Diligence, Integrity, Creativity and Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers

At Grantham State School we endeavor to provide students which a rich variety of learning opportunities that meet the needs of every single child.

This year we have students who are participating in online lessons each week with students from other schools.

Some of our students have opted to participate in the International Competition for Schools Assessment (ICAS).

Five of our students in the upper primary are currently preparing for their participation in Opti-Minds. Opti-Minds is a group challenge that encourages children to think, create and communicate. Next term they will participate in a state challenge.

Yesterday, four of our students represented our school at the Queensland Table Tennis Championships.

One of our students is moving on to regional representation for cross country. We also have the Active After School Communities program. (There are still plenty of spaces available for basketball on Thursday afternoons.)

In a few weeks, some of our upper primary girls will be working with visitors from USQ to build their knowledge in the area of Science, Engineering and Technology.

Our instrumental students will participate in the Eisteddfod for the first time this year in the concert band section.

Every day in every classroom, teachers are working hard to ensure that your child is improving and that they have opportunities to learn through a range of activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the wonderful staff, parents and volunteers at our school who make all of this possible!

Grantham State School Choir

Congratulations to Mr Dowling and the members of our choir who performed on Sunday at the Toowoomba Eisteddfod. The choir were the crowd favourites with their rendition of “Long Way to the Top” and their beautiful singing of the song “Safe and Sound” was very touching.

Both Mr Dowling and the students have put in a huge effort to be ready for this event and we thank them for their commitment to the school choir.

Last year, we won the small schools division in this section, but this year there was no section for small schools and they competed against some very large choirs. They achieved third place and we are very proud of their achievement.
Congratulations to Melbourne, Tim, Phoebe and Jessica for their successes yesterday at the Queensland Table Tennis Competition.

Tim and Melbourne came 1st in division 2 and Phoebe and Jessica were 4th in division 1.

Behaviour Focus

This week our behaviour focus has been Use equipment safely and appropriately. Students have been encouraged to sit safely on their chairs, use classroom and sporting equipment for its intended purpose and to make safety their number 1 priority when working and playing.

Next week our focus will be Keep discussion, content and actions appropriate to the school context. At school we have an expectation that all students will use appropriate and polite language and avoid offensive language, inappropriate content and actions. At Grantham State School, we actively discourage children from swearing. We ask students to report discussions that involve sexually explicit content, racial abuse or prejudice and ask students to refrain from using inappropriate gestures.

Instead we encourage children to broaden their vocabulary to express their feelings in more appropriate ways. We aim to educate students to understand and accept others and to recognise how their words can offend and hurt others. We encourage children to ask questions about social difference so that we can address any biases they may have developed.

WORKING BEE!

A huge thank you to Mal, Johnathan and Jazmine Dionysius, Zane Kunde and Chappy Brad for their efforts at our working bee on Saturday morning. I am sure you will have noticed their wonderful work as you drive past the front of the school. I am sure I speak of behalf of all of you when I say Thank You to these volunteers for their efforts in keeping our school looking great.
WEEKLY AWARDS – 14/05/14
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

P-1 CLASS
KAYLEE (Teacher Nominated) For always staying on task.
LACHLAN (Teacher Nominated) For bringing his home reading folder every day and signing in without being reminded.

2/3 CLASS
SUMMER (Teacher Nominated) For concentrating well on her school work and striving to do her best.
ZANE (Teacher Nominated) For improved behaviour in class and for working out number problems in his head.

3/4/5 CLASS
JASON (Teacher Nominated) For being responsible and working diligently in the classroom.
CINDY-LEE (Teacher Nominated) For making positive choices in the classroom.

5/6/7 CLASS
CHELSEA (Peer Nominated) for following all school rules & always trying her best & participating in class.
TAHLIA D (Peer Nominated) for eating healthy food & giving her best at everything.

GOTCHA AWARDS
14/05/14
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OLIVIA
JAZMINE
CODY
BRITNEY
LARNA
HAYDYNE

WEEKLY AWARDS – 21/05/14
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

P-1 CLASS
JACKSON (Teacher Nominated) For signing in every day without being reminded.
TIFFANY (Teacher Nominated) For always listening and being a good role model for the Preps. She is a SUPER STAR at helping others tie their shoe laces.

2/3 CLASS
RILEY (Teacher Nominated) For having a positive attitude towards his school work.
LAKEISHA (Student Nominated) For being polite, helpful and cooperative.

3/4/5 CLASS
SARA (Teacher Nominated) For excellent contributions to class discussions.

5/6/7 CLASS
KARISSA (Teacher Nominated) for being very prepared for literature circles.
ZAC (Student Nominated) for doing his work and for keeping to the left of the stairs.
Upcoming Events

**RACQ visit**—On Monday 26th May, representatives from RACQ will visit the school to deliver a road safety program. They have a special presentation for both the lower and upper primary. This visit forms part of our Health Program which develops children’s awareness of being safe around roads. This learning event is free.

**Heave Ho**—This is an incursion visit from School Performance Tours. Students will be treated to a vaudeville style show that involves illusions, juggling and ventriloquism. It will be lots of fun. To cover costs, a small charge will be payable for students to attend.

**Footsteps Dance**—Footsteps Dance company will be visiting on the 3rd June to deliver free dance lessons for all of our students from 11:30—12:30.

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
Child Wellbeing Program

A student assisted program providing services to enhance wellbeing in children with moderate to complex needs in Ipswich

We are now taking referrals

Program Services

Assessments and Intervention
- Initial assessment to determine current needs
- Group or individual parenting sessions/support

Emotional and behavioural difficulties:
- Childhood anxiety and depression
- Social isolation and peer difficulties
- Encopresis (soiling pants) and Enuresis (wetting pants)
- Child trauma
- Sensory processing difficulties

Academic difficulties
- Concentration, memory, and problem solving skills
- Speech and language skills
- Student stress
- Fine motor skills (e.g. handwriting) and gross motor skills (e.g. walking, running)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
Children of primary school age.

DISCIPLINES INVOLVED
Psychology
Social Work
Occupational Therapy
Speech Pathology

LOCATION
UQ Health Care, Building 2
11 Salisbury Road
(Within the UQ Campus)
Ipswich Q 4305
3381 1514

REFERRAL & COST
A referral from a GP, Psychiatrist or Paediatrician is required. Please feel free to contact us at the clinic to discuss this further.
Services are delivered at low or no cost to clients.
**Absence Note**

**Every Day Counts**

My child ___________________ was away on ____________________

Reason: ______________________________________________________

Parent Signature__________________

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**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.

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**INSTRUMENTAL STUDENTS**

Students in our instrumental program are preparing for the Eisteddfod. They need to bring their instruments to school EVERY day. We will be practising from 8:45—9:00 EACH morning.

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STARTS: THURSDAY
15TH MAY 2014

Toowoomba Basketball Presents: Gatton Aussie Hoops

For Who: Children aged between 5 and 12 years of age

When: Starting Thursday the 15th of May
What time: 4:30pm to 5:30pm

How much: $80 for 8 Weeks
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Where: Gatton State School, 26 William Street, Gatton

How do I Register: Head to www.toowoombabasketball.com.au
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For more information please email: gatton@toowoombabasketball.com.au or Phone the Toowoomba
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Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014

Dear parents and guardians,

I am delighted to invite **ALL Grantham State School students** to join in the **2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge**.

As well as being fun, the challenge aims to boost children’s literacy skills by encouraging students to read widely for pleasure and learning, to develop their imagination, and to cultivate a passion for literature.

Research shows that young people who read for pleasure excel in a range of learning activities, will bring untold benefits to their lives.

Last year, more than 735 schools and over 118,000 students registered in the program. More than 84,000 students successfully completed the challenge reading over 1.7 million books.

The reading period for the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge commences on Tuesday 20 May and closes Friday 5 September.

This year the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 7 to read 15 books. Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The aim for the 2014 challenge is to reach a total of 2 million books read.

Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier and all students receive a Certificate of Participation. It will be my great pleasure to present these certificates during the Premier’s Reading Challenge Celebration Weeks to be held 10 – 21 November 2014.


You can play a big part in your children’s future by encouraging them to read the allotted number of books set out for this special challenge.

The past 2 years **ALL** of the students from this school have embraced the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge. Premier Reading Challenge forms will be sent home either individually or placed inside your child’s home reading folder. Please fill out the form accordingly.

I thank everyone for their diligence during this period of time.

Mrs Rebecca Cavanagh
Grantham State School