Attention Parents

We have had a case of Whooping Cough at the school. If your child has not been immunized against this, please keep a close watch on your child and if a cough persists, please contact your doctor.

Grantham State School Newsletter

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

• Check children’s hair for head lice.
• ANZAC Day March
• AASC permission slips
• Mother’s Day Donations

Events Calendar

Term 2

APRIL

Thursday 25th — ANZAC Day
Meet at 10am in North Street Gatton

MAY

Thursday 2nd — AASC — basketball

Diligence, Creativity, Integrity and Empathy

Dear Parents & Caregivers

Next week we will be celebrating Term 1 attendance on parade. Students who attended every day or only missed 1 day will be acknowledged. Absences due to the flooding will not be counted towards days absent where it was not possible for the students to get to school.

I would like to thank parents for their support in improving attendance. I am very pleased to say that we have a large number of students who attended every day last term. EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Our target attendance rate is 95%. In first term we reached 93.8% so we are not too far away from our target.

Grade level attendance for Term 1:

Prep – 93.65%
Year 1 – 94%
Year 2 – 94.6%
Year 3 – 92.76%
Year 4 – 94.84%
Year 5 – 94.6%
Year 6 – 93.5%
Year 7 – 91.7%

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

We are again very pleased to be offering students the opportunity to participate in the AASC program two afternoons per week.

This term will be hockey on Monday afternoon and basketball on Thursday afternoon.

This is a great program and it’s free! In order to keep the program running at the school, we need to ensure that enough students are attending. Please consider the sending your children along to one or both of the afternoon sessions.

It’s fun. It keeps children active and they learn new skills.

AASC commences next week. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the permission form on the back of the newsletter.
Flu Season

Coming into the flu season we will remain vigilant at school about promoting good hygiene practices. We would appreciate your assistance by keeping your child home if they have the flu so that it does not spread throughout the school.

ANZAC DAY PARADE

Congratulations to our 6/7 class for the leadership of our school ANZAC parade. They did a fantastic job. It was wonderful to see so many parents attend this year. We really appreciate your support for the school and in helping us uphold the ANZAC traditions.

Last year we had a fantastic turn out to the ANZAC march in town. We would love to match or improve on the number of students attending this important event.

Students who wish to participate should meet Miss Armstead near the council office at 10am for a 10:30 start. Students should be in their full school uniform.

We would also appreciate the support of any parents who are able to join us in our march.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Our annual Mother’s Day Stall is on again in a few weeks. If you would like to make a donation towards this, our project club would be very grateful. All profits will be going towards the 6/7 Tallebudgera Camp at the end of the year.

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NEW CHAPLAIN

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VALUES

Our value for this week is being fair. This means that children

- Know about responsibilities as well as rights
- Believe in justice and a fair go for all
- Are honest and trustworthy
- Consider their values

Gotcha Winners

Prep1—Jacob
2/3—Madison
4/5—Zarah
6/7—Melbourne

BEHAVIOUR

Sometimes things happen at school that upset children. Our job as parents is to help them to grow in their ability to respond in difficult situations.

We need to encourage our children to consider what action they should take. Do they need to:

1. Ignore the behaviour
2. Ask the person to stop
3. Report the behaviour to an adult.

If a child is physically hurt they need to report this to a teacher at the time it occurs, or as close to the time as possible. This makes it easier for us to investigate the incident effectively.

If a child says something mean, students should first ignore or ask them to stop. If it is an ongoing problem, they should report it.

If they see someone being hurt they should report it. Being a bystander is not OK.

Hygiene

Dear Parents,

With the cooler weather approaching it is a good time to review good hygiene with your children. Last year there were a large number of students who had the flu and there were also a couple of nasty tummy bugs making the rounds.

Following are some tips to help you keep your kids healthy this flu season.

1. Wash hands regularly
2. Cover your mouth when you cough
3. Catch it; Bin it; Kill it
4. Stay home if you have a cold
5. Consider getting a flu shot

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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YEAR 1: ZAC for doing an awesome job at his handwriting and numbers on Tuesday!

YEAR 2: MISTY for trying hard to spell her words correctly during story writing.

YEAR 3: SUZIE for always cooperating in class.

YEAR 4: CINDY for working well in class and completing tasks.

YEAR 5: AIMEE for always being ready for learning and working responsibly.

YEAR 6: JUSTIN for having a responsible attitude towards his work.

YEAR 7: TAHLLA for using time well to complete work of a high standard.

Students of the Week are featured on our website.

P&C NEWS

Thank you to Mrs Barkle, Mrs Brown, Mr Dionysiou, Mrs Hook, and Mrs Hooper for their attendance at our P&C meeting on Monday night.

Our next meeting will be Monday 27th May at 7pm. All parents are welcome to come along and assist in making decisions to benefit the students of the school.

Thank you to the P&C for their generous donation towards subsidising bus travel for our upcoming excursions.

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