Grandchester State School

THE GRAND REVIEW

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy start to Term 3 with plenty happening in the first 3 weeks.

Our 3-6 class had the wonderful opportunity to see the Faith students perform their musical, "Back to the 80's", last Wednesday at the Gatton Shire Hall. It was a great performance which our students (and staff) enjoyed.

In correlation with the 150th anniversary of the first train journey in Queensland, from Ipswich to Grandchester, representatives from Queensland Rail visited our school. They spoke to the students about train safety and some of the history of the railway in Grandchester. As well as this they presented the school with some gifts to commemorate the occasion.

Last Sunday of course was the Steamfest here at Grandchester. Our students did a fantastic job with their performance on the day, with plenty of comments from the public about how well they performed. A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers who gave up their time to organise, donate, and work on the P&C stall and the car parking for the day. It was a great fundraiser for the school with a combined total of over $1600 raised on the day. This is a fantastic result which will be a great benefit to all students. Thank you again to all those involved, your support for our school is VERY much appreciated!

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Behaviour Focus

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Week 4 – Best Effort - Everyday on time ready to learn!

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**Remember to keep collecting your stickers from Woolies and hand them into the school office!**
The more stickers we get, the better the rewards we can collect for our school.

*More Sticker Cards are available at the office when you need them.*
**School Opinion Survey**

This is your last chance to complete the school opinion survey. I strongly encourage everyone to take the time to complete this survey as it is a chance for you to have a say about your child’s school. The survey is online the web address and logon code is provided with the form given out last newsletter. The survey **closes this Friday**. Please contact us if you have any questions about the survey.

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**Prep – Year 2 Class**

You would be forgiven for thinking that you were visiting Underwater World if you step into the Prep-Two classroom this term. We are learning to compare and contrast narrative texts (fiction) and informative texts (non-fiction) and have decided to use books with an underwater theme. After reading The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister and Finding Nemo, we are now reading and writing about the real animals and fish in these books. We are looking forward to firing up the computers next week and learning how to use PowerPoint to make projects about these animals. In the meantime, we swim around our room surrounded by stinging jellyfish, deadly sharks and colourful fish. Please feel free to pop in for a look as the children enjoy sharing their work.

*Mrs Highfield*
COMMUNITY NOTICES:

LOWOOD SOFTBALL CLUB

2015/16 SEASON SIGN-ON

SIGN-ON DAYS:
Thursday 6th & 13th August 4pm—5pm. Lowood Primary School Oval.
Saturday 8th August 9am—12pm—Lowood Supa IGA

AGES 4 & UP

We are a Get Started Club.
If eligible please bring voucher to sign on.

Season Commences:
October 2015—March 2016

For More Information please contact:
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Secretary: Tracy Dufficy 0438 711 604

Q: What has one head, one foot and four legs?
A: A Bed!

Q: What is the difference between a school teacher and a train?
A: The teacher says spit your gum out, and the train says “chew chew chew”!

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL:
Our School Office is staffed Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 8:00am–4:00pm. At other times, phone calls will go to message bank. Please leave a message if you have an urgent request and we will check the message bank during break times.