Dear Parents & Caregivers,

It is great to see so many of our students back at school after recovering from the flu.

During this week and next week, teachers will be working with students to monitor their progress in reading comprehension and other areas of their learning. Students will be encouraged to set goals to improve their learning in term 4.

The end of the term is a great time to check in with your child and ask them how their learning at school is going and think about ways you can support your child’s learning. Our most important priority is for children to read and be read to. If you can make 15 minutes available every day for your child to read or for you to read to them, it will make a big difference in their success at school. Reading is a life-long skill we need every day.

PREP OPEN DAY

This morning we had a visit from some of our new preps for 2013. We were able to meet some of the new faces that we will see at our school next year. It was great to be able to welcome some new families to our school community.

If you know of someone who is interested in attending Prep next year, please ask them to contact us so we can send them important enrolment information and alert them to upcoming events at the school.

Attendance is important in the last week of term

As we reach the end of Term 3, parents are reminded that children must attend school on every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse for being away, such as illness. Visiting family, being tired, or starting holidays early are not good reasons to be away from school. More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/docs/parent-fact-sheet.pdf

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 3

SEPTEMBER
13th September – Prep Open Day
14th September – Ball Games Carnival
18th September – Ice Block Tuesday
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
LIBRARY BOOKS

All library books are to be back at school this week, through your cooperation 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.

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.

BEHAVIOUR AWARDS

Congratulations to all of our award recipients on parade on Monday. Special congratulations to Aimee Rohde and Natalie Brown on receiving the Exemplary Level of Behaviour. This shows an outstanding commitment to excellence in effort and behaviour with all staff at all times. Well done.

TERM 3– CO OPERATIVE LEVEL - 10.09.12

PREP: James, Zac
YEAR 2: Chentelle
YEAR 3: Cindy
YEAR 4: Joshua
YEAR 6: Rebecca

TERM 3– COMMENDABLE LEVEL - 10.09.12

YEAR 1: Alyssa
YEAR 2: Suzie
YEAR 3: Makayla
YEAR 4: Jessica, Zarah, Jacob
YEAR 7: Kara, Kayla

TERM 3– EXEMPLARY LEVEL - 10.09.12

PREP: Natalie
YEAR 4: Aimee

STUDENTS OF TERM 3 - 10.09.12

PREP: Jacob
YEAR 1: Alyssa
YEAR 2: Suzie
YEAR 3: Chelsea
YEAR 4: Jacob
YEAR 5: Khloe
YEAR 6: Connor
YEAR 7: Matthew

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 - 13/09/12
Helen (Year 1) - for “I can do it” attitude.
Jessica (Year 4) – for “I can do it” attitude.

**Absence Note**

*Every Day Counts*

Dear ______________,

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

- [ ] sickness
- [ ] holiday
- [ ] family reasons
- [ ] other

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Parent Signature

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Date

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**TUCKSHOP**

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

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**AASC**

Our Active After School Communities Program is finished for term 3. It will return next term. Details will be in next weeks newsletter.

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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

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**Gatton Swimming Club Inc**

Gatton swimming club is commencing its 2012-2013 season. All swimmers who can swim at least 12.5 metres in one or more strokes are welcome.

**Club Nights:** Every Monday night.

**Opening time:** 5:45 pm

**Finishing time:** 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm

( Depending on events)

**Sign on night:** 17th September

**First club night:** 8th October

**Events:** Each club night swimmers can swim up to 4 events. Points are calculated on how swimmers improve and trophies and medals