Dear Parents & Caregivers,

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that I have been permanently appointed to Grantham State School as principal.

Last term I had the opportunity to apply for the position and I am excited about being able to continue here as principal in such a wonderful community. The staff here at Grantham State School are an amazing and very professional group of people and I feel humbled and privileged to have their support in the role of school leader.

I would like to thank the P&C for their support and I look forward to working with them for the remainder of this year and into the future. The P&C at our school work very hard to support the learning of the students here and I want to take this opportunity to thank them for all the hard work they do.

As we start a new term it is a great opportunity for us to reflect on what we want to achieve this year.

- Improving reading comprehension for every student.
- Working to improve the quality of education we provide by improving teacher training and supporting individual learning needs
- Improving attendance. Our goal is to have 95% attendance across the school.

P&C SUPPORT

The P&C have generously supported the purchase of a new interactive whiteboard for the 4/5 classroom. They have also funded the purchase of a number of ipads that are currently being used in the Prep/1 and 2/3 classrooms. Your children may come home with these devices and have the opportunity to use them for homework! Our children live in a very digital world and we want to provide them with the skills, knowledge and values needed to both access and achieve using a range of tools and devices. We thank the P&C for their support to improve our access to these digital technologies.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1

April

20th April – Softball and Cricket Carnival
- NO TUCKSHOP - tuckshop will be back week 2
23rd April – School ANZAC parade
- P&C Meeting
25th April – ANZAC Day
- ANZAC Day March 10am North St Gatton
27th April – Pie Drive forms due
1st May - Bookclub due back
7th May – Labor Day Holiday
10th May - Prep/1 and 2/3 excursion to Toowoomba
11th May – School Cross Country
- Pies ready for collection

AASC

We will be offering dance and hockey on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. If your children are interested in participating, please fill out the form at the end of the newsletter.

ANZAC DAY

Next Wednesday, 25th April is Anzac Day. We would love those students, who are available, to attend the ANZAC march in Gatton. Mrs Richardson will be accompanying any students who attend. Children should be dressed in full school uniform and neatly presented.

If your children are able to end, could you please complete the return slip at the end of the newsletter.
YOUTH PARLIAMENT VISIT

Yesterday the year 7 students travelled to Highfields with Mrs Richardson to attend the Toowoomba Youth Parliament. Jacob Schulz played the role of Premier and all of the students had to give a short speech about an issue that was important to them. They met with former politician Mike Horan who took on the role of speaker. This was a great opportunity for our students to participate and we thank Mrs Richardson for organising this great excursion.

SCHOOL DISCO

Last term we had a very successful school disco. The students danced the night away – and so did some of the teachers!

Gotcha Awards 19.04.12

Prep/1
Rylie Green-Smith – “I Can Do It”

Year 2/3
Ruby Buckland – “Being Independent”

Year 4/5
Jessica Hooper – “Being Independent”

Year 6/7
Kayla Wilkin – “I Can Do It”

GET ACTIVE AFTEGSCHOOL PROGRAM

☐ I am interested in my child/ren attending the hockey after school program.

☐ I am interested in my child/ren attending the dance after school program.

Student names: ______________________________
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Parent signature:______________________________

TUCKSHOP

There is no tuckshop this week. Tuckshop will recommence next Friday, 27th April.

Please don’t forget to send your child/children’s order along with payment in a brown paper bag (one for each lunch break). Orders MUST be in by each Thursday morning at 9.30am.

ATTENDANCE

A reminder to parents that Every Day Counts at school. Each week we cover new content and each day we provide students with opportunities to learn, practice and build mastery of new skills and knowledge. We would encourage parents to support their children’s regular attendance at school so that the staff can provide them with the best possible learning opportunities.

In week 3 we will present the attendance awards for those students who have had 100% attendance in Term 1.
VICKI BROWN
Therapeutic and Relaxation Massage
Rooms at Ma Ma Creek Shop
Gift Vouchers available!!
Please phone to make an appointment
0427 144 286

My child/ren will be attending the ANZAC day march in Gatton on Wednesday 25th April.

Child name: __________________________
Parent Name: __________________________
Parent Signature: ______________________

Absence Note
Every Day Counts
Dear ____________,
My child __________ was away on __ / __ / __ due to:-
☐ sickness
☐ holiday
☐ family reasons
☐ other
☐ __________________________
Parent Signature____________________
Date__________________________

WINTER UNIFORMS
If you are wanting to order winter uniforms for your children please indicate item and quantity below.
Prices are approximate as they may have increased. If you would like to order, please return form as soon as possible.

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