Dear Parents and Carers

The last two weeks have been an exciting beginning to our term.

We have had a visit from the Gatton Correctional Centre who handed out a butterfly chrysalis for each family. The butterflies were beautiful and I hope that you were able to release yours at your house. A big thank you to our special visitors for their generous time and precious gifts.

We were also privileged to have a visit from Curtis Stone, Matt Hood from Rugby Farm, our local Gatton Coles manager and other representatives from Coles.

It was a great to be able to celebrate our local region and learn about the importance of having locally grown, seasonal fresh produce to eat.

The students were excited about trying a range of different fruits that were brought along for the students. It was also great to hear the children talking about their favourite vegies!

What has been most exciting though for the start of our year has been the focus on learning and improving every day.

Our goal is to support students to develop a love of learning so that they become self-motivated to learn to read, write, do math and learn about their world.

New Spelling Program

This year we have commenced a new spelling program at our school. The new program, Spelling Mastery, has been selected because of the explicit teaching of spelling rules the program uses. We believe that this program will help our students to improve their spelling.

The program is structured differently to those we have previously used and students will not always complete a test every Friday. Students will not be sent home the exact list of words they will be tested on. Instead they will receive a study list from which the test words will be taken. Teachers will set the students tasks for homework practice of their study list and report home to parents on their child’s achievement for spelling after each test.
Grantham State School 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

Behaviour Focus—Let Others Learn

Each week at Grantham State School we focus on teaching a particular behaviour from our Responsible Behaviour Plan.

This week we have focused on teaching children what it means to “Let Others Learn”.

Sometimes children find classroom learning a challenge, or they may have had a problem in the playground that has made it difficult for them to focus, or it might just be that children know an answer and are keen to share it with the class and so they call out.

We believe that learning for all is important and that if things aren’t going well for us, or if we are really keen to tell the teacher our answers, we need to remind ourselves that everyone has the right to learn and we can’t let our behaviour stop others from having the right to learn and letting teachers teach.

Students have been taught that there are ways to get help and show what we know without disrupting the class.

Recorders

All students in the 3,4,5 class will need to purchase a recorder for music, if they do not have one already.

Recorders will be available from the school office after Wednesday 19th February for $5.50.
WEEKLY AWARDS – 05/02/14

S TUDENT OF THE WEEK

P-1 CLASS

MADISON DENNING (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for actively joining in group activities.

ALEX EVANS (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for being a good role model for our prep classmates.

2/3 CLASS

LAKEISHA OLSEN (PEER NOMINATED) - for always getting her work done and for always being nice to people.

BRITNEY KUNDE (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for returning to school with a very positive "I can do it!" attitude.

3/4/5 CLASS

MADISON KEEP (PEER NOMINATED) - for being a responsible and respectful learner who is always safe in our classroom.

SARA BARKLE (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for actively participating in learning and making positive, responsible and respectful contributions to our classroom.

5/6/7 CLASS

TAHLIA DONNELLY (PEER NOMINATED) - for showing empathy and following teacher instructions and finishing off her work and by using her best handwriting.

CAMDEN SUKIENNIK (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for being positive and enthusiastic towards all tasks.

Gotchas
Ryan Denning prep/1
George Hooper prep/1
Jacob Keep 2/3 class
Lakeisha Olsen 2/3 class
Brooklyn Karrasch 3/4/5 class
Ben Evans 3/4/5 class
Khloe Pickering 6/7 class

WEEKLY AWARDS – 12/02/14

S TUDENT OF THE WEEK

P-1 CLASS

Gracie Talbot (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for making an effort to listen and follow teacher instructions.

Michaela Matsen (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for being a good friend towards her classmates.

2/3 CLASS

Olivia Thow (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for consistently working hard and finishing her work on time.

Jacob Keep (PEER NOMINATED) - for always getting his work done and for always being nice to people.

3/4/5 CLASS

Clair Matsen (PEER NOMINATED) - for being a responsible, respectful, diligent and safe learner.

Ben Evans (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for consistently and actively participating in learning across all areas.

5/6/7 CLASS

Chloe Maxwell (PEER NOMINATED) - for always having neat handwriting and trying her best at all times.

Jeraldene Kunde (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for trying her best to make positive choices and have a go at all tasks.
LVNA Junior Netball 2014

3rd May – 20th September
Saturdays at Cahill Park Sports Complex

Fun Net  5-7 years  $30  Sat
8:30am
C-A divisions  8-13 years  $80  Sat
9:30am

Season Dates:
LVRC Multi-sign on days  22nd February
1st March
Come and try days  22nd March (TBC)  FREE!
29th March  FREE!
Junior Muster  29th March (all participants to attend)
Easter Netball clinic  7th – 9th April  $40  9am -12pm

Team meet & greet  26th April
& first training session
First round of fixtures  3rd May
No games  5th & 12th July

For further information please contact LVNA via lvnanetball@gmail.com,
Lisa 0419029105 or Jo 5462 8385

The BRAVE Program: Beating Back to School Anxiety!
For children and teenagers with Social Anxiety, returning back to
school can be difficult. Concerns about new classmates or teachers,
and other school related activities like presenting oral reports, partici-
pating in class activities, or making new friendship groups can cause
much anxiety. But there is help available… and it’s online!
The BRAVE program aims to help children and their parents learn strategies for managing social anxiety
and teach techniques to cope with anxiety-provoking social situations. The treatment program involves
between 7-12 online sessions for participants, with each session taking approximately an hour to com-
plete. Families are charged a one-off fee of $120 to assist in covering treatment costs and will also be
asked to complete questionnaires and telephone interviews. However, families will receive a rebate of $25
in vouchers each time they complete a post-treatment assessment.

For more information, or to register your interest in the program, please visit the BRAVE ONLINE web-
Alternatively, you can call the BRAVE team on (07) 3735 3312 or
Email: brave@psy.uq.edu.au.
For further information, pay a visit to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/braveforanxiety
On Monday, Curtis Stone visited Grantham. We got ready for Curtis to come to our school. Then he came into the drama building and we had a special parade. Then we had lunch with Curtis and everyone liked it. We played soccer and it was fun. It was really nice how he brought us some fruit and it was yummy and the grapes were the best.

Zac

On Monday the 10th of February, Curtis Stone came to visit our school. He got to our school at about 12:30pm. We had a parade and he talked about healthy food and the Lockyer valley Farms. He talked about Rugby Farm. He works with Coles and is a chef. When we finished our parade we had lunch. While we were having lunch, he came around and had a talk to some people. We played soccer with him when lunch was finished. He brought two boxes full of different kinds of fruit. We got to have some of the fruit that he brought us. I enjoyed listening to what he was saying. It was a fun afternoon.

Aimee

Curtis Stone visits Grantham State School

It was a fantastic surprise on Monday the 10th of February when Curtis Stone came and visited our school, Grantham State School. When he got here, we had a special parade. On the parade he talked about eating healthy food and why it’s good for you. We also talked about all the Lockyer Valley farms and the farm we especially spoke about was the Lockyer Rugby Farm. After that we went and had lunch and as soon as we finished eating we went and played soccer with Curtis which was so much fun. Then we lined up and gave him a big goodbye. I think it was the most fun day in my life.

Kyle
Absence Note

Every Day Counts

My child ___________________ was away on _____________________

Reason : ______________________________________________________

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

Playgroup will commence on Monday 24th February. It runs from 9:30—11:00am.

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