Principal’s Page

As a school we must ensure that quality teaching and learning is happening in every classroom, every day for every student. 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 the school and community over the subsequent four years. 2013 is our year of review. The QSR will assist in developing an understanding of the school’s current position, consider what needs to be included to ensure a culture of continuous improvement and identify what we are currently doing that is either productive or counterproductive.

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. Community Forums will be held at the following times:

Thursday 13 June @ 6.30pm in GPAC
Friday 14 June a @1.45pm in GPAC
Monday 17 June @ 2.00pm in the school’s staffroom (prior to the P&C meeting)

School Camp
Our students in years 6 and 7 returned from camp last Friday, exhausted and excited about their experience at Camp Warrawee. We’ve heard many stories of children overcoming their fears and engaging in activities that were fun but at times challenging. I’d like to thank the staff who attended the camp with our students: Miss Leighton, Mr Deo (Kamal), Miss Cathy and Miss Pauline. It’s a big commitment from them, to give up four days away from family and friends to support the students and this program. Thank you.

The Book Fair is coming!!!! One of the most joyful experiences can be witnessing a child engrossed in a book. Books will be on sale from Monday 3 June until Wednesday 5 June. A little PJ event is happening after school on Monday for parents who’d like to bring their children in for some special reading time. Book sales will support resourcing our library and as always your support is appreciated.

Watch this space!! The upgrade to our tennis courts will begin on Monday!

Congratulations to Lily and Maya, their families, friends and supporters for a fabulous lunchtime disco. A great time was had by all. Thanks to the efforts of all, a very nice donation will be given to Wildlife Warriors.

A thank you also to Coles and the Litze Lounge at Great Western, for donations of drinks and cupcakes.

Morning coffee is now available from GPAC each Thursday morning. For just $3 you can purchase a really great coffee or hot chocolate prepared with care by our mums. A huge thank you to Emma for making this happen and to all the mums who give up their time to come along and support. This is in addition to Community Coffee held each Friday afternoon. Currently all the delightful treats that are served, are being prepared on a voluntary basis by a small and very committed group of mums. This means that some weeks we have a lot, and other weeks we don’t. It’s been suggested that every week one class takes responsibility for donations of goodies. It would be delightful if this could become a family affair, with the kids helping out under the watchful eyes of parents. This suggestion has been strongly supported by our staff with a number of teachers offering to provide goodies this week. A roster has been developed and is included in today’s newsletter. Please support this. Not only is Community Coffee a great way to end the week, it’s also a great way of supporting the school’s P&C fundraising activities. If you’ve not participated please consider doing so, and encourage others to become involved. You’d be very welcome.

Roster for baking for Community Coffee

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**MORNING COFFEE - $3.00**
Thursdays 8.15-9.15am @ GPAC
Why not pick up a coffee when you drop off the kids!
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.

RED CROSS

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/carer MUST accompany their child.

CHAPLAINS CHAT

Second Hand Jumpers
As the weather starts to get cooler and jumpers/tracksuits 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 clong66@eq.edu.au, Cathy Longford (Chaplain)

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2013

Advanced Music Camp - 3 - 7 June
We wish Andrew Thomson and Malena Ayazian all the very best at the Advanced Music Camp at Ferny Grove State High School, Ralph Took auditorium, Finvoy Street from 3 - 7 June. They will be participating in a free concert on Friday 7 June at 6.30 at Ferny Grove State High School’s Hall. All welcome.

Tuesday 4 June - Concert - Everton Park State High School
Mrs Hall’s beginner students and combined band students will be performing at Everton Park State High School’s concert on Tuesday 4 June at 6.30pm. All performers are to meet Mrs Hall at 5.30pm. Beginner students are to be dressed in formal school uniform. Combined Schools Band performers are to be dressed in their Grovely State School Performance uniform.

***PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO LESSONS OR REHEARSALS WITH MS GIESEN AND MRS HALL ON TUESDAY 4 AND THURSDAY 6 JUNE***

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 tgies1@eq.edu.au (Terri teaches at our school on Tuesdays)

Senior Sports Day - 11 June
Under 8’s Day - 13 June

2014 ENROLMENTS

If you have a child commencing at Grovely State School in 2014, please collect an enrolment pack from the office and return the forms along with proof of age as soon as possible.

CURRICULUM

Assessment and Montessori
One of the most fundamental elements of the Montessori philosophy is knowing the child. At Grovely we value knowing our students in every classroom. All teachers use different techniques to monitor where students are in their learning so that learning experiences can be planned to best cater for every student in their learning journey. This is known as Assessment for Learning or formative assessment. Students are also provided with opportunities to demonstrate how well they are achieving by using summative assessment tasks. A summative assessment task is marked using a Guide to Making Judgements. This allows teachers to look for evidence of learning in the task the students complete so as to make judgements on student work thus informing reports that are created twice a year.

Sue McIvor
HDC/Acting Deputy

ADMINISTERING 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).”

In 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 panadol, 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.

P&C NEWS

SCHOOL REWARDS 2013 - ARANA HILLS PLAZA (COLES/KMAR SHOPPING CENTRE) Ends this Sunday!!!!

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.

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 Convenor on mobile 0412 980 113.

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

MAY
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 ICAS Science Test – 8.00am
5 Assembly
10 Public Holiday
11 Senior Sports Day
12 Grovely Connect Parent/Carer Support Group
13 Under 8’s Day 9-11am
18 P&C General Meeting – 7:00pm
19 Assembly
20 Final date for outstanding Montessori fees
21 End of Term 2 – Winter Vacation

JULY
8 School Resumes for Term 3

MONTESSORI FEES

Over the last week, we have been contacting families who have outstanding Montessori Fees and invoices indicating outstanding amounts have been mailed today. Please pay these outstanding amounts as soon as possible as the due date was 28 March. If you have requested a payment plan during these phone conversations please complete your paperwork and return as soon as possible.

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

ICAS SCIENCE TEST – WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE

Just a reminder that the students who have elected to and paid to participate in the 2013 ICAS Science test – Please meet at 8.00am in the ST:LaN room on Wednesday 5 June. Depending on the year level you are in the computer test will go from 30-45 mins. Good Luck!

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 (Byrs) are invited to attend, however can choose to stay in their classes and participate in Junior Sports Day.

UNDER 8’S DAY

Under 8’s Day will be held for students in Prep-Year 3 on Thursday 13 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 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!

NOMINATE AN INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER

Nominations for the 2013 ASG NEITA Awards for Inspirational Educators close on 31 July. Nominations can be submitted online at www.neita.com.au. For further information email neita@asg.com.au or Freecall 1800 624 487. Teachers inspire learning.

SCHOOL BANKING

Hello bankers! You are all doing so well at banking. We now have 85 bankers; let’s see if we can get to 100! We’ve so far earned our school over $700 and that’s all thanks to you. Keep up the great work. Don’t forget that siblings can sign up for school banking even if they don’t yet go to school. The more the merrier!

YMCA GROVELY OSHC – VACATION CARE

YMCA Grovely OSHC 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.

QSCHOOLS SMARTPHONE APP

The QSchools App is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools. The app is designed to integrate with Websites for Schools websites. When a school publishes content to their website, the smartphone app is automatically updated, meaning the school community remains up-to-date with the latest news, events and newsletters. Emergency announcements, such as information about natural disasters and school closures, can be published via the app. All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app, however only schools who have upgraded their school website with Websites for Schools for Schools will benefit from all the features of the app. Features of the app to benefit parents/caregivers:

- access the latest school news and calendar events
- receive emergency announcements and information around school closures
- search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb and view school contact details
- available to download free via the Apple iTunes store and Google Play

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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

BRISBANE CITY COUNCILS FREE GREEN HEART FAIR
will be held on Sunday 2 June from 9am-2pm at the 7th Brigade Park, Murphy Road – Chermside. People from around the greater Brisbane community will gather to join in the pre-celebrations for World Environment Day (5 June) with Fair highlights to include organic gardening tips with local gardening expert Annette McFarlane, cooking demonstrations with MasterChef Julie Goodwin, a Reverse Garbage art project, live music from local acts Cheap Fakes, Rattlehand and Bobby Alu, local foodies offering an abundance of sweet and savoury fare and native plant giveaway. For more info go to http://www.citysmart.com.au/greenheartfair or http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on/type/Green-events

MITCHELTON PRE-SCHOOLING CENTRE OPEN DAY
will be held on Tuesday 4 June from 9.30-11.30am at 29 Kedron Avenue, Mitchelton. They offer a variety of kindergarten programs with the option of Before and After Kindy Care. Call 3355 2535 for further details.

BRISBRICKS PINE RIVERS LEGO FAN EXPO will be held on 15 & 16 June at the Strathpine Community Centre, 199 Gympie Road. Adults $6.00 Children (3-15 yrs) $3.00 Under 3 Free. Online tickets at www.trybooking.com/CRLE or purchase at the door. Proceeds to benefit Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre www.prmc.org.au

SAVER PLUS - The Smith Family is encouraging parents to join Saver Plus, a program that offers $500 to help pay for education costs, after school activities, a computer and more. Saver Plus matches money you save $1 for $1 up to $500 and includes free workshops to help you make your money go further. Saver Plus is available to people aged 18 years and over, with a health care or pension card and some extra income from work for example, you (or a partner) may have casual, part time or cash employment. Applying is easy, call Andrew on 3115 6228 or email Andrew.Green@thesmithfamily.com.au

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