Principal’s Page

Our mums, grandmothers and significant female role models gathered in force last Friday to celebrate the role of motherhood and share some very special time with other mums and their children. Each year the numbers grow. It really is a very special time. Our choir performed superbly yet again. A very special thank you to:

- Miss Cathy for organising the event and to the many folk who made contributions to the festivities.
- Annie (our music teacher) and Sharlene for coming in on their non-designated days to make this occasion even more special.
- Jo Hobbs the CEO of Teen Challenge for her words of wisdom
- All of our wonderful student helpers – thank you! The way that our young people consistently seek to support school activities is just amazing. We are never at a loss to find willing helpers, whether it be for a quick clean-up of the grounds, setting up GPAC for special occasions such as Mothers’ Day. The children support in droves. This is real Grovely spirit. Thank you all -you were just awesome.

Congratulations also to Nicole Lewis for her leadership of the Mothers’ Day stall. Supported by a number of enthusiastic volunteers the stall was a huge success with the children. It’s always delightful to provide the children with the perfect opportunity to carefully select just the right item for their mums. I hope our mums really enjoyed their special surprise on Sunday. Thank you Nicole! Thank you volunteers!

Over the last three days NAPLAN testing for 2013 went smoothly for students in Years 3, 5 and 7. A number of parents have congratulated me on behalf of the teachers for the way the students are prepared in our school. Preparations focus significantly on good teaching and learning, reducing the anxiety for students and demystifying the process.

Soccer gear

Mr Green has just purchased new soccer gear for our soccer enthusiasts. This includes a new set of nets. I have absolutely no doubt that the students will really enjoy, appreciate and benefit from the new gear.

On time, in uniform..... Being on time for every child, every day is very important success criteria for students. I have previously shared the research with parents about the impact of absence and late arrivals. We seek the support of parents in making this happen. Attending in full school uniform engenders a sense of pride. We’re beginning to feel the morning chill and with that the jumpers are coming out of the cupboard. Our winter uniform is maroon pants and jumpers. Hoodies and leggings are not part of the uniform and should not be worn.

Enrolments 2014

If you have another child commencing school at Grovely in 2014 please enrol them now. Please do not assume that we know they are coming. This assists greatly with our planning and enrolment procedures.

Help appreciated...

We are working to beautify our school gardens. The success of our Peace Garden has inspired a commitment to spruce up our remaining gardens. If you have even just a few hours to spare, please contact the office and let us know. Your efforts will be appreciated.

Piano sale by tender...

The school has two pianos that we’d like to find a home for. They can be inspected by appointment with tenders being accepted until Friday 7 June.

Very Important Parenting Saturday

Included in today’s newsletter is a flyer regarding an information session with Michael Grose and Bruce O’Sullivan. They will be presenting at Ormiston on Saturday 20 July. Called Very Important Parenting Saturday, it claims to be a morning of fun, inspiration and learning! It will be focussed on family relationships with a view to developing a common framework for raising kids and being more assured and confident as parents. Bruce has a daughter with a disability so he also provides this perspective. Bruce and Michael will present for an hour and half each, and then sitting down for a joint Q & A session! It’s a mini-parenting conference, that doesn’t take up the whole weekend.

Vicki Baker (Principal)

Former Grovely student
(and daughter of Ms Pauline) Melissa Saunders, Master of Human Rights Law!!!!!
P&C NEWS

SCHOOL NEWS 2013 - ARANA HILLS PLAZA

odate 2 June. Reward Points: For every $10 spent in one transaction shoppers will receive 10 SCHOOL REWARDS points. Customers will need to allocate their points to their nominated school by dropping their Rewards Voucher into our school’s collection bin. Rewards Vouchers will be distributed by each store when a purchase is made. (Please ask the Sales Assistant for this voucher)

Receipts submitted (in collection bin) will not be included in the school’s tally. We will have a chance to win a Morning Tea for the entire school and over $2,000 worth of library, music and art supplies. Thank you for your assistance and please let family, friends and neighbours know to place their rewards into GSS.

Mother’s Day Stall - Thank you to Nicole Lewis for co-ordinating this Fundraiser. Approx $1000 was raised from this event. I would like to thank the following volunteers also, Csilia Pataky, Cheryl Stevens, Renee Hayes and Fiona Coleman. Without these ladies the day would not have been as successful.

Hi Tea Fundraiser - 1.30pm Saturday 1 June, $35pp. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. Please contact Julie Smith for tickets or further information on mobile 0422 961 963.

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 Convener on mobile 0412 980 113.

Calendar of Events

21/05 P&C General Meeting - 7pm
01/06 Hi Tea Afternoon Fundraiser 1.30pm
18/06 P&C General Meeting – 7pm

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

Tammy Drake (President)
Mobile 0418 711 021

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

15 APRIL – 6 SEPTEMBER

All students should have received their record sheet by now. You can go to the website for the suggested booklists or read from a selection of books from school, home or local library. When the reading record sheet is complete give it to the classroom teacher who will enter the details so a certificate can be issued. Happy Reading.

Therese O’Driscoll, Teacher Librarian

BOOK FAIR

May is the National month of Reading and to celebrate we will be holding our Book Fair for 2013 a little earlier than last year. I will be holding a special evening to come and view the books, make purchases and celebrate reading. To make it even more special it will be a theme event of PJ’s and popcorn. Come wearing your favourite PJ’s and snuggle in to share some stories.

When: Monday 3 June 2013
From: 5.00pm to 7.00pm
Where: Library

Theme: PJ’s and Popcorn

You will be able to purchase from the Book Fair from 8.30am Tuesday 4 June and 8.30am Wednesday 5 June as well but the main event will be Monday evening. The proceeds from the Book Fair will be used to purchase new resources for our school library so every purchase helps. There will be items for sale from as little as $1 so come see what is available. Lots of new titles in the book line for every age to enjoy.

Don’t forget!

Lily’s disco for students from Prep to Year 5 is being held in GPAC from 1.15 to 2.00pm on Friday 17 May. Entry is a gold coin donation. Drinks and snacks will also be on sale. Funds raised will go to Wildlife Warriors.

RED CROSS

Engaging Adolescents Workshop will be held on 30 May from 9.15am-2.15pm in GPAC. Morning tea and lunch provided. Come and learn some simple strategies to manage your teenager’s behaviour. RSVP by Tuesday 28 May to Tracey on 3855 0166 or 0448 358 536.

Grovely Connect Parent/Carer Support Group - You’re invited to come and have a coffee in a relaxed, friendly environment. Tracey (Red Cross) & Cathy ( Chaplain) are running the group which will be held on a monthly basis. You will have a chance to meet other parents at the school and link in with supports in your local community. We will meet in GPAC on Wednesday 12 June at 9.00am

“Supporting each other through life and parents”.

Homework Club will be held in Term 2 on Tuesday afternoons 7 May – 18 June from 3.00-4.15pm. In a fun and supported environment, learn how to take the headache out of homework and help your child do the best they can! Afternoon tea provided, RSVP to Tracey on 3855 0166 or 0448 532 536. A parent/caregiver MUST accompany their child.

CHAPLAINS CHAT

Mothers’ Day Morning Tea

Thank you to everyone for attending our Mothers’ Day Morning Tea. It was fabulous to see so many women come to share the morning together and celebrate motherhood. Thanks is extended to the ladies from Arana Hills Uniting Church, Yvonne Sandow, Nancy (Mrs Baker’s mother), and the YMCA outside school hours care for their baking and decorations. Thank you to our fabulous students for all their assistance in setting up, serving and clearing up, you are all wonderful. Thanks also to Ian for serving fabulous coffee, Annie and the beautiful choir children for coming to entertain our guests, the CEO from Teen Challenge who shared her wisdom of motherhood with us, Annette Norman, Tammy Drake and Kristy Leighton for their donations of the lucky door prizes. Hope you all enjoyed a beautiful Mothers’ Day with you families.

Second Hand Jumpers

As the weather starts to get cooler and jumpers/trackpants are needed I may be able to assist with second hand items. Please contact me and I will see if I can help you with the correct size for your child. Email dlong66@eq.edu.au.

Cathy Longford ( Chaplain)

CURRICULUM

Reporting

Schools are required to provide a written report to parents twice a year. Our teachers prepare a Semester One report on how your student is progressing in relation to the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standard for their year level. To do this all of our classes use the C2C summative assessment tasks. These provide opportunities for students to demonstrate what they have learnt during their learning. It also allows our teachers to moderate helping us to be consistent with what we expect. 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 Australian Curriculum.

SCHOOL BANKING

SCHOOL BANKING IS EVERY THURSDAY – 8.30am outside the staffroom. This is a great fundraiser for our school. We receive $5.00 for every child $5.00 for every Activated Account via the School Banking program (i.e. for each student who banks through the school’s program for the very first time) and 5% of every deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $10 commission per individual deposit). For more information visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking or contact the office. If you are late to school and the banking ladies aren’t there please check the staffroom.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY
17  Lunchtime Disco Prep-Year 5 – Gold coin donation
19  RSPCA Millions Paws Walk Fundraiser-Register online
20  Cross Country Medallion Presentation
21-24 Year 6/7 Camp
21  P&C General Meeting – 7.00pm
22  Assembly
26  Sorry Day @ Teralba Park – 7.00am
30  Engaging Adolescents Workshop 9.15am-2.15pm @ GPAC
30  Evening Band Performance (Mrs Hall’s students)

JUNE
1  High Tea Fundraiser 1.30pm @ GPAC
3  Book Fair Viewing Evening
4  Evening Band Performance (Mrs Hall’s students)
5  Assembly
11  Senior Sports Day
12  Grovely Connect Parent/Carer Support Group
18  P&C General Meeting – 7.00pm
19  Assembly
21  End of Term 2 – Winter Vacation

JULY
8  School Resumes for Term 3

YEAR 6/7 CAMP
Students in Year 6 & 7 will be on camp from Tuesday 21 May to Friday 24 May. Students have received all information regarding what they will need to bring with them. As per the packing note no lolleis, radios, computer games, mobile phones, iPods, aerosols, jewellery or money is to be brought to camp. Students may bring a digital camera if they choose. Please ensure your child arrives at school on Tuesday by 8.30am. We will meet in GPAC and depart for camp at 9.15am. Any medical notes need to be returned ASAP. Please have all medication clearly labelled in a plastic bag, and give to the teachers on the day of camp.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
Due to the Year 6/7 camp, there will be no Interschool Sport on Friday 24 May.

SENIOR SPORTS DAY
Grovely State School Senior Sports Day is on Tuesday 11 June beginning 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.

CROSS COUNTRY MEDALLION PRESENTATIONS
Next Monday 20 May there will be a short assembly in GPAC at 2.30pm for the presentation of the Cross Country Age champion medallions.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL
According to Education Queensland policy: “Schools require medical authorisation from a prescribing health practitioner to administer any medication to students (including over the counter medications such as paracetamol or alternative medicines).”

The case of prescription medication it is considered that the doctor’s prescription is the legal written authority. Therefore, the presentation of the original medication container with an attached prescription pharmacy label constitutes a medical authority.

For over the counter medications parents and caregivers will need to obtain medical authorisation for the administration to students. Parents are able to do this by providing a letter from the doctor or a signed administering medication form. We have placed these forms on our website so that you are able to print them off and take them to your doctor. This includes paracetol, ventolin etc. We ask that you contact your doctor and see if you are able to leave this form to be signed by the medical practitioner and then collect it when it is ready. We are hoping that this will allow parents and caregivers to follow this policy without cost to them. If you are going to the doctor we ask that you take a form and have it completed at your visit.

ICAS COMPUTER TEST – Tuesday 21 May
Just a reminder that the students who have elected to and paid to participate in the 2013 ICAS Computer Test are to meet at 8.00am in the ST:LaN room on Tuesday morning. Depending on the year level you are in the computer test will go from 30-40 mins. Good Luck!

Thank you, Jody Johnston and Leanne Duncan

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2013

DATE CLAIMERS
Tuesday 30 May and 4 June - Evening band performances for Mrs Hall’s students. Stay tuned for more information.

Viva la musica!
For all band queries please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au (Penny teaches at our school on Thursdays)
For all string queries please contact Terri Giesen at tgie1@eq.edu.au (Terri teaches at our school on Tuesdays)

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

RSPCA MILLION PAWS WALK will be held this Sunday 19 May at various locations across Qld. Help to raise vital funds for neglected, homeless and mistreated dogs in Qld. Sign up as a Fundraising Superstar and help give these dogs a second chance. Register on-line today, call 3426 9943 or check out the RSPCA website.

NEW ZEALAND VODAFONE WARRIORS TRAINING will be held at West Arana Hills RILFC, Dawson Parade on Sunday 2 June from 2.00pm–3.30pm. Come and join the fun!

THE FERNY GROVE STATE HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION would like to extend the invitation to all of our local school parents to attend our next P&C Meeting which is to be held on Monday 27 May 2013 at 7.30pm. The School Principal, Mr Mark Breckenridge, will be the Key Note Speaker and will be giving an overview of Year 7 into our High School and how the P&C can assist in the School Vision.

SUSTAINABILITY DAY – On Saturday 1 June from 10.00-4.00pm Hilbrow Anglican School (45 Hurdcoat St Enoggera) is inviting the community to join them for their 3rd Sustainability Day. The program will include Practical demonstrations on how to make a difference, Q&A Hypothetical on Sustainability with our panel of speakers & local community groups and organisations featuring Green Innovations. There will also be market stalls, Recycle e waste, local entertainers, food/drinks and more. For information call 07 3354 3422 or email sustaintabilityday@hilbrow.qld.edu.au

PIANO LESSONS – Instrumental teacher Juliet Hoey has a few vacancies for piano students keen to work hard and enjoy developing their keyboard skills. She has wide experience in many areas – teaching, performing, examining and adjudicating. She is a member of Brisbane Symphony Orchestra and is also able to offer tuition in cello. For further information call 0409 898 201.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION EVENING will be held on 4 June at 7.15pm at 67 Dawson Pde Keperra. For information about Sacramental Programs (Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion) in the Catholic Parishes of St William & Our Lady of Dolours, please contact the Parish Office on 3356 2667.

GERMAN IMMERSION 2014 AT FGSH – Enrolments are currently being accepted. The program offers students a great opportunity to become highly proficient in the German language, experience a challenging and fun learning environment and work with other motivated students. For further information contact Mrs Fi Hudghton on 3550 5785 or email fhudg1@eq.edu.au

PURE TENNIS ACADEMY: Mini Tennis Red is for ages 5-7 and held on Tuesday & Wednesday 3.30-4.00pm & 4.00-4.30pm, Saturday 8.00-9.30am, 8.30-9.00am, and 9.00-9.30am. FREE racquet and Hotshots Tennis T-Shirt for all bookings. 5 weeks of coaching for $85 to start on 20 May and run until the end of term. Phone 3851 0444 email prshop@fernhilltennis.com.au or check out www.puretennis.com.au

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

LOST – 2 round stainless steel lunchboxes. Please send to the office if found.

FOUND – Prescription glasses “Red or Dead”; brown frames and arms, girls zip purse & camera flash. Please contact the office to claim them.

If you have a child commencing at Grovely State School in 2014, please collect an enrolment pack from the office and return the paperwork as soon as possible. Thank you.