Students have already been doing some great learning. They are all becoming familiar with class routines and book work expectations.

**CLASS NEWS**

**GET ACTIVE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM**

I give permission for my child/ren ___________________________ to attend the active after school program on Tuesday □ and/or Thursday □. I understand that children attending AASC must follow our school rules at all times.

Signature: ___________________ Date: _________________

**Absence Note**

Every Day Counts

My child ___________________ was away on _____________________

Reason: ______________________________________________________

Parent Signature__________________  Date______________________

**Events Calendar**

**Term 1 February**

Tuesday 5th—AASC
Wednesday 6th—ELF
Thursday 7th—Swimming AASC
Tuesday 12th—Book Club due back.
Friday 15th—Brisbane Lions visit and School Leader Parade
Monday 26th—6/7 overnight camp
P&C Meeting 7PM—multipurpose room

**March**

Thursday 28th—Last Day of Term

**Diligence, Creativity, Integrity and Empathy**

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Despite an interesting and challenging beginning to 2013, our students have arrived at school excited, enthusiastic and optimistic and ready to learn.

Our vision for the year ahead is to create a vibrant school community that values diligence, creativity, integrity and empathy. We will be rolling out a number of new initiatives to support students and create opportunities for them to develop these values.

It was a great pleasure this week to welcome the new students to our school. We extend a warm welcome to families who are new to the school and we also welcome our new students who have older siblings already attending.

Welcome to:

**Prep:** George, Lockie, Ryan, Tiffany, Claire, Jade, Clayton, Blayde, Lachlan and Tyler

**Year 1:** Madison

**Year 2:** Talia

**Year 4:** Jesse (welcome back)

**Year 5:** Lachlan and Star

**STAFFING NEWS**

Mrs Val Newell our LOTE teacher (German) will continue in her role here at Grantham teaching our Year 6/7 students.

Mr Barry Donaldson will continue in his Physical Education role.

Mr Jim Dowling will be teaching music again.

Mr Mac returns to teach instrumental music.

Miss Alex Gibney is teaching P/1.

Mrs Libby Brain is teaching our 2/3 class.

Mrs Rebecca Cavanagh is teaching 4/5 on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Mrs Suzanne Kenyon is teaching 4/5 on Wednesday and Thursday.

A warm welcome to Miss Tess Armstead who is teaching the 6/7 class.

We also extend a warm welcome to Mrs Helen Van Luyn who will be our administration officer on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.
We need your help!

Would you like to help our children improve in reading? We are looking for people to read with students in the mornings between 8:30am and 9am. If you are able to do one or more mornings, please see your child’s class teacher.

NEED TO TALK TO YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER?

If you would like to discuss your child’s progress or an issue that has arisen, please contact the school office to arrange an interview time.

Please refrain from talking to teachers or entering classes during lesson time without first contacting the office.

“...one of my motivating forces has been to recreate the world I know into a world I wish I could be in. Hence my optimism and happy endings.”

2013 National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence - Friday 15 March

2013 is yet another big year, and plans are well underway for school activities for Term 1. On Friday 15 March 2013 our school will be taking part in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. The day, now in its third year, is an initiative of all Australian education ministers.

At our school, we are dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together as a school community, we are sending clear messages to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, is not okay - at any time.

Please note this date in your calendars.

LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DEPARTURE/VISITORS

Just a reminder that all students who arrive late or leave early must be signed in or out at the office.

ALL visitors to the school, including P&C members and tuckshop helpers, MUST sign in as visitors. This is for safety purposes in case of fire or other emergency.

Swimming

We will start swimming this Thursday 7th February. All children are required to wear a sun smart shirt and sun screen as a part of Education Queensland’s Sun Smart Policy. Children will need to bring:

- Swimmers Cap
- Sun smart shirt
- Goggles
- Towel
- Thongs

4 – 7 Students will be swimming from 11:30—12:30pm.

Prep – 3 students will swim from 12:30—1:30pm.

If you are able to assist with swimming, we would love for you to meet us at the pool.

Weekly Award Winners

Parade is held on Monday mornings at 9am. All parents are welcome to attend. In the case of a public holiday, parade is usually held on the Tuesday morning. Please join us this coming Monday for our first formal parade.

Parent involvement is essential for a school to be successful.

If you would like to contribute to the improvement of our school then come along to our annual general meeting on Monday 25th February in the Multi-purpose room.

We will also be looking for volunteers to assist with tuckshop. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Each week teacher’s select a student from each grade level who has been working well in class to receive the student of the week award.

Students also earn “gotchas” in class and in the playground for demonstrating the focus value. These awards are handed out on parade each week.

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