Dear Parents & Caregivers,

This week on parade we reminded students about the importance of looking after their belongings. We have had a large number of jackets and hats being left lying around under the school, in classrooms and in the playground. Last Friday we had a “hat naming day” where all students named their hats. We would like parents to support us by making sure that all of their children’s clothes are also clearly labelled. Now that the weather is cooling down children wear their tracksuits to school and then discard them as the day warms up. If their clothes are labelled we can make sure they get back to their rightful owner!

This week our comprehension strategy is:

Identifying Author’s Purpose

This strategy allows students the opportunity to think about why authors write. The students not only answer questions but consider why answers are correct and why they could not be right.

NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER COMING

Beginning this 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 there are some parents who 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.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL AND RAFFLE

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week students will be able to purchase Mother’s Day gifts from our Mother’s Day stall. The stall will be held in the 6/7 classroom each morning from 8:30 – 9:15. Students will also be able to purchase tickets in the raffle if they wish. Tickets will be 50c.

First Prize: $100 gift voucher to TS14+ in Toowoomba

Other prizes will be announced next week.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 2

MAY
7th May – Labor Day Holiday
8th May – Mother’s Day Stall
10th May – Prep/1, 2/3 Toby Show excursion
11th May – School Cross Country - Pies ready for collection
15th – 18th May – NAPLAN testing Years 3, 5 and 7
19th May – Zone Cross Country
22nd May – ICAS computer test
24th May – School Photos
29th May – AVA Pet school visit

JUNE
1st June – AEC visit – 6/7
7th June – 2/3 and 4/5 tree planting in Withcott
11th June – Queen’s Jubilee Holiday
18th June – ICAS writing
19th June – ICAS spelling
20th June – School Performance Tours
22nd June – Soccer and Netball carnival

Last day of term
SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Next Friday at 9:15 we will hold a school cross country race. All students will be required to participate unless they have a letter from their parents explaining any medical conditions that will hinder their participation. Students in grades 4-7 will have the option of joining in a fun run or running in the competitive race.

AASC

Hockey is on this Monday. Thank you to Mrs Brain for providing students with some fun activities and games last week.

Our first zumba class was on Monday and the children were learning some of the basic moves. Lots of fun!

Each week we prepare and provide afternoon tea for students attending the Active After School Communities program. It is important that we know if your child is not attending or if they have decided to no longer attend.

Parents please note that children who are not participating cannot be left unattended at school. Children are not permitted to play on the play equipment unsupervised. If you have one child who is attending the AASC program and another child who is not, you need to make special arrangements with the school if you are collecting both children at the end of the AASC session. All children here on school grounds need to be supervised for safety reasons.

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.

WEEKLY AWARDS – 26/04/12

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

P-1 CLASS
Marco Merz (Prep) – for outstanding effort and an excellent attitude to ALL his school work.

Baden Murray (Year 1) – for a positive attitude and being respectful to all staff and students.

2/3 CLASS
Jessica Hook (Year 2) – for being a quiet achiever in all aspects of her work.

Chyane Jaenke (Year 3) – for a great effort in reading.

4/5 CLASS
Zarah Smith (Year 4) – for bringing a constant energy into our classroom and being a positive and enthusiastic learner.

Melbourne Murray (Year 5) – for being a consistently well-behaved and hard-working member of our class.

6/7 CLASS
Tamika James (Year 6) – for putting in a good effort in all areas of her school work.

Matthew Dingle (Year 7) – for sticking at a task until it is completed.

Grantham State School
☐ 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:________________________________

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**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.

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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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**Absence Note**

_Every Day Counts_

Dear ______________,

My child ______________was away on __ / __ / __ due to:-

☐ sickness
☐ holiday
☐ family reasons
☐ other
☐ ________________________

Parent Signature____________________

Date____________________

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