Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Flu season has hit our little school hard this winter. Although we value attendance highly, we appreciate those parents who have kept their children home when they are sick. This is a particularly bad strain of the flu and we at the school can appreciate what families are going through in caring for their children with fevers and illness. Thank you very much to those parents who have contacted the school to let us know about their child’s absence.

**CUPCAKES, POPPERS and ICEBLOCKS**

This Friday is Under 8s day and our Prep/1 and 2/3 class will be attending. There will be no tuckshop. However, the Year 7 students will be selling poppers and cupcakes and ice blocks at break time.

- Poppers 80c
- Cupcakes 80c
- Kanga Pops 30c
- Ice Blocks 60c

**BEHAVIOUR AWARDS**

Our school will again celebrate the behaviour of students at our school parade on Monday. Students will already be aware of the level they are on and their teachers have informed them of what they need to do to move up a level. Parents are welcome to join us for this parade. Great behaviour means great learning.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**TERM 3**

**SEPTEMBER**
- 7th September – Under 8s Day
- 10th September – Behaviour Parade
- 13th September – Prep Open Day
- 14th September – Ball Games Carnival
- 21st September – Last Day of Term

**TERM 4**

**OCTOBER**
- 8th October – Term 4 Commences
- 19th October – Combined Movie Night Helidon

**NOVEMBER**
- 18th November – Family Portrait Fundraiser

**HELPERS NEEDED URGENTLY!**

We are in urgent need of helpers for the Under 8s Day P&C stall on 7th September at Gatton State School. We need people who can help set up the stall and serve on the stall for the morning.

We are also after parents to help with baking for the stall. Certain ingredients will be available from the school to use for baking (proceeds from our Free Dress Day tomorrow).

If you can help in any way please telephone Tanya Hooper on 0487 110 873.
LIBRARY BOOKS

All library books are to be back at school by next week. Through your co-operation in this matter we can then get the library organised and ready for borrowing to continue again in the first week of Term 4. Thank you.

ICAS

Some of our students recently participated in the ICAS Spelling competition. We congratulated all our participants at parade. Special mention must go to Brandan Christensen who was awarded a Distinction and Matthew Dingle who received a High Distinction.

REMINDER

Just a reminder that when you are dropping your children off late or picking them up early, you need to come into the office foyer to sign your children in/out in the Early Departure/Late Arrive book. This includes an early pick up prior to 3:00pm and any late drop off after 9:00am. This is a requirement and also ensures the safety of your children.

COMBINED MOVIE NIGHT

In partnership with local council, Withcott, Helidon, Grantham and Murphy’s Creek P&Cs will be joining together for a Movie Night at the Helidon Cricket Grounds next term. It will commence at 5:30pm with a sausage sizzle. Bring a blanket or a chair and your family and come along for a great evening.

Are you prepared for asthma? National Asthma Week (1-7 September 2012)

National Asthma Week is held annually to raise awareness and increase understanding of asthma in the community. The message for National Asthma Week 2012 is — Be Prepared for Asthma. Learning asthma first aid is a simple skill that may save someone’s life. A recent survey, conducted by Asthma Australia, showed that when someone had an asthma attack, only 18 per cent of nearby helpers actually knew the asthma first aid process. During National Asthma Week, Asthma Foundation Queensland is providing a number of activities where Queenslanders can learn the four steps to asthma first aid. Information regarding ‘what’s on’ is available from the Asthma Foundation website

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

6/09/12

Last week’s student of the week

P-1 CLASS

James Johnson-Hughes (Prep) – for staying on task and making the right choices.

Kasee (Year 1) – for concentrating on all aspects of his schooling.

2/3 CLASS

Suzie (Year 2) – for always listening and following instructions first time.

Phoebe (Year 3) – for fantastic leadership during SOSE.

4/5 CLASS

Jessica (Year 4) – for making a fantastic effort in regards to her personal goal.

Brydie (Year 5) – for making an effort to improve her attitude when working with Mrs T.

6/7 CLASS

Jodie (Year 6) – for her lovely co-operative class behaviour and making sensible choices even when others around her aren’t.

Zane (Year 7) – for his effort in class in improving handwriting and for being a great help to ALL staff.
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 - 6/09/12
Holly (Year 1) - for “I can do it” attitude.
Jeraldene (Year 4) – for “I can do it” attitude.
Chloe (Year 7) – for working tough.

Absence Note
Every Day Counts
Dear __________________,

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

☐ sickness
☐ holiday
☐ family reasons
☐ other

Parent Signature ______________________

Date ______________________

CRICKET
Helidon Cricket Club Registration Day
Sunday 9 September 2012 at Helidon Cricket Ground from 10 am to midday. Caters for ages from under 12’s to seniors. Registration fees for juniors $90. Equipment provided. Enquiries to David Simpson 0414 492545.

TUCKSHOP
There will be no tuckshop for the rest of this term. Tuckshop will recommence in Term 4.

Attention Mums: Is your child suffering from a Learning Difficulty or struggling at school? The Reach Your Potential Tutoring Centre in Toowoomba has over a 90% success rate helping children with Dyslexia, ADD/ADHD & other Learning Difficulties.

FREE Initial Appointment this September only (usually $120).
Call Maree on 0478 193 624 to reserve your place. Hurry limited places