Dear Parents & Caregivers,

NAPLAN testing is over for another year. I would like to thank parents for their support by having students at school for testing and by providing positive support for the children sitting these tests.

The tests provide our school with information to help us make decisions about how we can improve student learning at our school. It also provides parents with an idea of how their child is progressing against national benchmarks for their grade level.

We have been pleased at how our students have just taken the testing in their stride and not allowed themselves to become worried or stressed about the tests.

We look forward to sharing the results of the testing later in the year.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos are on next Thursday 24th May. Please make sure students are in full school uniform on this day. Forms were sent home and should be returned as soon as possible.

Sibling photo envelopes are available from the office if needed.

CHAPPIE WEEK
Our school has had a Chaplaincy program for just over a year. Miss Nyree, our Chaplain, has provided extra support to the school in many ways. Next week is Chappie week and there are a number of ways we can contribute.

$2 CHAPPIE CHOCOLATES, COOKIES AND CUPCAKES
Our year 6/7 students will be helping Miss Nyree to make some chocolates, cookies and cupcakes. We will be selling them on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon next week. Money raised will contribute towards Year 6/7 students attending the Tallebudgera Camp at the end of the year.

$1 CHAPPIE CARDS
Miss Nyree has created a Chappie card with ten multiple choice questions about her work in the school. We have four large Kinder Surprise eggs for students who can get the most answers correct. Money raised will go towards mulch and seedlings for our vegetable gardens.

McChappie Tuesday
MacDonalds Gatton is running a McChappie night on Tuesday night between 5:00-7:00pm. 10% of all proceeds will go towards our Chaplaincy services in the Lockyer Valley.

SCHOOL CALENDAR
TERM 2

MAY
18th May – Zone Cross Country
22nd May – ICAS computer test
24th May – School Photos
29th May – AVA Pet school visit
31st May – Book Club due back

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
**MOTHER’S DAY STALL AND RAFFLE**

Thank you again to everyone for their support of our mother’s day stall and raffle. We raised $474.30

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Last year, the school introduced a breakfast club specifically for those students arriving on the early bus and to support families who were in temporary accommodation.

This year the breakfast club was limited to the days when our chaplain Nyree Mannion was here.

This term, Nyree is here on Thursday and Fridays only. Nyree will continue to provide breakfast club on these days. However, breakfast club is unavailable Monday – Wednesday. Breakfast club is for those students who arrive on the early bus unless other arrangements have been made with the school.

**TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER**

**BY HOSTING A SHORT TERM EXCHANGE STUDENT.**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2012 for a short term of only 3 months. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2012**

This year we will be again participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Our goal is to have every student complete the challenge. Forms will be attached to todays newsletter.

HAPPY READING!

**GOTHCHA WEEKLY AWARDS**

These Awards are for positive behaviour and attitudes of students in and out of the classroom. The names of students are put into a Special Gotcha Award Box and names are then drawn out on parade every Monday morning where they can choose a special prize.

**GOTCHA AWARDS - 17/05/12**

*Zane (Year 1)* - for an 'I Can Do It' attitude.
*Mitchell (Year 2)* - for being independent.
*Kara (Year 7)* - for being tolerant of others.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**P-1 CLASS**

*Natalie Brown (prep)* - for being a model student and always trying to do her best.

*Celine Vejdelek (year 1)* - for consistently working hard in class and making excellent choices.

**2/3 CLASS**

*Suzie Latz (Year 2)* - for making a big effort to fit into the 2/3 class and being involved in all class activities.

*Karissa Sparkes (Year 3)* - for being a supportive friend and helping her classmates during challenging maths tasks.

**4/5 CLASS**

*Aimee Rohde (year 4)* - for always being a hard-working member of the 4/5 class. Thank you, Aimee!
**Kymberley Williams (Year 5)** - for being a well behaved and hard-working member of the 4/5 class. Kymberley, you are a role model to the rest of the Year 5’s.

**6/7 CLASS**

**Brandan Christensen (Year 6)** - for working well independently.

**Francis Burchmann (Year 7)** - for her consistent positive choices in class and in the playground.

**URGENT NEED OF BOTTLES**

If anyone has any spare bottles, please bring to the school for Mrs Ditchman as she makes homemade pickles and relishes.

**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.

**GATTON SPEEDWAY**

Start time 3pm till 10pm
Admission: Adults $20.00, Old Age Pensioners: $15.00, Students 12-15: $15.00, and Pit entry is $10 for 16 yrs and Over. Kids under 12: FREE
AT: Gatton Showgrounds with the entrance of Woodlands Road.
We have Formula 500’s, Classic Speedway Cars Demonstrating, Microsprints, Compact Speedcars and Modlites racing.
So come and have a good night out with Family entertainment.

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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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