Dear Parents and Carers

Over the past two weeks we have had the opportunity to welcome more new students to our school. We hope that all of our new students have felt welcomed and part of our Grantham school community. Our enrolment numbers are currently 111.

Weather

As many of you will be aware, there is a significant weather event forecast for our region over the next two days. We have an Emergency Management Plan in place and we will act early if there is any indication that our area will be adversely affected. We would appreciate all students attending school and if you have any concerns, please don’t hesitate to discuss them with us.

Behaviour

At Grantham State School, we have very high expectations of behaviour for students. This year our school will be focused on teaching students “Positive Behaviour for Learning” (PBL). Each week we will teach children behaviours that will support learning and support their ability to become self-reflective young people who display the values of diligence, integrity, creativity and empathy and accept responsibility for their behaviour.

Reminder

Parents please remember the school only accepts cash or direct deposit. We do not have eftpos facilities. Thank you.
**WEEKLY AWARDS**

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK – 09/02/15**

**P-1 CLASS**  
HAYLEY - For being an independent learner.

**1/2 CLASS**  
MADISON - For being a great listener and a hard worker.  
CLAIRE - For applying herself in all areas and being an excellent role model.

**YEAR 3 CLASS**  
LAURA - For working really hard on her writing.

**4/5 CLASS**  
ZARA - For working quietly and being co-operative.

**5/6 CLASS**  
HELENA *(Peer Nominated)* For following our school rules, working hard in class & helping others.  
CORMAC *(Teacher Nominated)* For participating well in lessons, completing work neatly and settling into routines.

**WEEKLY AWARDS**

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK – 16/02/15**

**P-1 CLASS**  
MEMPHIS - For always using his manners and sitting beautifully on the carpet.  
JACKSON - For being a wonderful role model and for always being willing to help the new preppies in our class.

**1/2 CLASS**  
LACHLAN - For being an enthusiastic and diligent student who consistently demonstrates excellent behaviour.

**YEAR 3 CLASS**  
CAITLYN - For always making excellent choices in her classroom learning.

**4/5 CLASS**  
TASH - For her excellent participation in class.

**5/6 CLASS**  
HAYDYNE - For applying himself to lessons and working for improvement.

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**Behaviour Focus**

Be Respectful: Listen actively and follow instructions

This week students have been learning about active listening. At Grantham State School, we describe active listening by using Whole Body Listening. Active listening is important because it helps us learn more successfully, shows we care, helps us remember more effectively and is a valuable life skill.
P&C NEWS

P&C AGM

P&C Meetings are held every fourth Monday of the month at 7pm.

Our P&C is an important part of our school and we would like to invite all parents to consider becoming a member of our P&C.

The AGM will be held on 23rd February in the multi-purpose room at the school at 7pm.

Uniforms

Due to our increase in student numbers we have run out of some uniforms. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our orders of new uniform items. If you require uniforms, please place your order at the school office and we will notify you when your uniform items arrive.

Second Hand Uniforms

Currently at the school we do have lots of second hand uniforms. If anyone is interested please see the school office.

Tuckshop Helpers Needed

Tuckshop will run on Fridays, for 1st break and 2nd break. If you are able to help out with Tuckshop, especially Friday mornings to help get food prepared, could you please see Teresa Hook or contact the school.

A big thank you to all the tuckshop helpers who have volunteered to assist Teresa with our Friday Tuckshop.

Thank you
**Asthma**

Asthma care plan notes have been attached to the newsletter of children who suffer from asthma. All children who suffer from asthma will need to fill out the asthma form and return this to the school. If your child suffers from asthma and we aren’t aware of this please see the office for an asthma care plan for your child.

**QSchools app**

Last year we sent home QSchool app cards attached to the newsletter and for most new families it will be today’s newsletter. It explains how to download the app onto your mobile phone which will give you the most up-to-date information regarding our school.

**Playgroup**

Grantham State School is very excited to be hosting Playgroup again this year. This year playgroup will be facilitated by the Early Year’s staff of Grantham State School. Playgroup will be held every Monday commencing on the 9th February. It will run from 9:30am – 11:00am. All are welcome! Playgroup provides many benefits to both children and parents. Practising social skills, normalising group interactions and turn-taking as well as providing foundations for pre-reading and pre-writing skills are just some of the benefits provided to children through attending regular playgroup sessions. Benefits to parents include gaining an increased understanding and knowledge about the School and the support networks available in the local community, as well as developing an increased understanding of the importance of play and early childhood development.

What: Grantham Playgroup
Where: Grantham State School Multi-purpose room/veranda
When: Every Friday from 9:30am – 11:00am
Mount Sylvia State School - Student Bus Service

A driver is required for the afternoon school bus run for Mount Sylvia State School. Information about licence requirements can be provided by contacting Kerry the current owner/driver. The successful person may already have a truck licence and then have a successful medical for a bus licence.

If you or someone you know is suitable and interested please contact Kerry (Driver) on mobile 0411 162 115 or via the Mount Sylvia State School by email admin@mtsylviass.eq.edu.au or phone 5462 6245 and a message will be passed to Kerry.

Thank you.

Mark Thompson
SAND SAFARI

Presented by Streets Ice Cream

Let the magic of this year's Sand Safari experience take you to an enchanted wonderland as the Surfers Paradise Foreshore & various locations across the Gold Coast bring Disney's magical friendships to life. This year's Sand Safari will see the coastline of Surfers Paradise fill with a dozen 10-25 tonne sand sculptures of your favourite Disney friends.

Come and admire the art of sand sculpting as each sculptor competes in this year's Australian Sand Sculpting Championships, sculpting Disney characters and scenes in sand. There'll also be a feature interactive Disney sculpture where you can have your photo taken among the display, along with sand art and bottle workshops.

Running over two weeks, there's plenty of time to grab the whole family for what is set to be an amazing outing, fun for all ages!

Price: Free

Address: The Foreshore, Surfers Paradise

Phone: (07) 5584 3700

Website: http://www.surfersparadise.com/whats-on/free-events/sand-safari/

Download the event program here
Table Tennis 2015

Come ‘n’ try and sign on – Thursday, 19 February from 6.30pm

All ages and experience levels welcome

Gatton Table Tennis Hall, Woodlands Rd, Gatton

Fixtures starting Thursday, 26 February from 6pm

Coaching and social table tennis starting Sunday, 1 March from 8.30am

For any enquiries phone Tanya on 0487 110 873

Hard at work and having fun at Grantham SS
Children’s Safety Australia Inc. presents
International Women’s Day
Children’s Safety Luncheon

In recognition of the strong connection between women’s and children’s rights, Children’s Safety Australia Inc. is hosting an International Women’s Day Luncheon with a focus on practical strategies to promote children’s safety. Speakers include internationally renowned children’s rights campaigner Professor Freda Briggs, accomplished author Tess Rowley and internet safety expert Brett Lee.

Key topics include:
• the emerging trend of children who abuse other children;
• internet safety tips including how to protect children and young people from various dangers in a rapidly changing online environment; and
• practical strategies to keep children safe, including how to build their self esteem and resilience.

VENUE: Pullman Brisbane King George Square

DATE: Monday, 9 March 2015

TIME: 9.30am (for a 10.00am start) – 2.00pm

COST: $60 (includes light morning tea on arrival and hot buffet lunch)

BOOKINGS: http://www.trybooking.com/GRXD

FURTHER INFORMATION: Kim Jackson via e: admin@childsafty.org.au or m: 0423 532 868

As highlighted in United Nations report, Women’s and Children’s Rights: Making the Connection, the lives of women and children are tightly knit, as are their rights. Advocating for women’s rights has been essential to advancing the situation of women worldwide. The same holds true for the promotion of children’s rights and improvements in their ability to survive and thrive. However, if the rights of women and children are considered together, they can reinforce each other and make mutually supportive demands on society.

The event presents a valuable professional development opportunity for police, social workers, educators, youth workers, chaplains, guidance officers, parents, carers, grandparents and anyone with an interest in keeping children safe.
Absence Note

My child ___________________ was away on _____________________

Reason : ______________________________________________________

Parent Signature__________________

Date______________________

Road Crossing

To ensure your children’s and other’s safety, please use the supervised crossing to cross the road.