Greetings from Thursday Island! This would have to be one of the most picturesque places on this planet. The water is vast, clear and the most astonishing blue. The heat is lessened by a welcoming breeze, but it’s still hot. Very hot. My hair straightener presents no challenge for the power of Mother Nature in this corner of the world!

After a flight to Cairns, another to Horn Island and short ferry ride to Thursday Island I was greeted by Stephanie Savage and her daughter Evie the Deputy Principal of Tagai College. Stephanie and Judy Ketchell who is now the Executive Principal of Tagai, taught alongside my younger sister Lindy more than 25 years ago when Lindy did her rural and remote service on TI. These women have worked tirelessly to educate the young people of the Torres Strait and ensure their culture remains central to their work. Stephanie very proudly gave me the tour of the island taking me to those places that hold the most significance for her people. High on the hill of TI are cannons and underground trenches. A stark reminder of the vulnerability of our vast coastline. Stephanie spoke of their dawn service on ANZAC day and how her people gather to pay respect in a service that she describes as eerie. When you cast your eyes from this hill to the next you see two giant windmills that help power the island and remind you that you are not a million miles away…. just at the very tip of Australia. Stephanie has lived on Thursday Island all her life and has absolutely no intention of leaving. Her aspirations for her people and children parallel ours. She just wants the best….. She spoke of attracting the best teachers, teachers who are committed and respectful who will deliver quality education that allows the young people of the Torres Strait to capably take their place in the world.

The work that Tagai College is doing in partnership with a number of organisations including Torres Strait Islanders Regional Education Council and the Montessori Children’s Foundation for their people is commendable and making a significant difference. Their Montessori program caters for children from 0-6.

Issues around staffing and training have been onerous and their program has not gone beyond Cycle 1.

Vicki Baker
Principal
FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL
We are well and truly into the last term of the year. On Monday all staff attended a professional development day to support the development of the School Wide Positive Behaviour process. It was a productive day and great to work with such a collaborative team. Currently I am continuing to work in some classes across the school. Listening to students discuss their learning targets and what they are doing to achieve them has been fantastic. Classrooms are certainly humming along as the end of the year steadily approaches with students and teachers focussed on the learning taking place. There are a small number of changes to the calendar to accommodate the multitude of tasks that need to be completed at the end of every year. An updated community calendar will be placed on the website by the weeks end.

Please note changes/additions:
Year 7 Dreamworld Trip will be on 03/12/13
Christmas Stoll 04/12/13 in GPAC. Thank you to Nicole Lewis and her team for organising this!

As you can see we have made some changes to the look of our schools newsletter! This is to reflect the work that has being done around our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support process incorporating our revised three R’s – respect, responsibility and resilience.

Day for Ryan
Tomorrow there will be our annual assembly at 10.30am in GPAC to remember Ryan. Ryan was a student in our community who passed away just four years ago. Each year we remember him in collaboration with Day for Daniel. This year our Year 7 students will be paying it forward. The funds raised from this day will go to a family with children who has leukaemia. Students are asked to wear blue and bring a gold coin donation. The assembly will be for students in Year 2-7. Thank you for your support. A flyer was sent home this week.

Craft Day is coming!!!
Christmas Craft Day is here!! Come along and support our craft day on the 23rd November in GPAC. A fabulous time is always had with the best food ever!! I don’t necessarily come to scrapbook but certainly come for Mrs Bakers mum’s food and the warm conversation.

World Teachers’Day – Friday 25 October
At Grovely we celebrate World Teachers’ Day when the majority of staff (part time/specialist) are in our school. For us, this will be celebrated on Wednesday 30 October. Our teachers do an absolutely amazing job of working with our students to ensure every child every day is working towards their character and curriculum goals. Teaching is not a 9-3 job and many hours are invested into strengthening and ensuring positive relationships between them and their students. To our truly wonderful teachers - thank you for all the hard work you do and the difference you make! You are an amazing group of individual professionals to work with.

ICAS
Well done to the students who participated in ICAS and got their certificates last assembly. Question Booklets will be sent home within a week. Information to participate in 2014 ICAS tests will be sent home at the beginning of the 2014 school year.

We have had some unseasonal hot weather in the past few weeks. As the weather heats up please ensure children have their hats and water bottles. Teachers will also be talking about the importance of this to students over the coming weeks. Please support us in ensuring students have wide brimmed or legionnaire’s hats not caps.

Enjoy the coming weeks and I look forward to terms celebrations/events. See you there!

Leanne Duncan
Acting Principal.

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.

2014 STUDENT LEADER APPLICATION
The 2014 Student Leader application process has begun. Students in grades 4-6 have the opportunity to apply to become a student leader as well as a school captain, house captain or cultural leader. Students will need to fill in the application booklet and ask various staff members to sign off on it. These booklets are due on Thursday 7 November to Miss Leighton. Successful applicants will then prepare and present a speech for their nominated positions on Thursday 21 November.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

BAND PROGRAM
Information has been sent home to parents/guardians regarding our band program for 2014. Our parent information evening will be held on Wed 6th November at Patricks Road State School Hall, Patricks Road State School, Ferry Hills at 6.00 pm. Please send in your child’s forms back to our school office as soon as possible.

FINAL PERFORMANCES FOR BAND (letters have been sent home about these events during this week)
THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER - Combined schools band performances – 6.00pm at Mitchelton State High School, room J3, Performing Arts complex (Combined Schools Band members only) - Please note as this is Halloween children can dress in their favourite halloween costume OR their performance uniform. The combined schools band performance will be near the start of the evening.

WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER – 7.00pm performance Mitchelton State High School Awards Night Ceremony (Combined Schools Band only)

TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER - 3.45pm performance at Mitchelton State School (involves all beginner band students and combined schools band only)

THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER - 7.45am breakup breakfast at Mitchelton State High School - final day of lessons.

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 tgie1@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

P&C NEWS

adidas School Fun-Run (lap-a-thon) - The prizes have been ordered and will be delivered within 2 weeks and will be distributed accordingly. Also the total amount raised from the lap-a-thon will be announced. Thank you for your patience.

Tuckshop operates on Thursday and Friday’s this term. Orders must be placed by 9.00am. Volunteers are required.

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

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 pandcpr@grovellyss.eq.edu.au
Tammy Drake (President) Mobile 0418 711 021
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT
25  Day for Daniel and Ryan
31  Term 4 excursion payments due

NOV
9  Chaplaincy Fundraiser – Stafford City Hoyts 4.30pm
13  Assembly
14  Marmalade Jam Performance – whole school
19  P&C Meeting
21  1/2A & 1A - Alma Park Zoo excursion
23  Craft Day
25  Montessori Prep 2014 Orientation Week
26  Prep/Cycle 1 - 12th Night Theatre Excursion
26  Six-way Swim Meet
27  Mainstream Prep 2014 Orientation Session
27  Assembly

DEC
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 & Fenny Grove SHS Orientation Day 1
5  Mitchelton SHS & Fenny 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

COMMUNITY COFFEE BAKING ROSTER

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BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL TENNIS CHALLENGE

Pure Tennis Ferny Hills coaches are currently conducting trials with all year 1, 2 & 3 pupils to select your school tennis team. All children who play for their school team will get to participate in the regional finals held at the State Tennis Centre. Regional Finalists will then go on to play a Grand Final at the Brisbane International which has attracted tennis superstar Roger Federer for the first time. A permission slip will be sent home with more details. If you child wish to take part in the exciting event, please make sure permission slips are handed back into the school office by Friday 1 November. If you have any further questions on the event, please contact Simon on 3851 0444

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! Coming up in the next few weeks: 24 Oct - Jungle theme; 31 Oct - Treasure Hunt; 7 Nov - Get Wet (bring a towel).

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR OPEN DAY - Sunday 27 October – All school-aged girls are invited to come along and join in a free class and attend an information session. Phone 3236 0207 for more information or check out www.ausgirlschoir.com.au

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

ANIMAL EMERGENCIES

Wildlife Emergencies – 1300 264 625 (1300 animal)
Acts of cruelty or neglect - RSPCA Inspectorate 3426 9971 or 1300 852 188, DPI call centre 1328 3111 or your local police station.
 Sick or injured stray animals - RSPCA Animal Ambulance 3426 9971 or 1300 852 188.
24 Hour Call Centre – 3426 9999

TERM ACTIVITIES

The following activities have been arranged for this term and letters have been sent home this week.

Payment for these activities is due by Thursday 31 October along with the signed permission slip.

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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. Please do not hesitate to phone the school office if you have any questions.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

MOVIE AFTERNOON – CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISER

We are holding a private advanced screening of “Free Birds” on Saturday 9 November at 4.30pm at the Stafford City Hoyts Cinema. This movie is from the academy award winning producers of Shrek and Horton Hears a Who.

Tickets must be pre-purchased from the school office by Thursday 31 October. This is a Chaplaincy fundraiser held in conjunction with Mitchelton SS & SHS and Enoggera SS. Lucky Door Prizes on the night. Child $10.50, Adult $13.50. Pre-purchase of popcorn and drink deal available for $10.00.

Cathy Longford

COMMENTS 

The comments section is currently hidden due to the lack of content. If you need to make any comments or observations, feel free to add them as comments in the text.