Dear Parents & Caregivers,

One of the ways that we are working towards improving our students’ success at school this year is putting whole school systems in place. This means that regardless of what class a child is in they are using the same language to talk about their learning.

For example, teachers in each class will talk with students about the learning goals for each lesson. When students know what it is that they are supposed to be learning, their brains can prepare to learn by thinking about what they know about that topic already. It also preps them to listen out for key information in the lesson.

This week we introduced a new reading comprehension program from grades 2-7. Each week, for the next three weeks we will work with the students on a new comprehension strategy. Next term we will look at introducing this new program into the Prep/1 class as well.

This week our comprehension strategy is:

*Drawing Conclusions and Making Inferences*

This strategy focuses on children learning how to figure things out on their own from the information the author has given. Sometimes the author doesn't give you all the information and we have to use some of our own knowledge as well to answer questions.

We are looking forward to seeing ALL of our students improve in their reading comprehension this term!

**NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER COMING**

Beginning next week, you will notice that our newsletter will change from colour to black and white and will contain very few photographs. The reason for this is that we are endeavouring to use our resources effectively, efficiently and responsibly.

We are aware however, that many parents like to see pictures of what their students are doing at school and so twice each term we will publish a colour newsletter that showcases student learning and achievement at our school.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**TERM 1**

**April**

27th April – Pie Drive forms due
30th April – AASC – Hockey
1st May – Playgroup 9:30am
   - AASC - Dance
1st May- Bookclub due back
7th May – Labor Day Holiday
8th May – Mother’s Day Stall
10th May- Prep/1 and 2/3 excursion to Toowoomba
11th May – School Cross Country
   - Pies ready for collection

**AASC**

Hockey will start this Monday and Dance on Tuesday. If your children want to attend it’s not too late to sign up. Complete the reply slip at the end of the newsletter. The afternoon activities finish at 4:15 and as some of our staff members who are supervising have other family commitments after this, please ensure you are prompt in collecting your children.

**ANZAC DAY PARADE**

Thank you to our Year 7 students for organising and presenting this year’s ANZAC DAY Parade. Thank you also to Mr Nielsen from the Ma Ma Creek RSL for coming and sharing with our students.
A big thank you to all the parents who supported our school by bringing their children along to march in the Gatton ANZAC parade yesterday. Thank you to Mrs Richardson, Miss Gibney and Mrs Pollock for being there to organise and support the students. Over one third of our students attended on the day and as a staff we are so proud of our students for turning out in such great numbers on a public holiday! Well done Grantham State School!

Headlice

Please check your child/children's hair as we have had some cases reported.

How to spot head lice

Head lice can be difficult to detect, even when the head is inspected closely.

If you think your child may have head lice:

- Check your child's hair. The most common places for head lice to lurk are in the hair behind the ears and at the nape of the neck.
- If you still can’t spot any lice, comb the child’s hair with a special ‘nit comb’. These are available from most chemists. It’s easier to spot head lice as they fall out if you comb the hair over a piece of white paper.

Treating head lice

If head lice are present, you need to treat your child.

You should only treat your child if you find live head lice, which confirms a live infestation. Don’t treat ‘just in case’.

Head lice are tough. They can’t be killed by washing with normal shampoo or normal combing. Because they reproduce so quickly, you’ve got to kill them before they spread.

If your child has head lice, check everyone in the family. You’ll need to treat everyone affected to get rid of them.

You can treat head lice by wet-combing hair with a special comb, or by using medicated lotions or sprays available over the counter at pharmacies.

PLAYGROUP

Parents with children 0 – 4 are invited to join our playgroup every second Tuesday from 9:30am – 11:00am. This is a fun opportunity for both children and parents.

PREP / YEAR 1 NEWS

Can you believe how quickly the year is flying by? We had a very successful Term 1 with everyone improving their literacy and numeracy skills, as well as having a lot of fun along the way. We finished off the term with some great Easter activities and our school disco. Here are some photos of us in action!
Welcome back to Term Two!

We’ve already thrown ourselves back into learning in the 4/5 classroom. The most exciting of this is the new CARS and STARS Comprehension programme that has been implemented throughout the school. This programme has been designed to improve the students’ use of comprehension strategies when they read. The programme will be helpful in regard to all aspects of the students learning; however, it will be particularly helpful for our year five students with their NAPLAN preparation. A great way to check the students’ progress with their comprehension skills is to ask them simple questions after they’ve read to you- even just asking them to recap what they’ve read is a great way to help their development!

Until next time,

Alex Gibney.

ANZAC Day March

Yesterday, Samantha Richardson, Mrs Sandra Pollock and I accompanied our students on the ANZAC day march through Gatton. We were very impressed with the turnout- we had a staggering 33 students come and show their support for the ANZAC’s! The students were well behaved as they proudly represented Grantham State School. Our year seven students did a wonderful job as they took on special roles of flag bearers (Issac Walter-Nunn and Zane Kunde) and wreath layers (Issac Walter-Nunn and Daniel Johnson-Spiers).

We also had a number of parents come along and support our students. A special thanks to those who marched alongside us! Another special mention goes to Michelle and Neville Kunde for providing the wreath for our students to dedicate to the Diggers.

The following students represented our school yesterday:

- Kyle Amy
- Jodie Barkle
- Sara Barkle
- Devlen Brown
- Helen Brown
- Natalie Brown
- Ruby Buckland
- Trey Buckland
- Francis Burchmann
- Brandon Christensen
- Mitchell Christensen
- Rhys Davies
- Joshua Dingle
- Matthew Dingle
- Chentelle James
- Justin James
- Tamika James
- Daniel Johnson-Spiers
- Britney Kunde
- Jeraldene Kunde
- Chloe Maxwell
- Chelsea Reinke
- Aimee Rohde
- Lucas Rohde
- Chloe Sparkes
- Karissa Sparkes
- Connor Thow
- Ebony Thow
- Issac Walter-Nunn
- Jacob Waler-Nunn
- Alyssa Wilkin
- Kayla Wilkin
- Chentelle James
- Justin James
- Tamika James
- Daniel Johnson-Spiers
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- Jacob Waler-Nunn
- Alyssa Wilkin
- Kayla Wilkin

Grantham State School
Thank you to these students for representing Grantham State School in such a beautiful manner!

Alex Gibney

**P-1 CLASS**
Holly Sweet (prep) - for a positive approach towards her school work and I Can Do attitude overall.

Helen Brown (year 1) - for working hard on her writing and being an independent learner.

**2/3 CLASS**
Mitchell Christensen (year 2) - for staying on task and making a huge effort not to get distracted by those around him.

Makayla Paul (Year 3) - for her persistence with set work and making a great start to the school term.

**4/5 CLASS**
Zac Jibson (year 4) - for making a big effort to complete his work.

Khloe Pickering (Year 5) - for making a big effort to fit into her new class and school.

**6/7 CLASS**
Chloe Sparkes (Year 6) - for her improved effort in English.

Jacob Schulz (year 7) - for his participation and effort in preparing for the Youth Parliament.

☐ 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**

TUCKSHOP HELPERS NEEDED!
If you can help out once a week, once a month or even once a term all help is appreciated. Please contact the school office if you are available to assist.

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

**VICKI BROWN**

Therapeutic and Relaxation Massage
Rooms at Ma Ma Creek Shop
Gift Vouchers available!!
Please phone to make an appointment
0427 144 286
Absence Note

Every Day Counts

Dear __________________,

My child _______________ was away on __ / __ / __ due to:-

- sickness
- holiday
- family reasons
- other

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Parent Signature__________________

Date______________________

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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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The Gatton table tennis Association would like to invite all juniors to come and try table tennis Sunday afternoons from 3:00-5:00. The coach that will be involved in coordinating the session has a current Level 1 coach accreditation through Table Tennis Queensland. Table Tennis is a sport for life and this is a great opportunity to get involved and have fun.

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BECOME A WEP HOST FAMILY

Open your door to an international exchange student and expand your knowledge of other countries, cultures, languages and cuisines!

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A place to call home

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another Culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2012. Our students from Italy, Belgium and The Netherlands are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.
Meet Our Students

"I think it would be a magical experience to share our cultures and each other. I'm very curious to discover, to see a "new world"." ~ Harmonie, France

"I see this as I once-in-a-lifetime experience. I hope to find a loving family that can teach me a lot of Australia and show me the way people live 'down under'!" ~ Toon, Belgium,

"I would like to come to Australia because it is my dream to see your beautiful country, to know lots of new friends and to learn a new kind of life. From here we see Australia as the best place in terms of education, welfare and style of life: it is two years that I try to spare my money for this experience."
~ Umberto, Italy

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved.
Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

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It's easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!