to school when you are ill and contagious. Students who’ve been absent for more than 10% of the time due to family holidays, will also not be issued with a certificate.

It’s food for thought when absenteeism is considered in terms of a student’s total educational experience. A child who is absent for 10% of the time, actually misses one full year of instruction by the time they reach year ten. It makes a difference.

REPORTING SEMESTER ONE 2013

Education Queensland requires schools to provide a written report to parents twice a year. Our teachers prepare a Semester One report on how your child is progressing in relation to the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standard for their year level. This year the Effort result will appear as a word under the comment section. This is the best way to determine if your child is giving their best. Prep students will also receive report cards this year to include reporting on the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards as is done for Year 1-7.

For students in prep, your child’s achievement in English, Mathematics, Science and History will be reported with one of the five ratings. (Applying, Making Connections, Working With, Exploring and Becoming aware.) Each rating describes a level of knowledge and understanding, and a level of skill shown by your child. The explanations of these will be on the front of the report card.

Also for students in prep, your child’s progress in Social and Personal Learning, Health and Physical Learning, and Active Learning Processes is described in comments.

C’s are always to be celebrated! C’s mean that your child is working at expected year level. The National Curriculum has engineered an increased expectation in terms of what is required of students across Australia and how judgements are made about their work. Students achieving above C are working beyond year level expectations in all areas of that subject area. Due to the duration of the terms this year our Semester One report cards will go home after the school holidays. Please note cycle two and three classes will not report on history in Semester One to align with the Cosmic Education curriculum.

Leanne Duncan
Deputy Principal

BUSH DANCE

At last our Grovely Bush Dance is here! We have counted down the weeks since beginning of term and now we are down to days - just 2 sleeps left till we fill GPAC with the energy and fun that makes up a Bush Dance. In case you have missed the ‘Fridge Door Flyer’ which came home last week, here are the details:

DATE: Friday, 14 June 2013
WHERE: GPAC, Grovely State School
TIME: 6.30 - 7.30pm Bush Dance
Join us for a BBQ dinner or Coffee, cake and cold drinks from 5.30pm.

Parents, please remember to bring a picnic rug to sit on and everyone wear your favourite Bush clothes. Remember to buy a raffle ticket. A special thank you to all the wonderful Music Parents who are baking delicious treats to sell at the Coffee Shop.

BOOK FAIR AND LIBRARY

Our Grovely State School Book Fair has been a huge success. This is due to the wonderful community spirit from the teachers, parents and students. Thank you to Miss Marissa who spent time out of hours making sure that the Book Fair was presented in such a fun way. The children loved walking through the colourful streamers on the door. It was great to share some stories with the families who were able to stay and to dress up in pyjamas for a relaxing evening. The end sales were up from the previous Book Fair and we have achieved a commission of $1353.50 to spend on books and resources from Scholastic over the next 12 months. This will benefit the teachers, children and parents who will be able to borrow some lovely new books. Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair. Some back orders have been received and handed out to the children. The rest of the orders should be delivered to students by the time of this newsletter being printed. I will be chasing up any outstanding orders if required.

Thank you to Therese Christiansen who assisted with the Book Fair evening and before and after school. Also, thanks to Andrew Tomlinson who assisted at the Book Fair evening.

We have also just discovered that we will be receiving an extra gift of book week books in August due to the amazing sales from this years and last years combined total. This is another $800 value that we will receive in quality books. Well done Grovely State School.

THURSDAY COFFEE

Emma and her team of volunteers are opening for coffee every Thursday morning from 8.15. You can all enjoy a great coffee for just $3. It’s guilt free because it supports our children!!!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE
14 Bush Dance
17 Senior Sports Day
18 P&C General Meeting – 7.00pm
19 Under 8’s Day
20 Assembly
21 End of Term 2 – Winter Vacation

JULY
8 School Resumes for Term 3
15 Father of the Year Nominations close
16 P&C General Meeting
17 Assembly
17 State of Origin Chaplaincy Fundraiser Night - GPAC
31 Assembly

AUGUST
14 Exhibition Public Holiday
28 Assembly
30 Father’s Day Breakfast 7-9am GPAC

SEPTEMBER
13 Talent Quest Finals – Mitchelton SHS

MONTESORI FEES
Recently we have been contacting families who have outstanding Montessori Fees and posting invoices indicating outstanding amounts. Please pay these outstanding amounts as soon as possible.

As we are nearing the end of Term 2, it is imperative that these accounts are finalised prior to Thursday 20 June. 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.

During Term 3, forms for continuing in the Montessori program will be sent home along with an invoice for 2014 Fees.

Thank you for your prompt action in this matter.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME
Thank you to all the families who have contributed to this scheme. If you have not already paid the amount of $70 (+ $3 for Religious education) please consider paying this amount either in full or by instalments prior to the end of Term 2. 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 Mathematics program which teachers run in the classroom but is a subscription. 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 understanding and action in this matter.

CURRICULUM
Planning for student success: At Grovely we use staff meeting opportunities to collaboratively plan for student learning. Teachers work together to understand the demands of assessment tasks that students will be asked to complete to allow judgements to be made for reporting purposes. Teachers understand what students need to know and be able to do so that they are able to cater for all students learning in their classrooms. Montessori teachers develop an understanding of what students need to know and be able to do so that they can prepare the learning environment to support all students learning. During planning sessions we have been working towards developing a better understanding of the new Australian Curriculum in the Learning Areas of English, Maths, Science and History. Earlier this year we aligned the Cosmic Education curriculum with the Learning areas. During my last visit to Caboolture Montessori I discussed how they plan and align the new curriculum with the Montessori Curriculum. We will be working in cycles to review what we have learnt and to create a Grovely document to support the Montessori curriculum in our unique environment. It is interesting to be able to work closely with Caboolture Montessori and comforting that they experience the same challenges around curriculum and ensuring that changes in the National Curriculum expectations are addressed through the Montessori philosophy. We look forward to continuing our collaborative learning with Caboolture and sharing our curriculum work together as we strive to be the best we can be for our students.

Sue McIvor – A/Deputy Principal – Curriculum

YMAC GROVELY OSCHC – VACATION CARE
YMAC Grovely OSCHC now offers Before, After and Vacation Care. For all booking and enrolment enquiries please phone 3855 9997. We have vacancies in all sessions and all families have access to the Child Care Rebate with up to 50% of child care costs reimbursed through the Government. The program for Vacation Care is currently being finalised but so far we are going to visit Victoria Park Golf for Putt Putt, a trip to the local park and many more onsite activities will be happening.

SENIOR SPORTS DAY – POSTPONED
Grovely State School Senior Sports Day has been postponed until Monday 17 June, weather permitting. It will begin at 9.00am with rotation of field events and 800m. Sprint heats will commence at 12.00pm with the relays and finals to be held after lunch. All students in Years 4 to 7 will participate. All year 3 students that are born 2004 (9yrs) are invited to attend, however can choose to stay in their classes and participate in Junior Sports Day.

UNDER 8’S DAY – POSTPONED
Under 8’s Day for students in Prep Year 3 has been postponed to Wednesday 19 June from 9.00-11.00am. Activities will take place in the Prep area, garden and on the Oval. Activities will include face painting and visits from the Police and Fire Brigade (yes, they’re bringing the truck!!) Please send along a plastic bag with your child to store items/property. Parents and younger siblings are invited to attend the event but parents must ensure they supervise their younger children at all times. Hope to see you there on the day!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
WESTERN HILLS YOUTH (WHY) is a Catholic youth group which services the communities of Mitchelton, Keperra and Samford. Western Hills Youth runs Youth nights (Friday nights during school term, Grade 7 upwards) and YM(asses (every fourth Sunday), featuring the YBands.
Fri 14 June Youth Night – 6.45pm, 67 Dawson Parade, Keperra
St William’s Daley Centre: Stay up to date online:
www.westernhillsyouthau.wordpress.com
www.facebook.com/westernhillyouthgroup

KEPPERA BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS “THE UPDRAFT IMPERATIVE” live band performance on Sunday 16 June at 6.30pm, 980 Samford Road Keperra. All welcome to come along!

PIRATES WEEK will be held at the Qld Maritime Museum at South Bank from 24-28 June for children 5-10 years old. For program information and bookings please call 3844 5361 or go to www.maritimemuseum.com.au

FREE HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS will be held at PicaBean Community Centre, 22 Hoben Street Mitchelton. Details are below:
Wednesday 26 June 10-12pm – Beads and Badges. Come and make your own jewellery and badges. Free. Under 10s must be accompanied by an adult.
Wednesday 3 July 10-12pm – Design your own t-shirt. Using fabric paints decorate your own tee! Free. Under 10s must be accompanied by an adult. For bookings or information please call 33542555.

GUIDE DOGS QLD OPEN DAY will be held on Sunday 7 July from 10am-3pm at the Breeding & Training Centre, 1978 Gympie Road Bald Hills. Highlights include training demonstrations, kennel tours, Police Dog Squad, RAAF Military Dogs and more. Entry by gold coin donation or $5 per car. Please leave your pets at home. For more information freecall 1800 810 122 or visit guidedogqld.com.au Limited on-site parking.

MOBILE PLAYSHEME – Free playgroup for children 0 to 5, their mums, dads and other carers held on Friday afternoon at 12.30pm during the school term at the Baptist Church, Samford Road Keperra. Come and join in with some free play, structured activities, craft, singing, stories, a healthy snack and lots of fun. For information call Celia 0411 668 852 or 3844 2699 or Helen 0427 647 911.

DOES YOUR CHILD SUFFER ASTHMA OR ECZEMA? Positive Parenting for Healthy Living offers practical ideas and support for parents of children suffering asthma or eczema. Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 3-10 year old children suffering asthma or eczema are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P free of charge as part of a University of Queensland research project. Contact Amy Mitchell on (07) 3365 7305 or email healthyliving@us.edu.au or visit www.exp.psych.queensland.edu.au/healthyliving for more information.

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