Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our new and returning families for another great year at Grantham State School. The staff are very excited about the year ahead and we are looking forward to working with you to improve the opportunities for learning for each and every child.

I extend a warm welcome to Miss Kylie Judd who has joined our staff this year to teach the 3/4/5 class. We also welcome back Miss Kathleen Fitzpatrick who is teaching the Prep/1 class.

We have a number of new students joining us this week and it has been wonderful to see how well they have fitted in to our small school.

Teachers will be arranging parent/teacher interviews later this term to discuss your child’s learning goals and explain how you can support your child in meeting their goals.

We value parent assistance and welcome any parents who are available to help out in classrooms. Please see our friendly office staff or your child’s teacher to discuss how you can support the learning of the wonderful students at Grantham State School.

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**Swimming**

*Students in 4-7 will participate in swimming commencing next Thursday. Lessons will be from 12:15 – 1:15. A permission letter is attached to today’s newsletter.*

Prep-3 students will swim in Term 4 for 7 weeks. We have made this change to allow our younger students to have a routine start to the year.

**Dental Van Visit**

The dental van will be arriving next Wednesday. Forms are attached to today’s newsletter and we need these back urgently so that your child/ren does not miss out on this valuable service.
There will be a special presentation next Wednesday on parade. All parents are invited to attend.

Weekly parades are Wednesdays at 2:30pm in the drama building.

Staff Car Park

The staff car park is for staff only. For safety purposes, children are not permitted to walk through the car park. We would appreciate it if parents could also avoid using the car park as a thoroughfare to ensure everyone's safety.

New QSchool app

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The link to this app is now on our school website.

MORNING ARRIVAL

Parents are reminded that children should not be here prior to 8:30am unless by prior arrangement with the principal. The exception to this is for students who arrive on the bus. Children who arrive prior to 8am should sit under the school until 8am. At that time children are permitted to play and walk around on the grass area behind the Prep/1 building. For safety reasons, children cannot play on the playground equipment or use sports equipment before school, unless supervised by a school staff member.

The first bell will ring at 8:50. This is the children's cue to go to the toilet, have a drink and get their equipment ready for the day. All children should be in class sitting down by 9am. It would help us significantly, if you could make sure your children are punctual as we mark the roll and give instructions about the day.

BRAIN BREAK

Brain Break will continue this year and so parents are requested to send a small healthy snack to school each day. Fruit is the preferred food, however, cheese, yogurt or half a sandwich are also acceptable. Please avoid sending large pieces of fruit as our Brain Break is very short.

Brain Break also gives children a chance to be active whether that be in class or outside activity. All students are expected to participate in physical activity on a daily basis. It would assist us greatly if you could send a written note advising us if your child is unable to do physical activity for medical reasons.

A healthy body helps us to have a brain that’s ready for learning.

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P&C Association

The role of the P&C Association is an important one. We would like to invite all interested parents to our Annual General Meeting and ask you to seriously consider becoming a member and assisting us in making quality decisions about improving schooling for your children.

Next Meeting:
Monday 24th February 2014
Time: 7PM
Location: Staff Room

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Withcott Soccer Club is holding this season’s sign on day on Sat 15th February between 10am and 12pm, also during these times Qld roar will be holding a holiday clinic for children aged between 5-12 years. Spaces are limited so anyone interested can register via email admin@withcotsoccerclub.com and we can forward the form to them.

PLAY GROUP is on again this year and will be held in the multi-purpose room.

Playgroup will commence on Monday 10th February. It runs from 9:30—11:00am.

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Absence Note

Every Day Counts

My child ___________________ was away on ________________

Reason: ________________________________

Toowoomba Netball Association Inc.

Musters for 2014
Sunday 2nd February, 2014
Sunday 9th February, 2014 9am—11am
Clubs will be set up for you to ask questions and gather information.

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