REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

- Check children’s hair for head lice.
- AASC permission slips
- Amaroo Permission Forms
- Mother’s Day Donations

Attention Parents

We have had a few cases of scabies at the school. Those students have been treated, but if your child exhibits symptoms, please see your GP. Symptoms include rash-like pimples on hands, elbows, knees and chest and back and they are extremely itchy.

Events Calendar

Term 2

MAY

Thursday 2nd — AASC—basketball
Friday 3rd — Yrs 4-7 Cross Country

Monday 6th — AASC — hockey
Friday 10th — Prep—3 Cross Country

Monday 13th — Prep—3 excursion to Amaroo
Tuesday 14th—Thursday 16th NAPLAN
Friday 17th — Zone Cross Country

JUNE

Tuesday 4th — 4/5 Excursion to Brisbane

Dear Parents & Caregivers

This week we celebrated Term 1 attendance on parade. Students who attended every day or only missed 1 day were acknowledged. Absences due to the flooding were 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 this week. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the permission form on the back of the newsletter.

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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.

Parental Medication

We have had an increasing number of students arriving at school with medication in their school bags.

ALL medication must be handed in at the office. This includes Panadol or other forms of paracetamol and asthma medication. If parents wish their child to be given medication at school, they need to complete a medication form and send it with the medication.

The medication, if prescription, MUST show the child’s name on the medication. It cannot have a sibling’s name or any other person’s name, otherwise the school is unable to administer it.

A medication form is being attached with the newsletter today for you to keep in case your child needs medication at school.

We appreciate your assistance with this matter.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Our annual Mother’s Day Stall will be held on 8th, 9th and 10th May. 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.

“Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.”
- Joshua J. Marine

NEW CHAPLAIN

I am very pleased to announce that we have a new school chaplain who will commence in Week 5. Mr Brad Lerch has been successful in his application for the position and we look forward to welcoming him next month.

BEHAVIOUR

At Grantham State School, we have children who are at varying maturity levels and abilities in their behaviour.

Just like we help children learn to improve in their reading and their math, we do our best to assist children learn acceptable behaviour.

If children are displaying inappropriate behaviour, all of our staff have been trained to assist students reflect on their behaviour, and to then learn a replacement behaviour. Some children require more support than others.

We have really appreciated the way that those students who are able to demonstrate appropriate behaviour support and encourage those who struggle. We also appreciate the way they are able to ignore certain behaviours and allow the staff to work with students who need our support.

What a great community of students who care about each other.

P&C NEWS

Thank you to Mrs Barkle, Mrs Brown, Mr Dionysius, 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.

EARN AND LEARN

Dear Parents,
Our school is registered for the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. If you, or someone in your family shops at Woolworths we would love the vouchers for our school.

Last year we were able to get some great equipment for our school through this program. Thank you for your support.

VOLUNTEERS

A huge thank you goes out to all of our wonderful volunteers who assist us every week. We have a number of parent helpers every week who give up their time to help your children learn. Thank you also to Noeline and Bill for assisting with reading. All of these wonderful volunteers are helping our school reach our school reading targets! If you are able to assist with reading please see your child’s class teacher.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

PREP:
LACHLAN has been working very hard during Maths and his numbers are improving everyday!

YEAR 1:
SUMMER for working very hard during handwriting to improve her letters.

YEAR 2:
RADEN for being a fantastic student in all subject areas.

YEAR 3:
JESSICA for her outstanding attitude and effort in class.

YEAR 4:
SARA for her responsible attitude in class.

YEAR 5:
ZAC for his improved participation.

YEAR 6:
KHLOE for trying hard to start tasks on her own and practising her number facts.

YEAR 7:
JODIE for a more positive attitude to classwork and increased participation.