REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

• Check children’s hair for head lice.
• Permission for 4/5 excursion

News of the Week

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

Tuesday 14th—Thursday 16th
NAPLAN

Friday 17th — Zone Cross Country

Monday 20th—
AASC—hockey

Thursday 23rd —
AASC—basketball
NO OPTIONS TODAY

Sunday 26th —
Eisteddfod Choir

JUNE

Tuesday 4th —
4/5 Excursion to Brisbane Planetarium

Diligence, Creativity, Integrity and Empathy

Dear Parents & Caregivers
We have had a very busy couple of weeks since our last newsletter. Both the 4-7 grades and the Prep—3 have had their Cross Country races. Our overall house team winner was the Red Hawks team. Congratulations!

Our Year 3, 5 and 7 students completed their NAPLAN tests this week. It was really good to see so many of them treating the tests as just another day at school and giving their best effort.

The Prep –3 students went to Amaroo and they had a wonderful time. Read Miss Gibney’s retell inside!

We are excited about some of our upcoming events also. Twenty-two of our 3-7 students will be competing in the Zone Cross Country tomorrow at Lake Apex.

We have a number of parents joining us on Monday and Thursday next week to train to deliver the Support A Talker program. If you are interested in participating, please contact the school office.

The Year 4/5 class will be travelling to Brisbane to the Planetarium to learn more about Space and our Solar System.

It is a very busy and exciting term!

Options Afternoon

Jewelry

Leatherwork

Dance

Winter Uniform Order Form

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**ORDERS DUE IN BY FRIDAY 24 MAY**

Payment can be made when placing your order or when you pick up your order. Please make cheques payable to the Grantham State School P&C. Cash and EFT are also accepted. If you wish to pay via EFT, forms are available through the school office.
Support-A-Talker

We will be implementing the Support-A-Talker program at our school. Thank you to those parents who have nominated to participate in the training next week. A reminder that the training is on Monday from 9:00am—11:00am and Thursday 2:00pm—4:00 pm.

Values

This week we are focusing on our school values of Integrity, Diligence, Creativity and Empathy. Over the next few weeks we will be spending time teaching students about these words and what they look like at Grantham State School.

Gotcha Winners

No parade this week due to the Prep-3 excursion

Amaroo Excursion

On Monday, 13th May, the Prep-3 students attended an excursion at the Amaroo Environmental Education Centre. After an early start to the day the children were absolutely bubbling with excitement at what the day would bring. There were even some whispers about clay animals, but we’d have to wait and see! We jumped on the bus and were on our way. We survived the long bus-trip and met our teachers for the day, Mrs Green and Mr Carmody. The students were very observant and spotted a lot more than Miss Gibney!

After morning tea the students went on a bush walk where we spotted some hidden artefacts including a wallaby skull. Next, we learnt about some native Australian animals. Finally it was time to get our hands dirty and make our own clay animal! Later, we examined the skulls of a few more animals and learnt about food chains. After a very busy day, we and headed back to school. Everyone was very tired and some even fell asleep!

Overall, the day was a great success. The students did a wonderful job representing Grantham State School and the Amaroo staff commented on how well-behaved the students were. We were also very fortunate to have some wonderful parents accompany us on the trip.

---Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring.

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 encourage those who need help to follow our school rules. 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 very much to Joylene Brown, Tracy Dions, Teresa Hook, Tanya Hooper Lisa Ostrofski and Joeline Reineke for coming along on the Amaroo Excursion.

Our next P&C 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.

Medication

Dear Parents,

We have had an increasing number of students who have required medication at school. If your child requires medication at school we MUST have a medication form signed by a parent with all of the details relating to time and dosage. Medication MUST have the student’s name on the bottle/packet. We cannot administer medicine to a student when it has another name on the package. These requirements are for safety reasons. If you send medication to school with your child you should remind them that it must be handed into the school office. We appreciate your support with this important matter. We have included a medical form with today’s newsletter and if you require more, please contact the school office.