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: __________________

Attention Parents

All children who travel by car, MUST use the school crossing if parents are parked on the other side of the road. This is essential if we are to keep you children safe. Please DO NOT let your children run across the road to meet you.

Absence Note

Every Day Counts

My child __________________ was away on __________________

Reason: ______________________________________________________

Parent Signature__________________ Date____________________

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

• Tuckshop will be operating tomorrow as per normal.

• Consider enrolling your child in Circus Skills AASC

• Return updated student cards

• AASC commences this week. Circus skills on Tuesday and soccer is on Thursday afternoon.

• Year 6/7 Edmund Park forms

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Tomorrow we will hold a special parade to acknowledge our Year 7 Senior Leaders for 2013. Being a Senior Leader is an opportunity extended to all Year 7 students. It is an important role and gives them the opportunity to have a lasting impact on the school culture and gives them skills they can use throughout their lives.

Over the coming weeks they will be involved in activities and lessons that help them recognize the contributions they can make to our school and how these contributions can be extended into their homes and communities.

We welcome everyone to join us for this special event at 12:15 tomorrow.

Parents and extended family are also invited to join us for lunch at 1:15.

Don’t forget that our special visitors from the Brisbane Lions team and AFL Queensland will also be in attendance and ALL members of the Grantham community and the Grantham State School Community are welcome to come along.

Diligence, Creativity, Integrity and Empathy

Term 1 February

Friday 15th—Brisbane Lions visit and School Leader Parade

Tuesday 18th—AASC Circus Skills

Thursday 20th—AASC Soccer

Monday 25th—6/7 overnight camp

P&C Meeting 7PM—multi-purpose room

March

Friday 15th—Bullying No Way. Heart Foundation visit for 4-7 students.

Thursday 28th—Last Day of Term

UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

Attached to last weeks newsletter was a student card for every child. We need to have all contact details up to date on our records to ensure that we can contact you in case of an emergency.

Over the last two weeks we have had a few families that we have been unable to contact as they have moved or changed numbers.

Would you please make any relevant changes and return these forms at your earliest convenience. If you have no changes to make, please return the form so we know that your information is still correct.

Thank you for your assistance.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Due to a change in coach availability, AASC basketball will no longer be run this term. Instead we are excited to announce that Circus Skills is coming back next week on Tuesday afternoons.
Homework

Please ensure your child’s homework folder comes to school every day.

The best thing you can do to support your child’s improvement at school is to read with them every day.

NEW NAME FOR QCPCA

Our state parent body, formerly QCPCA, has changed its organisational structure and is now called P&Cs Qld. The change does not affect how our school P&C operates but will provide more focussed support for all state school P&C associations.

Our dedicated P&C makes a vital contribution to the school community and always welcomes new members or support from volunteers.

Please contact Donna Barkle, Mal Dionysius, Tanya Hooper or the school office to find out how you can get involved.

www.qcpca.org.au

Appeal established to help Queensland flood victims

The recent damage resulting from the winds and flooding arising from ex-Cyclone Oswald has had a severe financial and emotional impact on many Queenslanders. Thousands of people have lost their homes, their possessions and their livelihoods and it will be a long road back to normality for them and their communities.

‘Difficulties are opportunities to better things; they are stepping-stones to greater experience... When one door closes, another always opens; as a natural law it has to, to balance’ - Brian

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.

Students can wear thongs to and from the pool. This makes it quicker for them to be ready to swim and ready to get on the bus. Swimming is a life skill not just Physical activity. We are only able to offer 10 swimming lessons per year. It is recommended that all children should be able to swim 50 metres by the time they finish primary school.

Values
To week’s attribute is:

POSITIVE

Students can demonstrate this attribute by:

• solving problems peacefully
• choosing to walk away from problem situations
• keeping hands, feet and objects to themselves
• wearing their full uniform with pride
• listening to and following staff instructions

Gotcha Winners

2/3—Helen
4/5—Joshua
6/7—Elexias

SWIMMING

Swimming is on again on Thursday. Parents are welcome to pay for swimming weekly or in one lump sum. We need full payment by the final swimming day, 7th March 2013.

Each week students need:

Swimmers
Cap
Sun smart shirt
Goggles
Towel
Thongs

SHAVE FOR A CURE

One of our students, Tamika James, has volunteered to have her hair cut off to raise money for cancer research.

She will be participating in the Grantham Shave For a Cure team. If you would like to donate, or get your workplace involved in raising money to support Tamika, please contact the school office for further information.

LUNCH TIME

Every day students have the opportunity to do alternative activities at lunch time. Ask your children about some of the programs we offer!

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P&C NEWS

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.

Uniforms

Dear Parents,

Just a reminder that as we are a sun-safe school, all children need to wear a Sun protective shirt.

A swimming cap helps children keep hair out of their eyes when swimming, and it helps their hair dry more quickly.

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