Dear Parents and Carers

This week we extend an invitation to the parents of students on cooperative level in Years 6 and 7 to attend our Leadership Parade.

Mr Darren Cook from the Lockyer District High School will be attending to give an address on leadership.

Students on cooperative level will participate in the parade and will receive their senior shirt and badge.

Date: Wednesday 5th March
Time: 2:15pm

Some of our Year 5s, 6s and 7s went on an overnight camp to Emu Gully last Thursday. The focus of the camp was on developing leadership skills, team work and being challenged to step out of their comfort zone and take risks. The students had a fantastic time.

Thank you to Miss Armstead, Ben and Chappy Brad for supervising the students on this camp.

Welcome Mrs Kirby

As many of you will now be aware, Miss Judd, for personal reasons, was unable to continue her position here at Grantham State School.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Elizabeh Kirby who has come to teach our 3/4/5 class.

Mrs Kirby has recently moved near Toowoomba with her family and she is a very talented and welcome addition to our teaching staff.
**Grantham State School P&C Association**

**Congratulations to our new executive**

President: Mrs Joyleen Brown  
Vice President: Mrs Lisa Ostrofski  
Secretary: Mrs Donna Barkle  
Treasurer: Mrs Tanya Hooper  
Tuckshop Convenor: Mrs Teresa Hook

**Next Meeting:** Monday 24th March 2014  
**Time:** 7PM

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**Behaviour Focus**

Last week our focus was *Listen and Follow all staff directions.*

We encouraged students to focus on listening first so that when a staff member asks for their attention students STOP and LISTEN.

Students were also reminded that all staff at our school deserve their respect and that they need to follow the directions of any adult who is a staff member, including teacher aides, office staff and visiting specialist teachers.

Students learned that listening and following instructions shows respect for themselves, for others and for the staff member. It helps them to be safe and to learn.

This week our focus is *Keep hands, feet and objects to self.*

This week students learned that our playground is a non-contact playground and we choose safe games.

They also learned that we use equipment for its intended purpose and that it is never ok to hurt someone with our hands and feet.

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**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 – 19/02/14
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

P-1 CLASS
Kaylee Ward (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for fantastic whole body listening all the time.
Lockie Reinke (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for his persistence in all areas.

2/3 CLASS
Louise Denning (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for putting in a great effort into her writing and having an excellent attitude towards her school work overall.
Natalie Brown (PEER NOMINATED) - for always finishing her work; for getting on the green and beehive; and for picking up rubbish.

3/4/5 CLASS
Brooklyn Karrasch (PEER NOMINATED) - for treating others with respect by being friendly and helpful.
Jessica Hook (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for always being a conscientious and hard working student.

5/6/7 CLASS
Aimee Rohde (PEER NOMINATED) - for always doing neat work, following instructions and rules and being a learner in class.
Tim McIntyre (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for his high participation, and efforts to complete all work and help others. A brilliant start to the year.

Gotchas
Trent Wakefield
James Johnson-Hughes
Madison Keep
Brody Donnelly
Chelsea Reinke

WEEKLY AWARDS – 26/02/14
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

P-1 CLASS
Jackson Green-Smith (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for making a good effort to listen and follow teacher instructions first time.
Tiffany Carney (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for always staying on task.

2/3 CLASS
Alyssa Wilkin (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for always putting in a great effort and for being a caring and considerate class member.
Braith Kiehne (PEER NOMINATED) - for listening to Mrs Brain and Mrs Cavanagh and trying to spell words on his own.

3/4/5 CLASS
Jesse Bownas (PEER NOMINATED) - for working hard and listening in class.
Shannon Latz (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for working diligently and quietly in class.

5/6/7 CLASS
Zac Jibson (PEER NOMINATED) - for trying hard to complete tasks and be a great learner and for helping his friends.
Bailey Worley (TEACHER NOMINATED) - for being a dependable and honest student who leads by example.
Please lock your vehicles

Last week, one of our parents had money and items stolen from her car when parked outside the school. If you are leaving your vehicle unattended to collect your children from school, please ensure you lock your car.

Thank you.

German news

ELTF Scholarship

At the end of last year I was fortunate enough to be awarded an Endeavour Language Teachers Scholarship, funded by the Federal Government in conjunction with the University of Adelaide. There were only 13 scholarships awarded for German, so I was very excited to be selected. We left Australia on New Year’s Day and returned on 22nd January. The course was held in Düsseldorf, a city of about 600,000 people. Each morning we had 4 hours of language study, and in the afternoons we were able to explore the city and surrounding areas. We each also had to produce a unit of work to use with our students. The highlight of the trip was a visit to Berlin, as I had never managed to visit it on previous occasions. It was amazing to see the remnants of the Berlin Wall and to visit the Reichstag (the German Parliament). I will now have to make a point of going back to Berlin as there was so much I didn’t have time to see in the 2 days we were there. I certainly got to ‘polish up’ my German, as well as finding lots of new resources and exchanging teaching ideas with the other teachers on the course.

Language Perfect

Language Perfect is a website to help students learn vocabulary in different languages. The children are very enthusiastic about using it and already some have shown an improvement in their German word knowledge. Many children are enjoying the chance to try out other languages as well. We currently have a subscription for the Lockyer schools, but may not be able to cover the cost next year. The site can be accessed both at school and at home if you have internet access, so please ask your child to show you how it works. We would like your thoughts later in the year as to whether you think it is worthwhile, and whether you would be willing to contribute towards the cost of a subscription. There will be a world-wide competition in May, and those students who choose to compete could win iTunes gift vouchers, iPods and more.

Oktoberfest

This year Oktoberfest for Teens will be held at the RNA showgrounds in Brisbane on Thursday, 16th October. This year we will be inviting both Year 6 and Year 7 students to attend. The cost will be about $40 – entrance and bus fare. The entrance cost includes lunch and rides for the students, as well as a traditional gingerbread heart (Lebkuchenherz) to bring home. We will send out a letter with more information closer to the time, but this gives students time to start saving. If they save $2 a week of their pocket money, they will have the $40 plus some spending money to take.

Val Newell
Lockyer Tennis Association
Come and Try Tennis-Muster Day
8th March 2014

12.30pm to 3.30pm
Gatton Clubcourts, Woodlands Road
Gatton

$5 per person OR 4 people for $15
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!
Includes a sausage sizzle, bottle of water and tennis

- Hot Shots tennis for children 4 yrs and over with special nets, tennis balls and activities
- Speed machine with prizes for fastest serves
- Adult social tennis and sets
- BBQ
- Raffles and lot of fun activities for the whole family

ALL WELCOME!!!

For information contact
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GROOVE n SKATE
at Laidley Skate Park!
10am - 4pm SATURDAY 8 MARCH

MASSIVE DAY of ENTERTAINMENT
Pro Riders from Drawing Boards Australia
Free Skateboarding Lessons
Food Vendors
DJ and Various Performances
Wii Games Jumping Castle
Rock climbing wall fun

FREE YOUTH EVENT

For further information contact Youth Development and Engagement Officer on 1300 005 872
SUNDAY 2 MARCH – WE’RE KEEN TO KEEP IT CLEAN!

This year, Council invites your group or school to get involved in the Clean Up Australia Day campaign taking place across the nation on Sunday 2 March. This is an opportunity to join with other residents, businesses and community groups to build a sense of belonging and pride in the region. Some benefits of participating include:

- Development of a sense of pride and achievement gained from contributing positively to the local environment
- Creating positive local role models through which family and community members demonstrate the importance of community participation and environmental responsibility
- Establishing a sense of belonging to the community, as well as generating patriotism and pride in the Lockyer Valley
- A social day where you can spend time with your family, friends and neighbours.

It is easy to be a part of this national day in the Lockyer Valley. You may choose from three sites that are still open and accepting volunteers:

a) Dawson Phipps Park, Cnr Hunter Street and Dawson Drive, Gatton
   7am - 10am

b) Lake Apex, Lake Apex Drive, Gatton
   8am – 10am

c) Withcott area
   Meet at the Withcott Hotel at 8am

This year, there are prizes on offer for some ‘special’ categories of litter collected at each site - ‘Weirdest piece of Rubbish’, “Most Participants”, Youngest / Oldest Participant” and “The Most Improved Site” (using before and after photos taken).

I look forward to working with you to build pride and ownership of the Lockyer Valley region.

General information on Clean Up Australia Day visit www.cleanupaustralia.org.au.
Local information contact Council on 1300 005872.

For more information phone 1300 005 872 or visit www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au
Absence Note

Every Day Counts

My child ___________________ was away on _____________________

Reason: ______________________________________________________

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Next Playgroup—10th March