Thank you to all of the parents who made time to attend our Welcome Barbeque and Information Evening. Thank you also to Stanbroke for their continued support of our school and their donation of sausages for the event.

Key Messages

For those of you who were unable to make the information evening some key messages were:

1. Attendance—every day counts. Learning is sequential and we need all students to be here every day unless they are sick.

2. Facility upgrades—we are pleased to announce that our toilets are now connected to the local sewer lines. This should eliminate many of the issues we had last year. We also have brand new carpet and lino in the Multi-purpose room which has given it a big lift. A big thanks to our School Facility Manager, Mr David Jago, for his support in making these things possible.
GRIP AWARDS
03/02/17

P-1 CLASS
SAMUEL for making a positive start to Prep with his active participation in all areas.

YEAR 2 CLASS
JADE & HOPE for showing great active listening.

3/4 CLASS
TIFFANY, SHEYANNE, MICHAELA AND JESSICA’LEIGH for showing RESPECT in all areas by actively listening.

4/5 CLASS
LACHLAN for being a prompt and consistently active listener.
EMMILIE RAE for having a go and doing her best.

5/6 CLASS
MADISON for following school routines independently and setting a good example for others to follow.

Contact details

There are times when we may need to contact parents and carers. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on 07 54661259 or email admin@granthamss.eq.edu.au so we can update our records. These details include parent/carers’ name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details.
Please remember to contact the school if any of these details change.

Absence notification process

Please remember to call the school on 0754661259 early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child’s absence can be recorded correctly.

Same day notification

Our school will contact parents as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and we don’t know why. If you are advised by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible by phoning the school office on 0754661259 to let us know where your child is. We will follow-up with parents if no response is received.
German visitor

Last Wednesday Year 3/4 were very lucky to have a visit from a German WOOFer (worker on organic farms), who is training to be a teacher in Germany. Arti joined in the lesson and was able to have a short conversation with the year 4 students. They were able to answer the questions about themselves that they had learnt with Felix and Franzi last year. All students enjoyed having Arti play number games with them and they were very proud to show him they knew their colours in German.

Felix and Franzi

School Banking

School banking is every Monday. Information was sent home last Friday. If you wish to find out more information please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking, or visit your closest Commonwealth Bank branch to open an account.
**Tuckshop**

Tuckshop is every Friday 1st and 2nd break.

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**Bookclub due back**

Wednesday the 15th February 2017

These items are available for purchase from the school office.

- Recorders—$7.85
- Homework Folders—$6.50
- Chair bags—$8.00

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**Library Days**

- P/1—Fridays
- Year 2—Thursdays
- Year 3/4—Thursdays
- Year 4/5—Fridays
- Year 5/6—Thursdays

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**Stars & Idols 2017**

Are you interested in joining the Stars and Idols band this year?

If you answered ‘yes’ please see the office for further information.

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**2017 Important Dates**

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Learning the days of the week.

Learning our letters of the alphabet.

Identifying numbers.

Learning the months of the year

Writing names and letters.
The Grantham playgroup is held every Wednesday morning from 9-10:30am in our multi-purpose room. If you have children aged between 0-5 years come along and enjoy the morning, have a tea or coffee and chat with other parents!!!

This term we are looking at insects and we have been using lots of fine motor skills. Some of the activities include cutting, colouring, threading and a favourite, the playdough. The children have made caterpillars, butterfly paintings, ladybeetles and after reading the Hungry Caterpillar story, we made caterpillar kebabs. Come along and enjoy a fun-filled morning.
It has been a great kick off to term one; getting re-acquainted with everyone and hearing all the amazing adventures that happened over the holidays and first few weekends of this fun–filled first term. In keeping with the desire to continuously improve our quality of life, I’ve chosen to share with you some life changing habits I have been developing. Along the journey these have helped me to become more aware of the hope and joy that we can have in life, and I hope these may help you, too!

Daily rigorous exercise for just 10-15 minutes will rid your body of built up tension as well as release more endorphins. Exercise will not only enable you to maintain your general ‘feel good’ attitude and reduce stress, anxiety and built up tension, it will also ensure your body is strong and healthy.

I know everybody is busy, but nobody is too busy to incorporate 15 minutes of exercise into their daily routine. The goal is to exercise 15 minutes a day, 6 days a week, every week of the year for the rest of your life. Set yourself up to succeed by making your exercise goals sustainable and achievable. If we are honest, we can find a spare 15 minutes a day. Make the best use of your time by exercising. Have an awesome week! If you would like to, or need to talk to someone, come have a yarn with Chappy Cam.
Parents please remember, you will need to sign your child/children in/out at the office if they arrive after 9am or you need to collect them before 3pm.

- **BOOKCLUB** will be available at Grantham School, though payment will only be accepted online. No cash please.
- **MEDICATION** - Medication will only be administered if it is prescribed medication. It must have a doctor’s prescription pharmacy label attached and a signed permission form must be filled out. (These are available at the office). This includes any asthma medication. Any over the counter medication must also have a doctor’s prescription label on it. A pharmacy label will no longer be accepted for medications such as Panadol, cough mixtures or any antihistamine medications
- **SCHOOL BANKING** - School banking takes place each Monday.
- **PLAYGROUP** - Playgroup will be held in the multi purpose room every Wednesday during the school term from 9:00am-10:30am.
- **RECORDERS** - Recorders are available through the school at a cost of $7.85. Payment must be made when you collect your recorder.
- **CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS** - Please note that we can now accept credit card payment over the phone for any school expenses. (Not P&C).
- **BLUE HOMEWORK FOLDERS** - Folders are available for purchase at the office.
- **PARADE** - Parade is held on Fridays from 9am-9:30am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.
- **NEWSLETTER** - The Newsletter will be sent home to parents fortnightly on Mondays.
- **LIBRARY DAYS**
  - Thursdays year 2, 3/4, 5/6
  - Fridays - P-1, 4/5
During the course of your child’s school years, you may have cause to make a complaint about an issue or concern you have with their education.

The Department of Education and Training is committed to ensuring that all complaints are dealt with in a fair and equitable manner. There are processes and support networks in place to enable you and your child to work through any issues or concerns you may have.

To achieve an effective resolution for all parties, when making your complaint, you should ensure you:

- provide complete and factual information in a timely manner
- deliver your complaint in a calm and reasoned manner
- avoid making frivolous or vexatious complaints
- or using deliberately false or misleading information.

You should be aware that if you are making a complaint about a staff member that, in most instances, the staff member will be told of the complaint and offered the right of reply. You also have the right to have a support person participate throughout the process.

The following four-step procedure is in place to assist parents/carers and school staff to reach an outcome that is in the best interest of the student.

1. Discuss your complaint with the class teacher

If your complaint is with your child’s teacher or relates to an issue concerning your child’s experience at school, make an appointment with that teacher as soon as possible through the school administration. Discuss your complaint with the teacher and give the teacher an opportunity to suggest a solution. The teacher will make a record of your complaint and report your meeting and any outcomes to the school principal. Together, both you and your child’s teacher should be able to resolve the problem at this level.

2. Discuss your complaint with the principal

If after approaching your child’s teacher your complaint remains unresolved, make an appointment to see the school principal to discuss the issue further. Alternatively, you and the teacher may agree to ask the principal to act as a go-between in informal conflict resolution in an attempt to resolve the problem.

If your complaint relates to more general school matters, including issues of school policy and issues of compliance or non-compliance, you should raise your complaint directly with the principal or their delegate. The principal may refer your complaint to a delegate such as the deputy principal or Business Services Manager. The staff member will make a record of your complaint and work with you to come to a resolution.

Complaints to the principal may be lodged in person, by telephone, writing or via email. Principals’ email addresses can be accessed through the Schools Directory at www.education.qld.gov.au/directory/
- select the relevant school, then click on the email link.

3. Contact your local education office

If you have discussed your complaint with the principal and still feel that you have not reached a resolution, you have the right to contact your local Department of Education and Training office.

Complaints may be lodged by telephone or in writing. Your complaint should be specific in detail and outline the steps you have taken to resolve the issue. Ensure your complaint includes your full name and address and that you have signed and dated it. It is also a good idea to keep a copy for your own records.
Book club was sent home with students last week. This year we have changed to the loop system which means that this is done all online and nothing needs to be sent back to the school. The books ordered will come to the school and will then be handed to the students. Please follow directions below. If you are not able to access online payments please see the school office.

** LOOP is the NEW Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.**

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download our NEW iPhone and iPad app from the App Store!

- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child’s class
- Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

On the 27th February our annual general meeting will be held at 7:00pm.
Please come along and be a part of this important school meeting.
Parents!

The local Rural Fire Service has requested that parents do not do U-Turns in Christopher Street as it is creating a traffic hazard. This area needs to be kept clear in case of an emergency. Please use the U-turn area at the end of Victor Street.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Absence Note

Every Day Counts

My child ___________________will be away on ___________________

Reason : ______________________________________________________

Parent Signature________________

Date_____________________

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