Dear Parents & Caregivers,

We believe that parent/teacher communication is important. However, it is very important that teachers have the opportunity to discuss your concerns outside of their teaching time so they can give you their full attention. We would appreciate it if parents could arrange a time to see teachers before or after school.

Also if your child arrives late or you need to collect them early, please go directly to the office and they will organise for your child to go to class or for your child to be sent to the office. We would really appreciate it if parents would not enter classrooms when the class is in session. Thank you for your support in this matter.

NEW WEBSITE
Since the beginning of this term, Frau Newell has been working on the development of a new school website through the Websites for Schools program. Our new website is now live and is a great place to keep up-to-date on what's happening at our school. There is a quick link to our school newsletter and a calendar showing the upcoming events. Over the remainder of this term we will be continuing to update the forms and information available. Other features will include a photo gallery and a place to show off student work.

Check out our new website at https://granthamss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx or simply type Grantham State School into Google.

SCHOOL CALENDAR
TERM 2
MAY
28th May – P&C Meeting 7pm
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

PREP / YEAR 1 NEWS

This term in the Prep/1 class we have been busy with reading lots of new picture books, learning about how language is put together to create characters, settings and stories. The English Unit we are doing presently requires the students to do a multi-modal retell of a favourite story. This means that the students will prepare a slideshow to assist them to retell the story to the class. We have been focussing on helping the students to identify what happens in the beginning, middle and end so that they are able to sequence their chosen story appropriately. We will be preparing our slideshows over the next few weeks.

As usual we have been continuing with our literacy rotation activities. In guided reading we read in small groups.
together and talk about the texts, sometimes enacting parts of the books we read. Here are the Preps responding to a book titled, *Who is Asleep?*

The kangaroo is asleep. The crocodile is asleep.

Keep up the great work with supporting your child’s reading at home. Most students are returning their Home Reading folders every day and it is great to see how they are able to quickly change their books independently without being reminded. Students writing sentences with their sight words are also doing a fantastic job. The establishment of these types of routines will stand your child in good stead for years to come. Thanks.

Until next time,
Libby Brain

**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 today’s newsletter.

**HAPPY READING!**

**GOTCHA 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 - 24/05/12**

- **Misty (Year 1)** - for an ‘I Can Do It’ attitude.
- **Brooklyn (Year 2)** - for working tough.
- **Jessica H (Year 4)** - for being silent on parade.
- **Kara (Year 7)** - for an ‘I Can Do It’ attitude.

**UGREAT NEED OF BOTTLES**

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

**WEEKLY AWARDS – 08/05/12**

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**P-1 CLASS**

- **Devlen Brown (prep)** - for having a positive attitude towards school.

**Lakeisha Olsen (year 1)** - for showing great work ethic and being a good role model.

**2/3 CLASS**

- **Lachlan Cook (Year 2)** - for making a huge effort to listen and follow teacher instructions.

**Shannon Latz (Year 3)** - for his persistence in working through NAPLAN.

**4/5 CLASS**

- **Jessica Hooper (year 4)** - for being a SUPER STAR in learning her spellings.

**Dylan Vejdelek (Year 5)** - for always trying to do his best in all areas of his schooling.

**6/7 CLASS**

- **Michael Hooper (Year 6)** - for his outstanding behaviour choices and work ethic.

**Chloe Chalker (Year 7)** - for her improved work in class.
HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Tent Hill Baptist Church
Ma Ma Creek Road
Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th June
(First Week of the school holidays)
9:30-12:30
Children in Prep to Year 7
Gold Coin Donation
Contact: Iain Russell 0754627380

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 each Thursday morning at 9.30am.

Absence Note
Every Day Counts
Dear __________________,

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

☐ sickness
☐ holiday
☐ family reasons
☐ other
☐ ______________________

Parent Signature__________________

Date______________________