From the Principal
Welcome to the new families in 2014 and welcome back to the families from 2013. 2014 is shaping up to be another busy and exciting year here at Grandchester State School.
We have certainly hit the ground running in the first few days back. It has been fantastic to see everyone back and refreshed after the holidays.
Our families who were with us last year will notice that we have made some amendments to our Responsible Behaviour Plan.
Our focus is to encourage our students to strive for exceptional behaviour. A note went home the first day back this week from your child’s teacher outlining the behaviour plan and the meaning for each level. Please contact the school if you would like more information regarding our Responsible Behaviour Plan.

Parent / Teacher Night and P&C AGM
We will be holding a Parent / Teacher evening on February 18th beginning at 5:00pm. This will be a chance for us to welcome new and existing parents back to the school, and an opportunity for parents to visit their child’s classroom and discuss class routines and expectations with their teacher. There will be a sausage sizzle in the afternoon, which will be followed by the P&C AGM at 6:00pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

Contacting the school
Mrs Cox our Administration Officer will be in the office Wednesdays & Thursdays from 8:00am – 4:00pm each week. As we are a small school it is not possible to have someone answering the phone during school hours on the days Mrs Cox is not in the office. If you do need to contact the school during this time please leave a message and we will check the message bank during break times.

School Driveway Access
Just a reminder to all parents that the school driveway is only to be accessed by staff and trucks delivering to the school. Please help us to ensure your children stay safe by leaving all vehicles at the school gate.

Parade
Parade will be held Fridays from 12:30pm. Parents are encouraged to attend if they are able to. During parade we will announce ‘Students of the Week’ and other achievement awards. We are also continuing with our Caltex ‘Star of the Week’ award, any student who completes all their homework goes into the draw to win a lunch box and 4 items to fit in the lunch box from any Caltex Star!

Uniforms
This year we are continuing our commitment to school uniforms at Grandchester State School. 
Please ensure that your child is in uniform. If that is not possible, please write a note for your classroom teacher. Second hand uniforms are also available at the office.

Medical Action Plans
Just a reminder if your child suffers from a medical condition that requires emergent action, the school needs an up-to-date medical action plan. Please see your GP to provide one for your child if they require it. It is important that the school has ready access to this.

School Website and App
New parents please be aware that the school website address is https://grandchess.eq.edu.au for any information you might need about the school, and there is a smart phone app that is designed to integrate with our website. QSchools is available for free download from the iTunes App store, Google Play and the Windows Store. Current functionality of QSchools allows for state-wide emergency alerts and informational announcements which are centrally managed to be viewed in the app via the Alerts section and also sent to the device as a push notification. Future development of the app will include the ability to create school specific announcements and supporting push notifications. School holidays and term dates published by the Department will automatically display in the app.
"Download now, set Grandchester State School as your favourite, and keep up to date with school newsletters, notices and news!!"
From Mrs Highfield

It has been a smooth start to the year in the Prep-Three classroom with the only tears and tantrums coming from the teachers. Our classroom has been decorated to look like an underwater world. As the year goes on there will be many changing displays of children's work. Please feel free to visit and have a look at your child's work. We are also looking for any parents and friends who are interested in coming in to the classroom and listening to sight words. This can be done before school or during school time. It's a great way to meet your child's friends and become part of the classroom.

From the Chaplain

Hi, my name is Tim. I am the Chaplain for Grandchester State School and Lowood State School. I started at Grandchester partway through last year and am happy to be here at Grandchester for 2014. I am married with two girls aged 2 and 4 years with another on the way.

School Chaplaincy is to provide a safe support for young people with no prejudice, bias or judgement. I value honesty and integrity and will be supporting students to become independently skilled socially and emotionally. Facing issues like; social inclusion, people problem solving skills, peer pressure, low self-esteem and other life issues and struggles. I hope to run positive fun activities throughout the school year and support students’ safe exploration of their own individual development and beliefs. I will be implementing a program called "You Can Do It!" that will help children achieve socially and emotionally. For more information on this program go to www.youcandoit.com.au.

I am also here to support staff and student families, so let me know if there is anything I can help with.

I will be at Grandchester Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you would like to contact me call the office to make an appointment or email me at timo@chappy.org.au

I like great quotes so here is one to think about: “Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower.” - Steve Jobs.

Dates to remember:

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Don't forget the dates!
**COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

2014 LOCKYER 12 YEARS AND UNDER BOYS CRICKET TRIALS

**BOYS BORN 2002 & Later**

**DATE / TIME**

Cricket trials for the **Lockyer** team will be held on **Thursday 6th February from 3:45pm – 5:00pm.**

**VENUE**

The Lockyer Trial will be held at **Laidley District State School.** A squad of 12 boys will be selected to represent Lockyer Districts.

**AGE & CRICKET ABILITY**

Boys attending the trials should have game experience, preferably **club level experience.** The principal, in consultation with the physical education teacher, may also encourage those **boys who show exceptional natural ability.** This is at the principal’s discretion.

**WHAT TO BRING**

1. **N.B.** Boys need to have a **COMPLETED Principal Permission Form** and **Student Medical Form** ready to hand in at the Trials. Students should also have a completed **Project Consent Form** (which should be held back at your school) **NO FORMS = NO TRIALS!**
2. Boys should have their own cricket equipment and safety gear (including pads, gloves, helmet box)

**MET WEST TRIALS**

Boys who are successful in being selected need to be available for the **MET WEST TRIALS ON WEDNESDAY 19 & THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2014.** A cost of $20 will also be involved to cover trial expenses.

**BOYS SELECTOR / COACH**

Matthew Grassick *(Fernvale State School)*
David Raine *(Fernvale State School)*
Andrew Hooper *(Laidley District State School)*

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**Laidley Netball Sign-Ons**

The Junior Netball season starts in February 2014!

Sign on days are **Thursday 30th January 2014 and Thursday 6th February from 4.30pm to 6pm** at the **Laidley Netball Courts.** All ages from 5 to 17 are welcome to come along and join the club.

The fees for 2014 are:

Nettas: $70 plus team shirt fee
Juniors: $80 plus team shirt fee

*The team shirt fee is refundable at the end of the season provided the shirt is returned clean and in good condition.*