

Term 1



2018 School  
Expectations

**G** Personal  
Growth

*Each day is an opportunity to improve and grow physically, intellectually, socially and emotionally.*

**R** Respect

*We respect ourselves, others and the environment.*

**I** Integrity

*We strive to be trustworthy, honest and responsible at all times and in all situations.*

**P** Problem  
Solving

*We approach problems thoughtfully and creatively.*

School  
Dental  
notes need  
to be re-  
turned to  
the school  
as soon as  
possible.

# Grantham State School



Issue 5

Monday 26th March 2018

Personal Growth, Respect, Integrity and Problem Solving

## Before and After School Routines

Our school day commences at 8:50am and concludes at 3:00pm.

**We encourage students to arrive at school after 8:00am as we cannot guarantee adequate supervision before then. Special circumstances may necessitate a variation to this for some families which is to be negotiated with the principal.**

For the safety of all, students and parents are asked to please use the front gate or enter through the gate close to the tennis court. **Never** use the carpark driveway as this is not safe.

When arriving at school before 8:30am, all students are to go to the tennis courts with their bags and remain there until the teacher on duty brings them over to the school. Students can play inside the tennis court or sit outside the courts. No students should be under the buildings or on verandahs before 8:30am. The only variation to this is if it is raining when the students are to sit under the 4/5/6 building.

After school, please exit the school grounds promptly using the front gate. No students should be using the playground equipment after school. Again, this is for safety reasons.

Bus students are to gather on the verandah of the multi-purpose building and wait for the teacher on duty to walk them to the buses.

## Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton

This QBR event occurs on the last day of Term 1. As it is an historic event for the Lockyer Valley, Grantham State School will be there represented by our Year 6 cohort!

The Year 6 students will be participating in the community parade at the showgrounds at 12:40 and will return to school after the event.

## Community Celebration Event – 12:00pm to 6:30pm at Gatton Showgrounds

As we would not be able to provide adequate supervision at the showgrounds, families wishing to attend prior to 3pm in order to watch the Baton Relay as it passes through town and/or be part of the Community Celebration Event, will need to pick up their students from the office on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. If students are not attending school on this day, a phone call or note from a parent/guardian is necessary to explain student absences.

### How an extra 10 minutes reading a day can make a difference!

It just may be that reading achievement is **less about ability** than it is about the **opportunity to read**” (Samuels and Farstrup 2011, 155)

A study by Anderson, Wilson and Fielding (1988) which looked at middle class fifth grade students and the amount of time they spend reading every day showed that by increasing the time students spend reading each day by just 10 minutes, the increase of exposure to words would improve dramatically, especially for those students who read very little.

| If I read this many minutes a day | Then I would read this many words per year | If I read just 10 minutes more per day | Then I would read this many words per year | This would be an increase of |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| 65                                | 4 358 000                                  | 75                                     | 5 028 462                                  | 15%                          |
| 4.6                               | 282 000                                    | 14.6                                   | 895 043                                    | 217%                         |
| 0.7                               | 21 000                                     | 10.7                                   | 321 000                                    | 1429%                        |

## Sports for Schools

In the lead up to the launch of Sports for Schools, we were given the opportunity to win some great prizes for our school by being entered into the draw by simply registering for sports for schools.

By registering before February 14th, 6000 schools went in the draw to win merchandise signed by Usain Bolt and Sally Person valued at over \$2000 dollars!

Results are in and we are excited to announce that Grantham State school won this prize.



## QAS4Schools

On Tuesday, 27th March, at 9:00am, we will be holding a Special Parade for Ryan Tyack, Commonwealth Games Athlete. The visit has been facilitated by Queensland Academy of Sport and Ryan will be covering the following topics in his presentation.

1. Healthy eating and lifestyle habits
2. Benefits of physical activity
3. Building excitement and anticipation for the upcoming #GC2018 Commonwealth Games

Please see the attached biography for more information about Ryan's achievements. Thank you to the Queensland Academy of Sport for organising this amazing opportunity to meet such a great athlete.

All Parents are welcome to come along.



| <u>2018</u>  | <u>Important Dates</u>                       |
|--------------|--|
|              |  |
| <u>March</u> |  |
| 26/03        | P & C Meeting                                |
| 27/03        | QAS visit - Ryan Tyack<br>(Archery) 9-9:45am |
| 27/03        | Market Stall 8:30 -8:50                      |
| 28/03        | Behaviour Reward<br>Celebration              |
| 29/03        | Queens Baton Relay<br>Last Day of Term 1     |
| 30/03        | Good Friday – Easter                         |
| <u>April</u> |  |
| 16/4         | Student Free Day                             |
| 17/4         | School Resumes for<br>Term 2                 |
| 20/4         | Pie Drive orders to be<br>returned           |

## Head Lice

Head lice is an ongoing issue at school. To help eradicate this problem, it is important that ALL parents check their children's hair regularly, treat hair if lice are found and remove all eggs from hair prior to children returning to school. Please take the time tonight to check your children's hair.

### Reminders-

- All swimming monies needs to be paid by Wednesday 28th March.
- School Banking is every Monday.



**P and C Meeting tonight  
the 26th March at 7pm.**

### Library Books and Home Readers

Please return all library books and home readers by Wednesday the 28th March.



## GRIP WEEKLY AWARDS - 16/03/18

### P-1 CLASS

REILLY - For using the 'High Five' strategy.

JEMMA - For actively listening and making contributions during group sessions.

MALACHY - For listening actively and following instructions.

JEREMY - For a wonderful Mr Men presentation.

LAILAH - For improving her sentence writing by writing a 5 star sentence.

KAYDEN - For using the 'High Five' strategy.

CLAYTON - For his insightful contributions during reading groups.

### YEAR 2/3 CLASS

SIENNA - For always participating in Maths.

GRACIE - For always giving everything a go when instructed.

### 4/5/6 CLASS

STEVEN & ZAC - For improving their hand writing speed.

SKYLA - For trying her best for all tasks.

RILEY - For making great choices in class.

ROSE - For making great choices in all her tasks. Well done!

CASCADE & NIC - For maintaining a positive attitude towards learning.

## GRIP WEEKLY AWARDS - 23/03/18

### P-1 CLASS

SCARLET - For her reading and sight word efforts.

MALACHY - For following school routines independently.

JEMMA - For having a go and taking risks within tasks.

SAMUEL - For being helpful within the classroom.

CLAYTON - For making improvements when solving addition problems.

SAM - For improving his reading.

CHARLOTTE - For learning from her mistakes to solve addition problems in Maths.

### YEAR 2/3 CLASS

LEROY, LEELA, HAYLEY & AURORA - For being respectful and responsible learners.

### 4/5/6 CLASS

GEORGE & RILEY - For being Mathematical problem solvers

SHEYANNE & TIFFANY - For working hard and being on task.



# The Animal With-in



In Art, we have explored artists' use of animal representations and relationship to environment as inspiration for a sculptural artwork. We chose an animal that represents some of our personal traits. Using clay, we made two pinch pots. Then we packed them with newspaper and joined them together to make the body of our animal. We shaped the body and added features like eyes, ears and tails. We also added textures. Our next step is to fire our sculptures in a kiln and then decorate them with paint.





# Grantham Playgroup

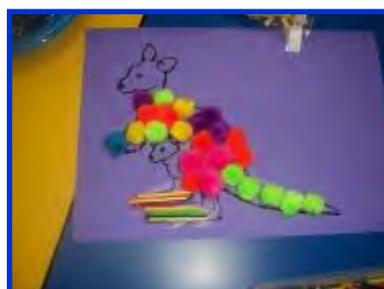
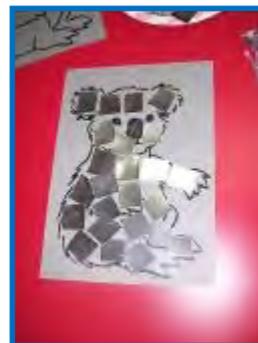
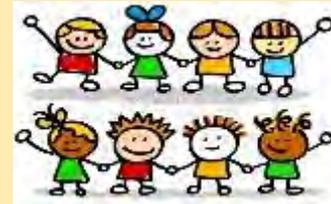


Over the past couple of weeks we have looked at Australian Animals. The children have done a great job at collaging the animals.

We also made fruit salad and tried all the different fruits. Yummy! Yummy! Fruit Salad.

This week is our last playgroup for Term 1 and we will be having a shared morning tea. We look forward to seeing you all back after the holidays - 18th April from 9:00-10:30am. Please remember that week 2, term 2, is a Public Holiday so playgroup will not run on Wednesday the 25th April.

The Grantham playgroup runs every Wednesday morning from 9 – 10:30 am. We meet in the multi – purpose room here at the school. All children aged between 0-5 years are welcome to come along with their parents, grandparents, care givers or guardians. Come join us and enjoy a coffee or tea and have a chat!!!



# TERM 1 CLASSROOM NEWS

## Prep/1

This term in Prep/1 the students have been focusing on their letter recognition, letter sounds and blends. In English we have read familiar stories and explored the characters in stories to talk about or write a character description of our favourite characters. We continued to improve our reading efforts with our daily 5 reading and writing activities. Within Maths this term, Year 1 have been counting to and from 100, understanding teen numbers, number sequences, classifying outcomes, representing and solving addition and subtraction problems. Prep have been focusing on number recognition, counting collections and quantities, subitising our numbers, patterning and sorting of groups of collections and counting to and from 20. We have also been learning days of the week and months of the year.

In History we explored our family history and how families are all different. We learnt about our changing lives and shared memories of our past with our peers when creating our 'Memory Blankets'. We discovered the living world in Science and learnt about the needs of living things (plant and animal), grew seeds, observed living things in their habitats (including a possum at school) and looked at their lifecycles. Preps have created a pets home with all its needs and Year 1 created an animals healthy habitat diorama. Every Thursday we went on our swimming adventure and improved our swimming efforts. Overall this term has been a busy and eventful one and we will end it with a special reward for all our hard work and attendance with our 'Mr Squiggle' fun afternoon.

## 2/3 CLASS

This term the 2/3 class has explored how a narrative is written by reading examples, and writing their own narrative. Students have enjoyed participating in NRL lessons where they have learnt and practiced the different skills required for the game. The 2/3 class has also discovered different art concepts, such as line, colour and shape, while looking at artworks by Australian artists. They have applied these concepts to create their own artworks to display in the classroom.

## 4/5/6T CLASS

### Market Stall

During Term One HASS studies, Years 4/5/6 Terabytes learned about consumer decision making in Australian society. We investigated issues around needs, wants, goods, services, resources, methods of making a purchase and important influences on consumer choices.

We are holding a market stall to finish our unit of work. We will be selling cakes, biscuits, drinks, books, hugs, high-fives and so much more. Please come along with your spare change and buy our goods and services. Prices range from 20 cents to \$2.00.

#### Details

Time: 8.30 am- 8.50 am

Date: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Location: Under Administration Building



# NRL CARNIVAL



Over the past few weeks, representatives from the NRL visited Grantham State School to run football sessions. The students learned lots of skills by doing drills and playing games of touch football. Years 4/5/6 students were offered the opportunity to play tackle football against other local schools in a 6 per side boys or girls team. The games were held at Gatton Hawks Football Club after school last Wednesday. All participants enjoyed the challenge of playing against other schools.





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# School Watch

**YOU CAN HELP!**  
Your Eyes and Ears are Our Security

**• LOOK • LISTEN • REPORT**

## Phone 13 17 88

## Education Queensland

Visitors must report to the school office.  
After hours use of school grounds/facilities  
requires prior approval from the school office.

**Warning:** unauthorised entry may lead  
to prosecution.



### Absence Note : Grantham State School

My child \_\_\_\_\_ will be away on \_\_\_\_\_

Reason : \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_