Dear Parents and Carers

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the biennial Department of Education and Training State Schools Principals Conference. The theme of the conference was “A great school has a great school down the road”. I believe that Grantham State School is a great school and it is my privilege to work alongside some great principals in our Lockyer cluster. It was inspiring to hear from many international speakers on how to improve schools and I look forward to the challenge of working with our committed staff, our students and you as parents to make our school a great place for students to learn and grow.

Prep/1

It is a very exciting and busy place in the Prep/1 class. They have a new café in their classroom—The Rainbow Café. I’m sure the Prep/1s would love to serve you some Pepperoni Pizza, or some tea or coffee!

Reminder-

Parents, please remember the school only accepts cash or direct deposit. We do not have eftpos facilities.

Playgroup

Our playgroup is held at the multi-purpose room every Friday. Visit our Playgroup Facebook page for more information or see the lovely Miss Fitzpatrick or Mrs Donnelly.
WEEKLY AWARDS
STUDENT OF THE WEEK – 23/02/15

P-1 CLASS
HARRY - For always using his manners and being polite to staff and students.
SKYLA - For putting in 100% into all activities.
LOCKIE - For being enthusiastic about class activities and producing neat, well set out work.
YEAR 3 CLASS
CHARLEIGH - For trying really hard in mathematics.
4/5 CLASS
MADISON - For her excellent effort and behaviour every lesson, every day.
5/6 CLASS
ANNA (Peer Nominated) - For completing her work, being well behaved and helpful.
CHELSEA (Teacher Nominated) - For being helpful, responsible and dependable.

WEEKLY AWARDS
STUDENT OF THE WEEK – 02/03/15

P-1 CLASS
WADE - For showing whole body listening and ignoring students who are making poor choices.
1/2 CLASS
TIMOTHY - For being an enthusiastic learner and a caring member of our class.
MICHAELA - For having a positive attitude towards school and applying herself to her work.
YEAR 3 CLASS
NATALIE - For making fantastic choices in class and for her excellent participation in all activities.
4/5 CLASS
LAKEISHA - For her excellent participation in class.
5/6 CLASS
DEBRA - For being an active listener and participant.

Behaviour Focus
Be A Learner: Let others learn

This week students have been learning about the importance of letting others learn. Every student has the right to learn in a safe and supportive environment. Students can help each other learn by not interrupting learning with conversation, calling out or other disruptive behaviour. They can let others learn by ensuring that when working in pairs and groups they stay focussed on the given task.
P&C NEWS

P&C AGM
Our 2015 P&C Executive were voted in at the AGM.
President: Mrs Joeline Reinke
Vice President: Mrs Lisa Ostrofski
Treasurer: Mrs Tanya Hooper
Secretary: Mrs Donna Barkle
It was great to have some new parents also join our P&C. It is never too late to become a member of the P&C and be a part of helping shape our great school.
Next P&C Meeting: 23rd March 2015

Volunteers Needed
We are always looking for volunteers to assist around the school in a variety of areas. If you have some spare time to help with grounds care or weeding, we would love your help. Please contact the school office if you are available for one-off assistance or ongoing help.

Senior Leader Parade
Parents, relatives and friends of our Year 6 students are invited to our Senior Leader Parade on Monday 9th March at 2:30pm. Mr Scott Buchholz, federal member for Wright, will be visiting to present certificates to all of our senior leaders in Year 6.
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 Friday-commencing on the 9th February. It will run from 9:00am – 10:30am. 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 9:00am – 10:30am
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
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@childsafety.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
Every Day Counts

My child ___________________ was away on ___________________

Reason : ______________________________________________________

Parent Signature__________________

Date______________________

Staff Car Park

For safety reasons, students are not permitted to walk through the car park. Please use the front gate, or the small gate near the tennis court.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Road Crossing

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

Book club reminder

Book club is due back by next Friday, 13th March. No cash accepted.