Principal’s Page

The AGM for our P&C was held this week. We welcome Tammy Drake back for another term as P&C President. She will continue to be supported by Kerry Doorley as Vice President and Annette Norman as Secretary. We welcome a newly appointed Treasurer, Melissa Sandhar. Scott Spence will continue in his role as Grants Co-ordinator. Fiona Coleman will continue to be our liaison representative with the QCPCA. Sarah Xu will be coordinating our volunteers while Avril Catchpole will coordinate fundraising. The role the P&C plays in the life and learning of the school is significant. I’d like to thank each of the team for their commitment to our children and community as we look forward to a productive year ahead.

Our special ceremony to acknowledge and celebrate Harmony Day and Say No to Bullying Day yesterday was superb. The audience was just a picture and just a sea of orange. Led by a strong contingent of student leaders we celebrated the diversity within our community and considered the part that each person in this community plays in making this school community such a special place to be. Mrs Hamilton put together a media presentation showcasing the many cultures represented in our community. And there are a lot. Our families come from so many different parts of the globe. We can say with conviction that we are a global community. I would like to congratulate each of the students who presented at the ceremony for their work in making this such a special occasion.

Today also marks the opening of our Harmony Garden. Over the last two weeks the De Nino and Thomson families have been working tirelessly to have the garden area adjacent to the library ready. They have included a peace pole as a symbol and reminder of the purpose of this place in our community. This is such a lovely touch. Peace Poles are found all over the world and it is estimated that there are more than 200,000 in existence. Starting in Japan in 1955 they have come to symbolise the oneness of humanity and our common wish for a world at peace. They are a way of bringing people together and are a way of reminding us to think, speak and act in the spirit of peace and harmony. This is exactly what we want for our community.

Peace poles bear the message, May Peace Prevail On Earth in languages of the world. Ours will be in English, our local Indigenous languages and Italian. The wording on ours is temporary. We will look for a permanent solution for it later this year. A huge thank you to Donna and Dan de Nino, Therese Christensen (Thomson) and their boys for their time and effort in preparing this garden. Members of our community and the wider community are urged to take care of this garden and treat it with the respect intended. They hope it is enjoyed by

Last week our school was visited by Ms Karen Howes the Assistant Regional Director. It was with much joy and pride that I showed her around our school. She visited classrooms, met teachers and watched students at work. She was very interested in the school’s priorities and how we were managing the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. She was very pleased with the school’s improving data and particularly pleased with the outcomes of 2012 parent and student Opinion Surveys. 100% of parents surveyed indicated that they believed their child was a getting a good education at this school. 97.5% of students agreed. Thank you community!

Some Celebrations of Learning have taken place already. If your child’s is yet to come, please ensure you know when it’s been scheduled. These occasions are extremely important for you and your child– just a fabulous way to celebrate your child’s learning journey.

Our gorgeous girl, Caitlin McKenzie shaved for a cure last week with her mum Julie raising around $1500. There’re both just an inspiration. Thank you to everyone who was able to support them. Thanks for an absolutely outstanding first term! Have a wonderful Easter Vacation.

Vicki Baker
Principal

OPEN DAY – SATURDAY 23 MARCH

Our first Open Day for the year will be held this Saturday March 23rd from 10am to 12pm in GPAC. We keep our days deliberately simple, so that parents have the opportunity to have a look around and learn about our very unique community. There will be a number of greatest advocates on hand to show prospective families around and talk about what we have to offer….. our students….. they do it best!!!! Please tell your friends and neighbours – we’re definitely worth look!
Library

Parent Library
The Parent Library is available for parents and carers to come and borrow from. Parents and carers are also able to borrow from other resources in the library. I am in the library Monday to Wednesday. If you are unable to come to school on those days please send me a message and I will send books home with your child. Books can be loaned for up to 2 weeks for Parents and Carers. If you would like some books to share with your child you are able to come and borrow some in your name. This way you might be able to encourage them to explore books that you might want them to try.

Library Borrowing
All students that have returned library books have been able to borrow. It’s great to see the excitement on the faces of the students when they make a discovery of a new book. If you have a query about any overdue book please come and see me. Sometimes the children can be a little too helpful and they have been known to put books back on the shelf without a scan to return it back. This will show up as a book that is still borrowed.

Dale Shuttleworth MP, Fenny Grove visit to Grovely State School
On Tuesday morning 12 March we had a visit from Mr Dale Shuttleworth MP, Fenny Grove. He read "The Tall Man and the Twelve Babies" by Tom Niland Champion and Kilmeny Niland to the students before school. The students were totally engaged with the reading of the story. What a wonderful experience that Mr Shuttleworth could take time out of his busy day to spend nearly an hour in our library. He donated two books to the library and he wonderful experience that Mr Shuttleworth could take time out of his busy day to spend nearly an hour in our library. He donated two books to the library and he also helped name our library fish, now to be known as "Bubbles".

Therese O’Driscol
Teacher Librarian

Instrumental Music 2013

Lessons resume for term 2 with Mrs Hall on THURSDAY 2 MAY.

**Please note combined schools band will resume on Thursday 18 April at Mitchelton State High School**

BEGINNER BAND STUDENTS INFORMATION
An Adult starter concert band have been rehearsing hard over the past 6 weeks at Fenny Grove State School under the direction of Mr John Grainger, another instrumental music teacher in the local area. Mr Grainger has invited our beginner band students to perform with the Adult Starter Band on Wednesday 27 March to celebrate their first term of learning an instrument. Here are the details below:

Date: Wednesday 27 March 2013
Time: Arrive – 6.30pm (Parent/Guardian supervision is essential)
Perform – 7.30pm and concert will finish at 7.45pm.
Venue: Fenny Grove State School hall, Finny Street, Fenny Grove
Transport: Personal responsibility
Uniform: Casual clothes
Equipment: Instrument in good working order, music & folder

If your child is in their first year of learning a band instrument with Mrs Hall and would like to participate please contact Mr Grainger for more details on 0418 562 741.

ANZAC DAY PERFORMANCES – Wednesday 24 April
Our combined schools band students will be performing at various schools for different school ANZAC Day ceremonies. Our Grovely State School ceremony will be at 2.20pm. All welcome! Don’t forget to send your child’s permission form in by Thursday 28 March.

YEAR 7 ASSESSMENTS
Our Year 7 band students have been working hard on their Year 7 concert band assessments which will be held on the following days:
Woodwind – Monday 22 April
Strings (Ms Giesen’s students – Tuesday 23 April
For any string queries (violin, viola, cello, double bass) contact Ms Terri Giesen (Terri teaches on Tuesdays at our school) tsgies1@eq.edu.au
For any woodwind, brass or percussion queries contact Mrs Penny Hall pa@f35eq.edu.au (Penny teaches on Thursdays at our school)

Reminder: Tuckshop closed on Thursday 28 March

Curriculum Update

U2B Project
Some year five students from our school have been selected to be a part of the regions U2B online learning project. These students have an online teacher who uses the web conferencing environment to support student learning in problem solving strategies. This has been a great learning experience for all of our students as the teachers have access to fantastic resources to support all students. The students involved in the project also have online homework that needs to be completed every week. Students will also receive bookmarks to remind them of the strategies they can use when they come across a mathematical problem.

Cosmic Education
The third story is about The Coming of Humans. It continues the exploration of life on Earth, providing a time line that stresses the development of humans from the earliest beings and introduces their unique endowments of intellect and will. The aim is for the children to imagine what life was like for early humans. This lesson is the basis for lessons in prehistory and the emergence of ancient civilizations. They learn how climate and topography influence culture and political geography. It relates to human needs and how they have been met throughout time. When linked to the curriculum this story provides learning opportunities in science, history, SOSE and health and physical education.

ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools)
You should have received a letter home about ICAS tests with our last newsletter. Money and permissions are due this Friday 22 March. Please make sure you return your letter and money to the office by Friday so that we are able to enter your child’s information for the tests. This is a great opportunity for students to participate in an external test situation. They will receive a certificate and an individual student report once their test has been completed and marked. If you have any questions or need a letter please contact the office.

Parent Learning Opportunities
We would like to invite parents to have an opportunity to interact with some of our students and the materials that we use to enhance learning at Grovely State School. On Friday 3 May from 2.00pm students from across the school will set up materials in the hall to share with parents. They will explain how the materials are used for their learning and show parents what they do with the materials. We hope you can join us for this event.

Reading
Research tells us that kids that read are the best readers!!! Makes sense really the more we practice something the better we get! Please make sure you provide regular reading opportunities for your children to read. Talk to them about what they like to read and make sure they have access to what interests them. (As adults most of us would not pick up a chemistry book just for fun!!!) We are more likely to read if it is something we are interested in and we like. Encourage your child to bring books and magazines to school that they like to read so that they can engage in reading activities at school. I have often spoken to parents when they are concerned about books from school being too easy for their child. There are good reasons for this. Students are able to practice their reading skills and strategies when they read easy books. This builds their fluency and enables them to become confident and happy readers!

Have a safe and happy holiday
Looking forward to term two
Sue McIvor - A/Deputy Principal – Curriculum

P&C News

The Tuckshop will be closed next Thursday 28 March
(last day of term).

Mother’s Day Stall - Volunteer Needed - We are looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate the stall this year. It will be held on Friday 10 May from 9.00am to approximately 1.00pm. Duties include ordering the stock from specific online websites, pricing and setting up on the day. Ideally there would be 4-5 helpers on the day. Assistance will be provided.

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

Tuckshop operates on Thursday and Friday this term. Orders must be placed by 9.00am.

Calendar of Events
16/04 P&C General Meeting - 7pm (note change of time)
10/05 Mother’s Day Stall
21/05 P&C General meeting - 7pm

Please feel free to contact me at any time and email pandpresident@grovelyss.eq.edu.au

Tammy Drake (President) Mobile 0418 711 021
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There may be left in the Office any day. Processing of payments will be this FRIDAY 22 March and Wednesday 27 March. If you are dropping your payment in on either of these days, the cut off time is 9.00am. Receipts are sent home via your child. Thank you. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday break.

**CYBERSMART PARENT PRESENTATION**

Parents/carers are invited to a Cybersmart Presentation to be held on Wednesday 27 March at GPAC from 5.30-7.30pm. This presentation is not suitable for children. All parents and carers are urged to come along and be informed about this very important topic.

**CRAFT DAY – SATURDAY 20 APRIL**

CRAFT DAY will be held on Saturday 20 April from 2.00pm – 10.00pm. Come and enjoy an amazing fun filled day to work on craft projects you may want to complete. We welcome beginners to experts and ask that you bring your own equipment/supplies to use during the day.

Ticket prices of $25 per adult and $10 per child is great value and includes Afternoon Tea, Dinner and Supper. Be in the draw to win our LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: A Sterling Silver Pendant and Earring Set with Swarovski Zircons.

Tickets can be purchased on the day. Phone the Office on 3354 6333 or 0418 183 673 to reserve your seat.

**EARTH HOUR – 23 MARCH**

The time to switch off the lights to help save energy and protect the environment is coming up at 8.30pm this Saturday 23 March.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM**

From Monday 8 April when parents and staff shop at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Learn & Earn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Points Sheet. There will be one point for every $10.00 spent (excludes liquor, tobacco and gift cards). The program closes on 9 June so makes sure you collect your points if shopping at Woolworths and help Grovely State School earn some wonderful educational resources for free!

**TERM 1 ENDS ON THURSDAY 28 MARCH**

**SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY 15 APRIL**

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**SWPBS – GROVELY GLADIATORS**

After a busy year in 2012 getting the SWPBS process underway I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to the entire community for their feedback and involvement.

Term 2 will see us enter the next phase of the process. We will be meeting as a team with our coach to determine ‘where to from here’. Stay tuned to hear more!

Wishing all families a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Regards, Louise Barry

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**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**FREE FAMILY EVENT**

Sunday 21 April. Hope Carnival featuring one of Australia’s top kid performers, Natalie Miller; Australia’s Got Talent Finalist, Mark Lowndes and the Grovely State School Choir! PLUS FREE Jumping Castle, Pony rides, Live band, griller tattoos, sausage sizzle AND great coffee, fairy floss and snow cones for sale. GPAC Doors Open 9.15am, Meeting 9.30 am – 11 am, Carnival, from 11.00am.

The SUCCESS 4 KIDS PARENT WORKSHOP will be conducted at the Enoggera Parent Education Centre on Thursday 2 May from 9.30 am to midday. The workshop offers parents information about how children learn and how parents can assist their children to achieve in their primary school years. Please contact the Centre on 3355 9202 to express your interest in participating in this single session workshop. The number of participants will be limited so attendance will be based on order of registration. Child care will not be available on the day. Morning tea will be provided.

**MORETON BAY REGIONAL LIBRARIES** are running a range of FREE workshops and activities for children this school holidays. Make a movie, take the best photo ever, learn to cartoon, meet and hold our native animal neighbours, learn a circus skill and give our competitions a try for the chance to win great prizes. For more information contact Merelda Livermore on 3351 6007 or 0401 012 615.

**WESTSIDE FC** still has vacancies in all age groups. Currently looking for players in U10, U12, U13 and U15 Girls. We also have an inclusive program that runs every Sunday afternoon that caters for anyone with any level of ability. For further information check out our website www.westsidefc.com.au

**HOLIDAY WORKSHOP** - Brisbane City Council’s Gold n’ Kids program (Grandparents and Grandkids) Beads and Badges workshop will be held on Thursday 11 April at Picabeen Community Centre, from 10.00am-12.00pm. For more info please go to the Brisbane City Council website or call Picabeen on 3354 5555.

**LEGOM THMED FUN** will be held over the school holidays. Build and race a car ramp, duplo corner, competitions with prizes and much more. Held at the Sacred Heart School Hall, Cothill Road, Booval. Tickets on sale now at www.switchbricks.com or phone 0403 770 688.

**CRAIGSLIEA STATE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY** will be held on Sunday 5 May from 1.30-4.00pm in the School Assembly Hall, Hamilton Road, West Chermside. Please call 3326 5222 or email craigliea.high@eq.edu.au for more information.

**ARANA HILLS SWIM SCHOOL** (at Club Arana) provide a progressive Learn to Swim program for children 6 months to 12 years. Our indoor pool is heated all year round and combined with small classes, enables students to hold their concentration. Enrol now for the Winter Semester. Phone 0426 787 946 or email laura@aranahillswimschool.com

**RSPCA MILLION PAWS WALK** will be held on 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. Call 3426 9943 or check out the RSPCA website.

**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

**LOST** – Brown Orono umbrella lost outside the library, 2 stainless steel lunch boxes. Please forward to the office if found.

**FOUND** – Attachable camera flash, reading glasses. Please contact the office if you think they may be yours.