Dear Parents and Carers

NATIONAL TESTING FOR YEAR 9 - NAPLAN

On 13, 14 and 15 May students across Queensland will take part in the national literacy and numeracy tests.

The test results will provide information about how all state and non-state school students are performing in literacy and numeracy at their year level in comparison to their peers across Australia.

The literacy assessment will focus on areas of reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar while the numeracy testing will cover measurement, chance and data, space, working mathematically, algebra function and pattern.

Results from the tests will be used for reports to parents, school reporting to their communities, and reporting by states and territories to form a national overview. The tests will also help teachers identify key areas for learning during the rest of the school year.

Parent Tips for preparing your child for NAPLAN:
• While it’s important that students perform at their best, it’s also important that students are not unduly stressed. Tips to avoid students experiencing stress are 1. Get a good night’s sleep. 2. Have a healthy breakfast. 3. Try your best.

Reporting of Results
All tests will be externally marked by ACARA under strict quality assurance procedures. Individual student reports are provided to parents/carers in September each year to schools nationally. For more information on the national testing, visit http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/

**NAPLAN**

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Next week is Food Allergy Awareness Week and this week we have again turned our focus to lunch boxes. We are educating students about the importance of not sharing food and what foods are good choices or better choices to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

We would like to encourage parents to ensure they have notified the school of any food allergies students have. Please complete the form on the back of the newsletter if you need to update us on this issue. We will contact you for further details if required.

Healthy eating is something we promote to all students. We encourage them to choose healthy options and to be educated and informed about what they put into their bodies. We actively encourage students to check the nutritional information on their food packaging to build their understanding and awareness of daily requirements.

Need some ideas? Request a Lunchbox flyer from your child’s class teacher or the school office.

WORKING BEE!

The P&C will be holding a working bee at the school on Saturday 17th May.

We are looking for people to help out any time between 8am and 11am.

Jobs include gardening, trimming trees and small maintenance jobs.

Grantham State School Choir
Eisteddfod Performance
Empire Theatre
Toowoomba
Date: Sunday, 18th May
Time: 12:00
Ticket cost: $12 adults, $3 children under 12
WEEKLY AWARDS – 30/04/14

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

P-1 CLASS
Gracie (Teacher Nominated)
For making a huge effort to practise writing her name.

Jade (Teacher Nominated)
For fantastic listening and following teacher instructions first time.

2/3 CLASS
Seth (Teacher Nominated)
For having a positive attitude towards ALL of his school work.

Kasee (Teacher Nominated)
For great improvement in behaviour and overall attitude towards his school work.

3/4/5 CLASS
Lucas (Teacher & Peer Nominated) For representing the school well at both the Anzac March and combined Ma Ma Creek and Grantham night service and for being a good student.

5/6/7 CLASS
Joshua, Aimee & Bailey (Teacher Nominated) For representing the school well at both the Anzac March and combined Ma Ma Creek and Grantham Night Service.

WEEKLY AWARDS – 07/05/14

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

P-1 CLASS
CODY (Teacher Nominated)
For making good choices to follow teacher instructions first time.

RYAN (Teacher Nominated)
For his amazing effort in Reading!!

2/3 CLASS
CHARLEIGH (Teacher Nominated) For improving her participation in classroom learning activities.

MISTY (Teacher Nominated)
For making good behaviour choices and improving the speed of her writing.

3/4/5 CLASS
JESSICA (Peer Nominated) For always being so good, doing the right thing and being nice.

JAZMINE (Teacher Nominated)
For trying hard and working diligently.

5/6/7 CLASS
MADDIE (Teacher Nominated) For being positive and enthusiastic to her learning.

JESSICA H (Teacher Nominated) For always participating and completing work to the best of her ability.

GOTCHA AWARDS
30/04/14
07/05/14

CLAIRE
LACHLAN
TYLER

BRITNEY
ZAC O
JACOB

LIAM
BROOKLYN
SARA

CAMDEN
JESSICA H
JERALDENE

Congratulations Frau Newell

I am very excited to share with you the outstanding achievement of one of our fabulous teachers. Frau Newell was recently honoured with an outstanding award at a Language Perfect Ceremony.

She has achieved a level of accreditation which only 5% of the thousands of teachers involved in the program have completed.

Well done Frau Newell, we are very proud of you.
Winter Uniforms,

Please fill out the order form below, if you are needing any winter uniforms, we do have some in stock at the school, but will also be placing an order. This is so we have an indication as to what stock we will need to order!

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**GRANTHAM STATE SCHOOL UNIFORM**

All items are available from the school. Families may purchase items before or after school. A small quantity of low priced, second-hand clothing is also available for purchase.

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<th>SHIRT</th>
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<td>SHORTS or SKORTS or CULOTTES</td>
<td>Royal Blue - in addition, children may wear royal blue bike pants or royal blue sports briefs (runners) under the sports skirt or culottes. (Other colours are not considered appropriate)</td>
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<td>Fully enclosed shoes or joggers with predominantly white socks. Thongs and sandals are not suitable.</td>
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<td>Royal Blue Broad broad brimmed hat or legionnaires cap. (N.B. Baseball caps are not considered appropriate as they do not offer effective protection to the sides of the face, ears or back of neck.)</td>
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<td>TRACKSUIT PANTS &amp; JUMPERS</td>
<td>Royal Blue - no patterns or prints.</td>
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<td>DRESS</td>
<td>Blue Check pattern. Available to purchase from the school. Patterns are available from Wyman’s in Gatton.</td>
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<td>SUN SMART SWIMMING SHIRT</td>
<td>Any colour - must have sleeves short or long for sun protection. Children must wear during swimming lessons or water based activities.</td>
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**Grantham Uniform Order Form**

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**TOTAL DUE**

Amount passed on to P & C

Signature: _______________________

Please make cheques payable to the Grantham State School P&G. Cash and EFT are also accepted. If you wish to pay via EFT, forms are available through the school office.
The Lion King

Unfortunately we will be unable to attend The Lion

German News

The Language Perfect World Championships begin on Monday, 19th May. The children really enjoy competing in this competition, with the opportunity to go into draws on the website for iTunes vouchers and iPods. There will also be a class prize for whichever of my classes has the highest average score at the end of the competition - but children must participate to be included in the prize. It would be much appreciated if you could allow your child access to the internet over the 10 days of the competition. Many thanks, Val Newell.
Dear All

The Toowoomba Road Runners are once again running the School Cross Country Series on Sundays in Toowoomba leading up to the Darling Downs Cross Country Championships. These races are an ideal opportunity for students to compete in lead races for school, zone & the regional cross country championships.

The Series this year are:

Race One: Sunday 30 March  Queens Park, Lindsay St  3, 4, 6 km
Race Two: Sunday 27 April  Newtown Park, Tor St  2, 3, 4 km
Race Three: Sunday 18 May  Kearney Springs Oval, Spring St 2, 3, 4 & 6 km

Venue for the Regional Championships & the State Secondary State Championships being held in July

8:00am Start each day

Register at www.trr.org.au

If you could pass this information onto your school cross country coaches & interested students it will be very much appreciated.

Regards

Wayne

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Grantham State School is a Parenting Ideas school. You will have seen articles previously attached to newsletters. Now you can access an online magazine with fabulous ideas to help with you all stages of parenting. Visit our website for a direct link to the magazine or ask for a copy at the school office.

https://granthamss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx
Absence Note

Every Day Counts

My child ___________________ was away on ____________________

Reason : ______________________________________________________

Parent Signature__________________

Diligence, Integrity, Creativity and Empathy

Please remember that if you need to collect your child early, you must report to the school office before collecting your child from the classroom.

Grantham State School

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15 Victor Street
GRANTHAM
Qld 4347

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Fax: 07 54661576

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS

My child ___________________ is allergic to _____________________. The reaction is:

Mild ☐      Moderate ☐      Severe ☐

Name: ________________________
Signature: ____________________

School Dress Code

We have noticed that there has been an increase in students coming to school with coloured hair.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of our school dress code policy.