



# Grantham State School

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to Mrs Tynan and Mrs Ostrofski for their organisation and running of the Mother's Day Stall. Funds raised from the stall support our Year 6 Project Club. Thank you to all of the school community members who supported our stall by making a purchase.



### Make Every Day Count

We have many events on throughout the remainder of the term, but our No. 1 priority is the consistent improvement of every child in their learning. The research is clear, regular school attendance means your child will have a better chance in life. Our school target is 95% and our current attendance rate is 92.9%. Currently 51 of our 90 students are meeting our school attendance target of 95% or higher. Thank you to those parents and carers who support their children's education by ensuring regular school attendance. If you would like to know your child's attendance rate, please talk to your child's class teacher, or contact our admin staff.

### The Importance of Healthy Eating on Student Learning



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It makes sense that students learn better when they eat a healthy, well-balanced diet. According to dietitians, research shows that healthy eating is linked to higher grades, better memory, more alertness, faster information processing and improved health leading to better school attendance. The first healthy meal of the day is breakfast, however, you can support your children's ability to maintain focussed learning during the day by packing a nutritious healthy lunch that has fresh food and limits highly processed food. Did you know that fruit juice is listed as a sometimes food on the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating?

## Playgroup

Playgroup meets every Wednesday morning in the multi-purpose room from 9-11:00am. Come along and enjoy the morning and have a chat with other parents. Tea and coffee provided.

Last week we celebrated Mother's Day and the children made lovely gifts for their Mum's.



## IMPORTANT DATES

May	
14/05	Naplan
15/05	Naplan
16/05	Naplan
17/05	Crazy Sock Day
24/05	P-3 Olden Days Excursion
28/05	Caffey Athletics
29/05	Caffey Athletics
June	
07/06	Zone Athletics

### Crazy Sock Day

Friday 17th May.

Information on the back of the Newsletter.

## Naplan Testing

On Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

More information is available on the [NAP website \(http://www.nap.edu.au/\)](http://www.nap.edu.au/).

If you have any concerns, please contact Grantham State School.

## CHAPPY'S CHATTER

Welcome to week 4. I hope everyone enjoyed their weekend, particularly Mother's Day. It's a great time to reflect and celebrate all that our mums do for us.

Project Club has kicked off again and many thanks to Sarah Karrasch for sharing her skills in leatherwork with the 12 students in attendance. It's great to see an old hobby being taken up by the next generation.

Thanks to Simon, the school groundsman for assisting me in preparing the soil at the front of the school. Last Thursday some students assisted me in planting Viola's and also some vegies into the beds on the fringe of the playground.. If anyone is willing to donate some tall snapdragons (mixed colours) or Violas (mixed colours) that would be great.

I am hoping to enter the school in the Lockyer Valley garden competition for Spring. I look forward to seeing a bright display in September.

Until next time, take care.

Chappy Matt

## GRIP WEEKLY AWARDS

02/05/19

### P-1 CLASS

SOPHERA – For consistently following instructions.

ISABELLE – For displaying good work ethics

JEMMA – For improving her letter sound knowledge.

### YEAR 2/3 CLASS

CLAYTON, LACHLAN, TAMARA – For attending the ANZAC march in Gatton.

### LEELA, SOPHIE,

LAYLA – For showing respect for soldiers past and present by marching in Anzac Day ceremonies at Gatton.

### 4/5 CLASS

JADE – For a ‘never give up’ attitude during the Cross Country race & for being an attentive learner in Maths.

HAYLEY, HALEY & MEMPHIS – For active participation in class discussions.

LILLIAN – For being an enthusiastic and engaged learner.

TALITHA – For being an attentive learner in Maths.

CASCADE – For always having a positive attitude.

### 5/6 CLASS

WILLIAM – For a ‘never give up’ attitude during the Cross Country race.

10/05/19

### P-1 CLASS

INDY – For engaging in group discussions.

ISABELLE – For improving her handwriting and pencil grip.

ISAAC – For his improved handwriting efforts.

RILEY – For taking pride in his work.

BONNIE-GRACE – For her neat work.

### YEAR 2/3 CLASS

CLAYTON, JAZMIN AND CLARE – For successfully completing their Little Red Riding Hood character comparison.

TAMARA – For working quietly and independently during writing time.

CAMERON – For successfully completing his Red Riding Hood character comparison and for improvement in his ability to write independently.

LEELA AND REGINA – For amazing work in Technology!

### 4/5 CLASS

THOR – For an improvement for being an active learner.

LILLIAN – For an awesome effort in Maths.

ISABELL – For good independent work in Maths.

WADE – For a willingness to engage in thinking creatively.

ANNIKA – For being an engaged learner and working respectfully and quietly during group work.

RUBY – For an excellent effort in presenting work neatly and for a great improvement in persuasive writing.

CODY – For demonstrating a good understanding of problem solving in Maths.

### 5/6 CLASS

MADISON, CRISTYN AND LOCKIE – For demonstrating appropriate strategies when reading for fluency.

## WEEKLY BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

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Accept Responsibility for your Actions.

### P & C News

The P & C are holding a bake stall on Election Day, this Saturday 18th May. We are asking for helpers to man the stall and provide baked goods to sell. Please contact the school if you are able to offer assistance.

### ABSENCES

If your child is away from School for any reason, it would be appreciated if you give the school office a call before 9:30am to advise of the absence.

Parents please remember, you will need to sign your child/children out at the office if they arrive after 9am or you need to collect them before 3pm.

### SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is every Monday. If you wish to find out more information, please visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the youthsaver account or visit your closest Commonwealth Bank branch to open an account.



# Grantham State School Trivia Night

Roll up, roll up to our **special** community event!  
Get a team together and come on down to the

**Grantham Butter Factory**

**Victor St Grantham**

for our local school's P&C Fundraiser

**Saturday, May 25th at 6pm**

Adults - \$10

High School Students - \$5

Primary School Students - Free

Minimum number of team members 6 (excluding children)

Teams need to be registered by 22nd May

**Phone 5466 1259**

Most original team name wins a prize

Individuals welcome to register

10 rounds of 10 questions as well as children's trivia questions

BYO food and soft drinks

Enquiries regarding the event phone **Libby Brain 0409 622 801**



## Crazy Sock Day Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May



Please bring an item for our  
Trivia Night multi-draw raffle.

*Some suggestions:*

*non-perishable food, homewares, toys,  
stationary, books, or a \$5 donation*



Absence Note : Grantham State School

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

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_