Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past two weeks students across the school have been completing a range of tests that give teachers evidence of children’s progress and also to assist us in preparing for learning in 2015.

Teachers have been working with all students to avoid any unnecessary stress about the tests. We have been reminding students that these tests are to help us as teachers know what they know already and what they still need to learn. The results of these tests are for planning purposes, but also provide teachers with valuable information about how students are performing in comparison to their age peers across Australia.

As the term progresses, students will be completing assessment tasks in class related to their learning focus for this semester. It is these assessment tasks that will be used to report to parents about the progress of their children in relation to the Australian Curriculum.

We have been encouraging students to attend regularly to ensure that they do not miss any of the valuable instruction that will allow them to achieve their best in their assessment tasks. We have been very pleased to see some students making a big effort to improve their attendance!

Thank you parents for your assistance in having swimming caps!
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

29/10/14

P-1 CLASS
ADAM (Teacher Nominated) For working well in all tasks.
CLAYTON (Teacher Nominated) For engaging positively in dance lessons.

2/3 CLASS
MARITA (Teacher Nominated) For having a great attitude towards all her school work and applying herself well.
HELEN (Teacher Nominated) For an improved attitude towards school in general.

3/4/5 CLASS
LIAM (Teacher Nominated) For being a responsible learner who takes pride in his work.
JESSE (Teacher Nominated) For making good behaviour choices.

5/6/7 CLASS
HAYDEN (Teacher Nominated) For being helpful and considerate and doing things in the classroom without being asked.
MADDIE (Peer Nominated) For using creativity to solve problems.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

05/11/14

P-1 CLASS
KAYLEE (Teacher Nominated) For always being eager to help.
LOCKIE (Teacher Nominated) For being kind to all his friends and teachers.

2/3 CLASS
CHARLEIGH (Teacher Nominated) For concentrating well in class and making great progress in her literacy development.
JACOB (Teacher Nominated) For consistently demonstrating positive learning behaviours.

3/4/5 CLASS
CINDY-LEE (Teacher Nominated) For redirecting her behaviour and focusing on her tasks.

5/6/7 CLASS
JESSICA (Teacher Nominated) For being a learner and always participating fully.
KYMBERLEY (Peer Nominated) For being hard working and showing empathy.

Be Respectful: Care for the School Environment

This week we are focusing student attention on caring for our environment. We show respect for all living things by keeping our environment clean and tidy and being careful to provide a safe environment for our natural wildlife. We are also environmentally friendly when we keep doors closed when air conditioners are in use, use water wisely at the toilets and bubblers and turn lights off when classrooms are not in use. The baby birds to the right have made a home near our school library and we are very keen to provide a safe environment for them to grow.
Winwill Road Works

Please note that Council will be undertaking flood restoration works on Winwill Connection Road commencing Friday 17 October. Works will include reconstruction of the existing floodway at the Tenthill Creek crossing and will require a road closure. Signs will be in place at the entries to Winwill Connection Road and alternate routes will include Lower Tenthill Road and Tenthill Creek Road. Works are likely to take approximately 8 weeks, subject to weather conditions.

While letters to local residents as well as road signs will provide notification to the majority of people using that road, we ask that you notify your school community and bus contractors.

Council appreciates your assistance, cooperation and patience during these flood restoration works.

Book Fair

Thursday 20th—Monday 24th November 8:00-9:00 am & 3:00-4:00 pm.

Tuesday 25th November 8:00-9:00am & 3:00-3.30pm.
Researchers from the University of Queensland are conducting research into parenting of children with type 1 diabetes. We are seeking parents of children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes to participate. Participation in this project will involve completing a survey, and a telephone interview.

The telephone interview includes questions on diabetes management tasks which parents of children with type 1 diabetes experience difficulty with, how parents think and feel about parenting a child with type 1 diabetes, and their preferences for assessing services to assist in dealing with these behaviours and tasks.

If you are interested in participating in this research or would like further information please email clin.roslyn.pay@uq.edu.au

Headlice

Please keep checking your child/children's hair. If live lice or nits (eggs) are present, please treat your children's hair accordingly.
Grantham State School

Bingo Night

Friday nights, in the Multipurpose Room at Grantham State School
6.30pm for a 6.45 start
Hosted by Don & Mary Walmsley & the Grantham State school P & C.
2015 Enrolments

Our enrolments for 2015 are looking strong and we are excited about planning for a great year ahead. We are currently only a few students short of creating 5 classes for 2015. If you know of anyone who is planning to come to Grantham State School or looking for a great school for their child next year, please encourage them to contact our school office to arrange to receive an enrolment pack or arrange an enrolment interview.

P&C NEWS

• Our final P&C Meeting for 2014 is Monday 24th November, 7pm.
• We are always looking for helpers for Tuckshop. If you can help—even if it’s for only one day, please contact the school office or our Tuckshop convenor—Teresa Hook.
• Do you have any uniforms that you are no longer using? We often have requests for second hand uniforms, so please see one of our friendly P&C members or our school admin staff if you have uniforms to sell.

QSchools Push Notification

“New features of the Department’s QSchools mobile app have been released, including an exciting push notification feature which offers a direct communication channel from your school.

To be able to receive important messages instantly to your mobile device (push notifications):
Download the QSchools app from your app store. (http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/qschools-app.html)

1. If you already have the app, please ensure it is up-to-date, as out-dated versions will not receive notifications.
2. Make sure you have favourited your school.

You are now ready to receive important school messages direct to your mobile device.”
Two well-known and highly respected Toowoomba sporting identities, Richard “Mr Magic” Mitchell (Football - Soccer) and Clarence “Pop” Dickerson (Basketball) have teamed up to run SUPERCAMP (Football and Soccer) during the January 2015 school holiday period – Sunday 11 to Thursday 15 January 2015 - at Harristown State High School.

**Supercamp** has long been acknowledged as Australia’s premier sports training camp and with the combined knowledge of Richard and “Pop”, who both have been involved in their respective sporting codes for many years, it will undoubtedly continue to be regarded as the number one camp in Australia.

Should you have any questions regarding **Supercamp**, please do not hesitate to call 0417 196 151.

Regards

RICHARD “Mr Magic” MITCHELL and CLARENCE “Pop” DICKERSON
Absence Note

My child ___________________ was away on ___________________

Reason: ______________________________________________________

Parent Signature__________________

Date______________________

Our 3/4 boys class have been enjoying cooking as part of their Health unit.

Staff Car Park

A reminder that our car park is for staff only. Parents must not park in the car park unless they have permission from the principal.