REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

- Tuckshop orders need to be in Thursday.
- AASC cancelled this week due to weather. Will be on again next week.
- Return updated student cards
- Year 6/7 Edmund Park camp enrolments if you are now able to come.
- Check children’s hair for head lice.

Attention Parents
If you have a child who walks or rides to school it is imperative that you discuss road safety with them. We have a small number of children who are walking and riding in the middle of the road which is causing drivers concern.

Even Calendar
Term 1
March
Thursday 7th—Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet
Friday 8th—Free Dress day, gold coin donation
Monday 11th—P&C Meeting 7PM—multi-purpose room
Friday 15th—Bullying No Way. Heart Foundation visit for 4-7 students
Monday 18th—6/7 Overnight camp
Thursday 28th—Last Day of Term

Dear Parents & Caregivers
Once again our state has been inundated with rain which has impacted on all of us in some way.

Our thoughts are with those in other parts of the state who are finding their homes and businesses flooded again after so recently recovering.

Next week we will be holding a free dress day on Friday with a gold coin donation to support those that have been particularly hit hard during this year’s wet season.

We would encourage parents who are concerned about how their children are travelling with all this rain to contact us. We are able to provide them with support if needed.

The school has remained open throughout this most recent rain. If you are able to walk your children up to school we would love to have them here. If we are in any way concerned that the water will cover the walk way we would contact you immediately. At this stage we would expect all students, except those flooded into their properties, to be able to safely attend school.

Email: admin@granthamss.eq.edu.au
Website: www.granthamss.eq.edu.au
Head Lice

We have had cases of head lice in the school. We would appreciate parent support in checking children’s hair tonight. If head lice are found, the child’s hair will need to be treated prior to them returning to school. Thank you.

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. ‘Laughter is good medicine. There are many stresses in daily life. Having a good laugh releases serotonin into our brains (also called the feel good hormone).

Values

This week’s attribute is:

BALANCED

Students can demonstrate this attribute by:

- Taking care of themselves
- Use time well
- Reflect on their learning
- Have a range of interests (physical, spiritual, creative, intellectual)
- Gotcha Winners

Prep/1—Tiffany
2/3—Jessica
4/5—Zarah
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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

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.

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.

BEHAVIOUR

It is very important that students at Grantham State School are provided with a safe environment for learning. A large majority of students consistently follow our three school rules:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

However, there are a few children who require assistance with this.

It is critical for children’s success at school that they learn good self-management skills. We will be publishing our new school Responsible Behaviour Plan this term. This document clearly outlines the process involved for those students who require our assistance to manage their behaviour.

It also clearly defines what behaviour is required of students to achieve the different behaviour levels.

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 11th March 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.

Lunch Boxes

Dear Parents,

The best drink that you can give your child is water. Over the coming weeks we will be encouraging children to drink water only. Juice, cordial and flavoured milk are full of sugar and are not needed as part of a balanced nutritional meal.

A healthy breakfast is very important so that children have a good start to the day. Cereal, toast, fruit and eggs are great choices.

Having a good breakfast allows children to have a better chance of learning effectively. If children are hungry as a result of not having breakfast they find it difficult to concentrate. Alternatively, if they have a very sugary breakfast or one high in fat, they may also find it difficult to maintain their concentration levels.