Wear Red for Daniel

This Friday our school will be participating in the Day for Daniel. Students are asked to wear something red for the day.

The Day for Daniel began in 2005 and has become a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention.

One of the key objectives of the day is to educate children regarding their personal safety and empower them to “Recognise, React and Report.”

I am excited to be able to announce that we have been allocated an adopt-a-cop. Senior Constable Amber Scott will be formally adopted to our school at a special ceremony on Wednesday 20th November at 2:30pm. Parents are invited to attend the parade so that they can meet Constable Amber also.

The main purposes of the adopt-a-cop program are:
- Deliver classroom presentations to educate and encourage students to be safe.
- Deliver presentations when requested to parents and community members
- Attend school functions and parades.

Senior Constable Amber may also just ‘drop in’ to say hello to the students and staff. Her role is not to provide discipline or behaviour consequences here at the school. The School’s Responsible Behaviour plan implemented by the staff of the school and supported by parents will continue to be the way we provide a safe and supportive school environment.

Constable Amber is hoping to visit tomorrow to support our school’s participation in the Day for Daniel.

Swimming

Swimming is on again this term and students in 4-7 are getting ready for the upcoming Caffey swimming carnival.

It was great to see that most of our students remembered to be sun safe by wearing a sun safe shirt and applying sun screen.

The Gatton Swim Centre has requested that all students wear a swimming cap for hygiene reasons.

As you can imagine, having 100s of students using the pool each week will mean a lot of hair in the pool.

We would like to ask parents to assist by sending your child with a swimming cap for the remainder of the swimming season, particularly if your child has long hair.

Next year, swimming caps will be a part of our compulsory swim wear to ensure the wellbeing of all those who use the pool.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.
WEEKLY AWARDS—STUDENT OF THE WEEK - 24/10/13

PREP - 1 CLASS
TRENT for doing a good job with his home reading this term.
OLIVIA for doing a great job in our Capacity Math lesson.

1 - 2 CLASS
NATALIE for applying herself to all learning situations and being an excellent listener.
MADISON for being a hard working student who always strives to achieve high standards.

2 - 3 - 4 CLASS
SUZIE for her friendly attitude towards other students and for being a pleasure to have in the class.
BENJAMIN for his consistently good effort in his schoolwork and for his respectful behaviour.

4 - 5 CLASS
LOKI for his excellent effort in his writing task.
JOSHUA for a great effort in his writing task.

6 - 7 CLASS
TREY for exceptional participation in class especially Science.

Helpers Needed—The P&C are looking for helpers for a BBQ fundraiser at Masters in Toowoomba on Nov 16th. If you are available, please contact the school office asap.

Playgroup

Our school is privileged to work in partnership with the Kath Dickson Family Centre to provide parents with children aged 0-5 an opportunity to participate in a local playgroup.

Playgroup is on again Monday 4th November. It commences at 9:30am and finishes around 11am.

Playgroup will be once again held in our multi-purpose room this term.
Last Thursday, 17th October, 49 Year 7 students from schools in the Lockyer Cluster travelled to Brisbane to attend the annual Oktoberfest for Teens. Everyone gathered at Gatton State School to wait for the bus. We waited...and waited...and waited. Finally it arrived (after a mix up had been sorted out), and we were off. When we arrived, we joined the other 2000 schoolchildren in the big tent. We had a snack for morning tea while listening to the cowbells being played, then it was off to the food stalls, the souvenir stalls and the rides. Later we came back in and joined in the team games. We didn’t win any games, but we had lots of fun. We had a go at the new dance from the Oktoberfest in Germany, even the teachers joined in. Some people tried their skill at the hat dance, and after a few false starts, got into the rhythm of moving the hats. It’s not as easy as it looks! We also did well in the quiz and the poster competition, with quite a few people winning prizes. On arrival back at Gatton, each child received a traditional German gingerbread heart (Lebkuchenherz). Congratulations to those who made the effort to dress up in traditional costume (including Herr Emmerson). All the children were great ambassadors for the Lockyer Valley. It was very pleasing to see all our students using good manners and on their best behaviour. A big thank you to mums Mrs Davies, Mrs James and Ms Mann for coming to help look after the students, and also to the schools for releasing Mrs Ruthenberg, Mrs Carlton and Ms Schmidt.

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Diligence, Integrity, Creativity and Empathy

Active After School Communities
Program is on again this term.
Tuesday morning 8am– multi-skill sport
Thursday afternoon 3pm—4:15—AFL
Please complete the permission slip if you are planning on attending.
__________________________ will be participating in the AASC program on □
Tuesday and/or □ Thursday.

Parent
Name: _____________________

Parent Signature:____________

Absence Note
Every Day Counts

My child ___________________ was away on

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Reason:
______________________________________________________

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Parent Signature ______________

Date ______________________