Dear Parents & Caregivers,

At our concert last week I shared with you how much I value all of the staff at our school. We work so well as a team and I believe we have a very unique school context where our staff work positively together for the best outcomes for the students who attend our wonderful school.

Next year Miss Fitzpatrick, one of our very popular and much loved teachers, will be taking leave. We will miss her very much, but we wish her all the best in her travels next year. I can confirm that Miss Gibney will be remaining on staff for another 12 months to fill the vacant position.

We are in the process of considering classes for next year and determining teachers for classes. At this stage our current student numbers mean that we may have different class arrangements next year. However, we will continue to deliver high quality teaching in multi-age classrooms that cater for the needs of all of our students.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

We would like to invite parents, friends and past students to attend a garden opening service at the school on 11th December at 8:45am. The students of the 6/7 class have built a lovely garden between the main building and the library. The garden will be a reminder for them of their dear friend and class mate Garry who passed away in the floods last year. If any past students would like to participate in the service, please contact Mrs Cavanagh and she will put them down in the program.

BOOK FAIR

BOOK FAIR was once again a huge success. Thanks to all who supported the school by purchasing some wonderful items. Money raised through your support was $1400 and hence we are now able to purchase some wonderful and exciting new books for the library for your children to borrow. Thank you so much for your support.

ROAD SAFETY

Parents, in the interests of safety could you please not park on the yellow line outside the school and ensure that you do not park in the driveways of residents who live across from the school as you restrict their access to and from their property.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 4

DECEMBER

3rd December – Final playgroup for 2012
3rd – 7th December – Tallebudgera Camp
BE AT THE GRANTHAM SHOP BY 7AM
6th December – Volunteers Morning tea
10th December – Move Up Day
11th December – Memorial Garden Opening
12th December – Year 7 Graduation Dinner
13th December – Break Up Day

JANUARY

14th January – Playgroup recommences
29th January – Term 1 commences

BOOKLIST 2013

This week parents will have received the new booklist for 2013. There is a form attached to fill out that includes payment types. Could you please assist us by returning the tear off slip and complete the form as soon as possible. Please note that our school office only accepts payments by cash, cheque or EFT.
SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

As we draw near to the end of the school year we would request that parents assist us by finalising their school accounts. All money owed needs to be finalised by December 7th.

UNIFORM ORDERS

A Uniform Order Sheet was attached to last week’s newsletter. Should you wish to order uniforms for 2013, please complete the order form and return to the school office as soon as possible. This will at least give us some idea of quantities to order. As we are planning to place an order very soon for 2103, your promptness in returning the form is very much appreciated.

IGA $50K Community Giveaway

The second round of the Supa IGA Community Giveaway has now commenced and we urge you to keep contributing your points to the P&C. This is such an easy way to ‘do your bit’ towards supporting your hardworking P&C!

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 - 29/11/12
LOUISE (Prep) – for “I can do it” attitude.
KELLI-LEE (Year 2) – for “I can do it” attitude.
ELEXIAS (Year 5) – for being tolerant of others.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

29/11/12

P-1 CLASS
LOUISE (Prep) – for adapting so well to our classroom routines and always being on her best behaviour.
HAYDEN (Year 1) – for improved behaviour and working hard on his reading.

2/3 CLASS
BROOKLYN (Year 2) – for her hard work and dedication to finishing her English assessment.
PHOEBE (Year 3) – for always listening and following directions first time and co-operating during spelling.

4/5 CLASS
TAHLIA (Year 4) – for putting 100% effort into her persuasive text; despite her frustration!

Timothy (Year 5) – for always putting 100% into his assessment tasks to ensure he does the best job he can.

6/7 CLASS
RHYS (Year 6) – for his role model behaviour choices in staying focused regardless of others.
KAYLA (Year 7) – for her valued contributions and mature conduct in rehearsals for our school concert.

Absence Note

Every Day Counts

Dear __________________,

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

☐ sickness
☐ holiday
☐ family reasons
☐ other
☐ _______________________

Parent Signature __________________________

Date _______________________

‘PARTYLITE’ – XMAS STOP & SHOP

This Sunday 2nd December at 10:00 am at the Grantham State School Multi-Function Room. Check out the latest catalogue and win prizes! For further information phone Miranda Kunde on 0421 814 151.

VOLUNTEER MORNING TEA

Parents and volunteers are invited to attend morning tea in the multi-purpose room on Thursday 6th December at 9:30am. We would like to take the opportunity to thank those who support our school.