Principal’s Page

NAPLAN for 2014 is over and preparation for 2015 has started with a continued focus on quality teaching and learning that meets the needs of each of our students.

As partners in learning, parents can support staff in a myriad of ways. One of the most basic is to have students arrive at school on time each day. Staff have expressed their concerns in regard to the number of late arrivals each day. The impact that this has on your child as well as the learning of other students and staff can be significant. Your support with this is extremely important and appreciated greatly.

Grovely kids….On time and in uniform……

P&C Day

Schools across Queensland will be celebrating P&C Day on Friday the 23rd of May. This provides the perfect opportunity to reflect on the significant contributions made by our very dedicated P&C and the many volunteers that support them. There is no doubt that we could not do for our children what we do without the support of so many. To all, thank you! Because I will be out of the school on Friday I have asked our P&C if we can delay our celebrations until Friday the 30th of May. You’re all invited to come along to Community Coffee at 2.30pm and help us celebrate with conversation, coffee and cake!!!!!! Much to celebrate!

A huge thank you to Nicole Lewis and her helpers for their efforts in managing the Mothers’ Day stall. The delight on the faces of our young people was priceless as they painstakingly chose lovely gifts for their mums and grandmothers.

Thanks also to Miss Cathy and Annie for their organisation and entertainment at our Mothers’ Day afternoon tea. We hosted our largest group ever and hopefully gave our mums a little time to really appreciate the tremendous role they’ve played and will continue to play in raising great kids.

Annette Norman also needs to be acknowledged for her organisation of Craft Day last Saturday. Just over thirty mums (and one gentleman!!!!) came along and worked on a variety of projects while enjoying great company, and great food. About $750 was raised. I’d also like to thank my mum for her great cooking. Mum loves these days and has developed a lovely relationship with the ‘regulars’ that come along.

A special mention also to Emily Stewart one of our past students. Emily is always one of the last to leave and one of our most willing workers and a dab hand with the vacuum cleaner. Thank you Emily….. you epitomise what it means to be great Grovely kid…. And speaking of great Grovely kids…. Thank you to all the students in M3B…… on Friday afternoon these students synergised to set GPAC up for the Craft Day. They were just amazing to watch….. thank you!!!!!

Under 8’s and Playgroup is coming!!!!!!!

Friday the 30th of May is a very important day in our community. From 9-11am is Under 8’s Day. All children in our community under the age of 8 are invited to come along and join in a variety of activities and celebrate what it means to be a kid and have fun. At the same time we will be launching our Playgroup that will continue each Friday from 9-11am. Please spread the word amongst your friends, neighbours and family. We’d love to have them attend.

Open Day

Our next Open Day is June 18th from 9.30 to 11am. People within our community are by far our greatest advocates in attracting people to our community, so again please spread the word…..

Enrolments for 2015 are currently being taken. If you have a little one starting next year please ensure they are enrolled.

Vicki Baker
Principal

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Earlier in the year a new phone system was installed at the School. We now have a Student Absence Line available to leave details of any absences. This number can be accessed at all times and you will need to leave the following information:

Your name, Student Name and Class, reason and expected duration of absence.

**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE:** 3354 6366

**LIBRARY NEWS**

May is National Family Reading month! A great way you can find new exciting books to read will be at this year’s Book Fair.

Tuesday 27 May will be our Walk like an Egyptian Day. Prizes will be given to the student with the best costumes! Who is going to guess how many pieces of toilet paper it took to wrap up our teddy bear mummy? The library will be transformed into a “Reading Oasis”, into a cool place where you can find hot books! Whether you are looking for chapter books, picture books for early readers or information books, you will be able to find something that you love. There will be stationary and posters as well with prices starting from $1! The average price of a book is around $10. All purchases benefit our school!

**Book Fair will be open**

- Monday 26 May 8am – 4.00pm
- Tuesday 27 May 8am – 4.30pm
- Wednesday 28 May 8am – 4.00pm

**RED CROSS**

Parent Support Group

On offer is a free support group for parents/carers of children with disabilities. Come along to gain information, education and parent-to-parent support in a relaxed and friendly environment with a cuppa and something yummy to eat. The group will be run the 1st Thursday of every month starting at 9am, 5 June in GPAC

For more information feel free to contact Tracey on 0448 352 536 or Cathy the School’s Chaplain.

**ASD & ADHD Workshop**

You are invited to come along to this free workshop hosted by Mandy Scott from Australian Red Cross Family Support Program. Mandy will be discussing how the brain works, what to look for if you think your child may have ADHD or a developmental disorder and how to go about getting an assessment, medicines and therapies that are available. Also strategies to assist with daily living skills and behaviour issues.

**When:** Wednesday 18 June, 10am – 1pm

**Where:** GPAC

**RSVP:** Tracey on 3855 0166 or 0448 352 536

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

**BAND NEWS**

Thursday 26th June - Senior Band members will be involved in a day band tour to a number of childcare centres and a nursing home on Thursday 26th June. More information will be advised during this week.

Advanced Music Camp - 16th - 20th June

If your child is one of Mrs Batch's students and they have been accepted to attend the Advanced Music Camp from Monday 16th - Friday 20th June there will be a camp concert on Friday 20th June at 6.30 pm at Ferny Grove State High School's Hall.

Don’t forget to remind your children to keep up with their regular music practice. Remember practice = perfect

For any band information please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au

For any strings information please contact Angela Batch at ahbat0@eq.edu.au

**FINANCE NEWS**

**Student Resource Scheme**

We would like to thank the families who have paid their Student Resource Scheme or are keeping their payment instalments up to date.

- Some families have returned their completed and signed Student Resource Scheme Participation Forms (invoices were posted) but have not made any payment or payment instalments as indicated on the form. Payment of the Student Resource Scheme is outstanding and requires immediate payment.
- Part of the resource scheme includes three upcoming incursions in Term Three and if you have not paid the resource scheme or your payment plan is not up to date, your child/ren will be unable to attend.
- If you have not returned your completed Student Resource Scheme Participation form but would like your child/ren to take advantage of this scheme please return your form (sent at the end of last year and earlier this year) or drop into the office to obtain one.
- For families who have indicated they are not participating in the Student Resource Scheme or have not returned their completed form please call into the office as soon as possible to collect the list of resources which you will need to provide for your child/ren. (part of the list of resources will include fees for the three Term 3 incursions)

**Montessori 2014 Fees**

There are still a large number of families who have not finalised their 2014 fees. For the families have completed a payment plan please ensure you are making these payments as indicated. If you do not have an arranged payment plan all fees are now outstanding and require immediate payment.

In Term Three, we will be sending out paperwork in regards to the Montessori program for 2015.

**Instrumental Music Fees 2014**

There are still outstanding fees for this year’s program. If you are unsure if you have paid please phone the office. These fees are now outstanding and require immediate payment.

Thank you for your understanding in these important matters. As the School makes purchases for resources for your child/ren to use, we are required to pay the suppliers for all these goods and services.

**PAYMENT DUE DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Di Lowe - Business Services Manager

**UNDER 8’S DAY**

When: Friday 30 May 2014

Where: Prep Playground

Time: 9am – 11am

Students are requested to bring a labelled plastic bag on the day and hand it to their class teacher. Students will return to their classroom at 11am, to resume the school day as normal.

Activities include painting, obstacle course, games and much more.

Each class requires two parent volunteers to assist with setting up, manning and tidying away activities. Please see your child’s teacher if you are able to assist. We welcome supervised younger siblings.

**Reminder:** Jewellery, including any form of wrist/ankle band is not part of our school uniform and should not be worn to school. Students are permitted to wear plain sleepers or studs, signet rings, a watch or necklaces of religious or medical significance only. Please support your children with this.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 2

MAY
26 National Sorry Day – Teralba Park 7am
28-29 Book Fair
28 Assembly
28-30 Year 5-7 Camp
30 Under 8’s Day
30 “Little Blossoms” Playgroup launch

JUNE
4 ICAS Science Test
5 Parent Support Group (Red Cross)
9 Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
10 P&C Meeting – 7pm Staffroom
10-11 Joffa Toon School
16-20 Advanced Music Camp
16 ICAS Writing Test
17 ICAS Spelling Test
18 ASD & ADHD Workshop (Red Cross)
21 P&C High Tea
23 Year 3-7 Sports Day
24 Prep-Year 2 Sports Day
25 Assembly
26 Out of the Box
27 End of Term 2 – Winter Vacation

FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

8 more sleeps!!! Until under 8’s day. This year we are also inviting members from the community to join our Little Blossoms playgroup and join in the fun and festivities for Under 8’s Day here at Grovely!!

If you are interested in attending playgroup on the 30th May please join Nicole Baron upstairs from the prep area in E Block at 9.15am. Nicole will welcome and organise registration forms to be filled in before joining into our Under 8’s Day activities downstairs.

We are very excited to welcome those that are attending as we embark on this new extension of our community. Registration forms are available from the office.

ICAS test continuing...

Thanks to the students who started their day at 8 am on Tuesday to complete their computer ICAS test. Just a reminder to those students participating, the next ICAS test will be the ICAS Science test on Wednesday 4th June in the ST.LAN room at 8am.

Report cards

Report Cards will be sent home this year on Thursday 26th June. Some important information that may be relevant for you to consider. When reports are generated through our One School system the students “legal” name is automatically assigned to the front of the report card. There may be circumstances that you require a name change to appear on your child’s report. If this is relevant to you, could you let the office know as this can be done individually. Thanks

Toon school

Only a week left to pay for TOON SCHOOL! I would encourage you to take up this incursion opportunity as we further our work on Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. Toon School is a fantastic opportunity run by a cartoonist/author illustrator Jeff “Joffa” Taylor. He will explore raising self-confidence, encouraging creativity and lateral thinking, promoting self-expression whilst increasing communication and listening skills.

Look forward to seeing you all at the events over the next few weeks!! From our Under 8’s Day, Book Fair, Toon school incursion to name a few. We wish all the very best to all the students and staff travelling to camp next week as well!!

Newsletter Subscription from the Grovely State School WEBSITE

When you click on the word subscribe an email will show up which when sent adds your email address to the subscription list. If you have had problems subscribing to the newsletter it may be that you are accessing your emails online and the link may not recognise the mail client. This will be improved and rectified with the new button on the front home page!!

Leanne Duncan

Second Hand Uniforms

I have a supply of second hand uniforms that can be purchased for a small donation to Chaplaincy. I have a range of jumpers and track pants as well for the cooler weather. Please feel free to drop in and have a look at the range. If your child has outgrown any school wear please consider donating it to help other families outfit their children in the correct uniform.

Chaplaincy Week

Chaplaincy week is a time to highlight the work that Chaplain’s perform in over 600 state primary and high schools across the state. My role as Chaplain at Grovely is to be involved in the general activities in the life of the school, conduct programs to help children to develop social skills, conflict resolution and friendship. I aim to provide a caring presence, listening ear and relevant support to students going through tough times. My role includes providing information and support (with parental permission) for students who may have questions around spirituality or ethics and respecting everyone’s individual right to explore and pursue their own beliefs. I have an open door policy and you can drop in any time for a chat or contact me through the front office.

Happy Chappy Meal Deal

Our next hot dog day will be on Wednesday the 25th of June. Information will be sent home shortly in regards to this. This event is a fundraiser for Chaplaincy.

Cathy Longford – Chaplain

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

JUST FOR KIDS (JFK) is being held each Thursday afternoon 3.30 – 5.00pm for primary school kids at Grovely Christian Church, 38 Woking St, Mitchelton (just off Casey St, opposite the school on Dawson Parade). Each week will have a theme with fun, food and activities. For more information contact Meralda Livermore on 0401 012 615.

22 May – Bouncy-bounce
29 May – State of Origin

1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE is a 3 session program to help manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old. Held at the Positive Learning Centre, 83 Gilston Street, Kepperra on 28/05, 04/06 & 11/06/14 from 6.00-8.30pm for a cost of $15.00. To register please contact Leigh Inglis via email lingl1@eq.edu.au or call 3354 2022 during school hours.

KIDS SMART DEPLOYMENT is a four week program for primary aged kids to help them manage deployment and parental absence. DCO Brisbane is conducting workshops that will assist children to learn how to manage change, and how to stay connected with their absent parent.

For information or to register please call 3354 0500.

Wildlife Emergencies – 1300 264 625 (1300 animal)
Acts of cruelty or neglect - RSPCA Inspectorate 3426 9971 or 1300 852 188, DIP call centre 3289 3111 or your local police station.

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