**Principal’s Page**

It has been a very busy two weeks since our last newsletter… we’ve celebrated Science Week and this week we are into Book Week. The students have enjoyed a number of activities that have contributed to their knowledge and understanding. Students were absolutely enthralled with our special guests at each of these events. This week author Cameron Stelzer has kept students captive with his stories and art work. The children were proudly demonstrating their expertise. Our PJ Day was also a huge success.

The cooler weather was appreciated! Our giant ‘read out’ in GPAC in the afternoon was enjoyed by all students across the school. Photographs of older students reading and sharing with our younger students will be shared with the community next Wednesday at assembly. Just special times!!!!

Congratulations again to Ms Rossouw and our choir for their efforts at Singfest. The children had a wonderful time yet again and made us very proud with their performance. We try very hard not to have this syndrome and how it effects my child. I am writing this today to help you understand. Tourette’s is a neurological genetic disorder that can affect any person. It is not contagious and it is not a disease that can be caught. Tourette’s is a disorder that affects the brain and is characterised by repetitive and involuntary movements and sounds. It is a chronic condition that is present from birth and is lifelong.

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I am writing this today to help you understand. Tourette’s is a neurological genetic disorder where neurons in the brain misfire and send messages to the muscles to involuntarily move. Alex can be quite severe and the symptoms change in a cycle like behaviour. Sometimes he may seem relatively normal and just have a compulsive blinking problem where no matter how much he tries he can’t help it. Other times, he has involuntary movements of head, neck and shoulder movements. Alex does not intentionally lash out and try to hit someone but because of this syndrome he can accidentally at some point throw his arms out widely.

This is not a syndrome another child can catch and as a mother, I would like you as parents to encourage and support your children to be accepting, understanding and friendly to help with the understanding that goes with this syndrome. The more people are aware and accepting of this syndrome, the anxiety that Alex feels in social situations decreases, which in turn decreases the severity of the Tourette’s his exhibits.

Alex is a very friendly caring child. He unfortunately has a neurological disorder which will not kill him. He may have this disorder but the disorder is not who he is. Thank you for taking the time to read this and please feel free to watch the link http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPmpY7xJIVE

**CUA Community Care** – Voting closes this Friday 23 August at 11.59pm. See the P&C column for further details.
Grovely kids are paying it forward……we’re hoping to start an epidemic and change the world one good deed at a time….. perhaps ask your children what kind things they’ve done through the day and talk about how they contribute to your family. Michael Grose author of the Parentingideas website believes that all children should do chores and not be paid to them.

Vicki Baker
Principal

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Congratulations to all of our students who participated at the intermediate music camp last week! A special thank you to all parents and friends for attending the concert.

BAND TOUR - THURSDAY 29 AUGUST
Members of our combined schools band will be attending their band tour day on Thursday 29th August. This is our itinerary for the day:

7.30am for a 7.45am start. Meet at Mitchelton State School’s Hall, Turnbull Street, Mitchelton.
8.50 – 9.20 am performance at Mitchelton State School’s Hall
10.00 – 10.30am performance at Kindy Patch Childcare Centre, 161 Dawson Parade, Grovely
11.30am – 12.00pm performance at Grovely State School’s Performing Arts Complex, Dawson Parade, Grovely (ALL PARENTS/FRIENDS ARE MOST WELCOME)
12.30 – 1.00pm Students will be taken to Hungry Jack’s (corner of Patricks Road and Dawson Parade, Grovely) to purchase their lunch and then will have lunch at Grovely State School
1.55 – 2.25pm Performance at Everton Park State School, Deakin Street, Everton Park.
Students will travel back to Mitchelton State High School and students will then be dismissed at 3.15pm from room J3, Turnbull Street entry.

What does my child need to bring?
Instrument, Band folder, Pencil, morning tea, school hat, Water bottle and Bass Amp (if your child plays the bass guitar).
Lunch Money for Hungry Jack’s food. If your child is unable to eat Hungry Jack’s food please make sure they bring their own lunch.
All children wear their school uniform.

For all band queries please don’t hesitate to contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au - Penny teaches at our school on Thursdays.
For all string queries please don’t hesitate to contact Terri Giesen at rgies1@eq.edu.au . Terri teaches at our school on Tuesdays.

Community Coffee now open Tuesday and Thursday mornings @ GPAC….. It’s for the kids

SCHOOL BANKING

Is your child participating in school banking? If not you should seriously consider signing up!! When your child joins school banking, the Commonwealth Bank automatically donates $5 to the school – that’s $5 for doing practically nothing. They then also donate a percentage of what is banked to us and, in the last 18 months we have earned close to $1000 already!

Each week when your child brings in his/her bank book we will deposit the money into their account and in exchange they are given a token; collect 10 of these tokens and your child can swap them for different prizes. The prizes range from things like a book light, hand ball, calculator, money box etc… There is no minimum amount that need to be banked, we have some kids that bank just 20cents but that’s ok as it gets them into the habit of regular banking, which is of course a great skill to have. We also encourage your child to fill out his/her own deposit slip. It does not matter if they make mistakes or need some help, they will soon get it on their own and once again it’s a great skill to have!

The Commonwealth Bank also offers different competitions from time to time and currently there is one running where our school can win a large portable shade sail/marquee plus one lucky student banker can win an ipad mini just for banking once this term. This particular competition is only running on Brisbane’s north side and is based on percentages, so with currently having 91 bankers out of 360 kids in the school we are in with a really good chance! You can also sign up siblings that don’t yet attend school; we will just send the book home with their sister/brother. If you are already a member of the Commonwealth Bank you can join your child up online (you just need their birth certificate), or you can go into the bank to sign up. We have information packs available in the office or you can come and see us on Thursday mornings outside the library for more details. Hope to see some new bankers soon!!

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST
This year we will be once again hosting our Fathers’ Day breakfast on Friday 30 August from 7-9am in GPAC. Dads, Step Dads, Grandfathers or in the absence of these, a significant male role model in a child’s life are invited to come and have breakfast with their children, for a small charge.

TALENT QUEST
Auditions for our combined talent quest with Mitchelton Primary and High School have begun. Students were required to nominate an act that they have been practicing. From the auditions we will choose 5 – 6 acts to perform on our final night at Mitchelton High School on Friday 13 September. Everyone is welcome to come along and support our children as they perform with the students from the other two schools. This is a combined Chaplaincy fundraiser.

CURRICULUM

It was great to meet with Karen Simpson last week to share the work we have been doing around the Australian Curriculum and the Recognised Montessori Curriculum. I am currently trying to document what we have done so that we are able to share our work and develop it further. It is proving to be a very beneficial process and we are learning a lot about both curriculums as we go. It has been great professional learning for us all!!!

A reminder for parents who have not yet paid their contribution to the school. Part of this contribution is for access to Mathletics which is a fabulous online resource for your student/s. It is directly linked to the Australian Curriculum and teachers are able to design what your child needs to focus on before they can interact with the learning games etc. Please make sure you pay at the office so we can organise access for your child.

A reminder that we will be sharing our work around the mapping of the curriculums on Wednesday 18 September at 2.30 pm in GPAC. We will also run an evening session on Tuesday 8 October at 6.30 pm in GPAC.

Have a great fortnight!!

Sue McIvor
Deputy Principal- Curriculum

ART SHOW AND AUCTION DONATIONS

We are looking for donations of items or services that could be auctioned at the Art Show and Auction on September 19th. Some items will be auctioned publicly while other items will form part of our silent auction. No item is too small……or too big!!!!

It could be an item that you’ve made……a person in the community has donated a handmade rocking chair!
Our artistic parents might like to consider donating a piece of their art work. Our students in Year 7 will be canvassing local businesses, organisations and individuals and would greatly appreciate support from within our community.
Please consider donating or asking those in your various networks to support our School.

INTERSchool SPORT

Touch football and softball games have begun. Please ensure your child has a hat and water bottle.
Softball training will be Tuesday afternoons from 3-4pm and Friday morning 8.15-8.45am.

YEAR 7 NEWS

GRADUATION
To assist with graduation preparation, could you please provide a photo of your child starting Prep/Grade one. It will be scanned and returned to you.

YEAR 7 T-SHIRT ORDERS
If you would like to purchase another Year 7 T-Shirt please pay $35 to the office so we can organise access for your child.

Sue McIvor
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COMMUNITY COFFEE BAKING ROSTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST
26 Year 1 Fire Visit
28 Assembly
29 Combined Band Tour
30 Fathers’ Day Breakfast 7-9am GPAC
30 Fathers’ Day Stall – GPAC
31 Garden Working Bee

SEPTEMBER
07 Election BBQ & Stall
11 P&C Lap-a-thon
11 Assembly
12 Junior Choir Kindy Visit
13 Talent Quest Finals - Mitchelton SHS
16 Parliament House Excursion Years 5-7
17 P&C General Meeting
19 Whole School Art Show & Cent Auction (evening)

P&C NEWS

ADIDAS School Fun-Run (lap-a-thon) - The Sponsorship Forms and Letter have been distributed to all students. Extra copies available from the office. Also additional sponsorship sheets are available if you run out of lines on the original form. Any queries please call Tammy on 0418 711 021. Thank you for your support.

HELP US WIN $5,000 TO IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL
At Grovely State School we believe it’s very important to encourage our students to lead active and healthy lifestyles. Through our participation in the adidas School Lapathon – a healthy alternative to the traditional chocolate fundraising drives – we have been eligible to enter a program called ‘CUA Community Care’ that gives us the chance to win $5,000 for a school or community project of our choice. This program is a community-focused initiative from CUA, Australia’s largest customer-owned financial institution and our project proposal is to rejuvenate the school’s garden including construction of a covered outdoor shelter (outdoor classroom). We’re up against 8 other schools in the area to take out the $5,000 prize and given the winner will be determined by community voting - we need your votes!

Voting closes this Friday 23 August at 11.59pm and you can register your vote online at www.cuanational.org.au. The Sponsorship Forms and Letter have been distributed to all students. Extra copies available from the office. Eligible students are: Years 3-10.

Entertainment Book Fundraiser - Selling for only $65, the new 2013/2014 Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and Surrounds Entertainment™ Book is packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from the best restaurants, cafés, hotel accommodation, attractions and activities. Plus $313 of your Book purchase goes towards our fund-raising. So please tell your family and friends, as the more Books we sell, the more funds we’ll raise! Contact Tammy or leave a message at the school office if you are interested in purchasing a book.

Tuition - The PCYC has a new Learning Centre which has qualified tutors to help tailor a suitable program for your child. For any queries phone PCYC on 3855 1980.

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

Tuckshop: operates on Thursday and Friday of this term. Orders must be placed by 9.00am. Volunteers are required. Contact Sherine our Tuckshop Convenor on mobile 0412 980 113.

Calendar of Events
30/08 Father’s Day Stall - GPAC
07/09 Election BBQ & Stall
11/09 Lapathon
17/09 P&C General Meeting

Please feel free to contact me at any time and email pandpresident@grovleysq.eq.edu.au
Tammy Drake (President) Mobile 0418 711 021

FINANCE NEWS

VACANCY – SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR
A casual positions exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Grovely State School Remuneration $26.25 per hour
1.25 hours per day on a roster system. 5 days per fortnight currently available (Work one week, have one week off. Ideal person must be available on days off for any relief). Application packs available from the school. Applications close: Friday 16 August 2013.

YEAR 6/7 CAMP 2013
We still have a number of families who have not paid for their child’s camp which was held in May. Please arrange payment of outstanding amounts by Friday 23 August. If you are unsure of how much you may still owe, please call the office. Thank you for your understanding in this urgent matter.

UPCOMING EXCURSION

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

GROVELY GATORS SWIMMING CLUB is looking for new members to join our fun team. We welcome swimmers of all ages and levels of ability. Swim Club is held every Friday night at 6.45pm in Term 3, 2013 & Term 1, 2014 (except school holidays). Sign on will be held on Friday 6 September 2.30-5.00pm, Saturday 14 September 10am-12noon & Friday 20 September 2.30-6.00pm. First Club night is 11 October at 6.45pm. Contact Nadene Benjak 0401 172 377 or email grovelygatorsc@outlook.com

FREE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB is held at Picabeen Community Centre on Tuesdays from 3-5pm for 10-13 year olds. Activities include photography, bead and jewellery design, badge making, t-shirt making, canvas painting, one/journal making and more. Contact Vicki Jacobs on 3354 2555 or vio@picabeen.org.au. Bookings on first in first served basis.

NATIONAL ANIMAL RESCUE GROUPS OF AUSTRALIA (NARGA) INC
Have you always wanted to help animal rescuers but don’t know how or just can’t over commit? Home Checks are for you! Rescue groups all over Australia struggle to be in all the places they would like to be at any one time, and can’t always do home checks and yard checks for potential fosterers or adopters, which most would prefer to do if they had the resources. If you have an hour or two to spare a week and can help, for any specified length of time, please send us an email to admin@narga.org.au and we can discuss this new program with you.

Together we will make a difference! www.narga.org.au

MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL is currently taking enrolments for Year 8, 2014. Please call 3550 1111, email admin@mitcheltonshs.eq.edu.au or fax 3550 1100 to make an enrolment appointment.

TEENI S COACHING is held at Grovely State School every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 - 3:45pm. New beginners receive a FREE racquet. Contact Dave Prickett on 3351 4483 for information and bookings.

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 or 1300 animal, 24 Hour Call Centre – 3426 9999

FIND – IPOD Nano?, Girls purse, Children & Adults Reading Glasses, Owl Necklace, Key Ring with key. Please contact the office if you wish to claim items.

YMCA OUTSIDE HOURS SCHOOL CARE

Holiday Club booking forms have just been distributed through the school to every family, so book in quick to secure your place! These holidays we are lucky enough to be travelling to Underwater World at Mooloolaba for our excursion – so book in soon, as spaces are filling up quickly! We’re looking forward to seeing lots of new and familiar faces over the holiday period! If you have not attended YMCA before, and need an enrolment form, please come and see us in the OSHC room. We’re really looking forward to seeing lots of new faces over the holiday period!

Signed_____________________________ Phone contact_________________________

The Federal Election on September 7th

I would love to help in the canteen on Saturday the 7th of September for the Federal Election.

The best time for me (between 7am and 4pm) is

Signed_____________________________ Phone contact_________________________