From the Principal

Our school leaders head off to the Brisbane Convention Centre this coming Monday for the Young Leaders Conference. This is a great opportunity for our young people to hear from some truly inspirational speakers as well as meet other students from around the state.

Thank you to all the families that attended our welcome BBQ last Tuesday. The children were very excited to show the Mum's and Dad's their classroom and the work they have been doing. We encourage parents and carers to come up and have a look at the work your child(ren) are doing in class throughout the year. However, if there are any matters you would like to discuss regarding your child(ren). We recommend making an appointment to sit down with your child's teacher. As you would appreciate the mornings can be a busy time and talking to you regarding your child(ren)'s progress is important.

School Uniforms

School uniform items are available from the P&C at the school.

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Shoes are to be fully enclosed predominantly black joggers with predominantly white socks.

Please note that bike pants are not part of our school uniform due to hygiene reasons particularly in the summer months and should not be worn to school. Please note there are some second hand uniforms available for sale. Please contact the school for prices and available sizes.

10 iPads Giveaway Competition!!

The QT Times are running a competition for families to collect tokens from the newspaper – one every issue from 22/2/14 through until 31/3/14. Bring them into school for us to enter the competition to win 10 iPads for our school 😊.

So please ask your families, friends, & local businesses to collect for you and send them into the school by 31st March for us to enter!

*The winner will be the participating school with the most number of tokens as a proportion of the number of enrolled students.

Active After School

This term’s tennis program is up and running. It’s been great to see the children participating in this fantastic program. Please remember that activities finish at 3:45pm and children need to be collected at or by this time.

Year 6-7 transition to high school information night

Rosewood State High School are holding an information night for parents regarding the year 7 transition to high school. This is being held on the 12th March 6:00pm-7:30pm. In the small theatre in N block. There will be supervised activities for children while parents and in the meeting. Could you please let us know by the 5th of March if you will be attending this session.
**Tuckshop**
Thank you to Tracey Breuer who has again taken on the role of running the tuckshop this year. Order forms went home on Wednesday for next week's tuckshop. Please ensure all orders are in on time for ordering purposes. If anyone is able to help out on the day please see Tracey or let the school know.

**Caltex Star of the Week**
Congratulations to Darius Palzin and Hannah Hartshorn for being our Caltex Stars of the Week for the past fortnight. Our winners can claim their prize from any Star Mart shop. Remember to have all of your homework completed to go in the draw each week.

**Students of the Week:**
Congratulations to the following students:

- For the Week Ending 14/02/2014
  - Prep -3  Gracie Regan
  - Yr 4-7  Joe Meier

- Week Ending 21/02/2014
  - Prep -3  Danica Luccianno
  - Yr 4-7  Diezel Chambers

**Dates to remember:**

- 3 March  Year 6-7’s National Young Leaders Day
- 4 April  Inter-House Cross Country
- 4 April  Last Day Term 1
- 22 April  First Day Term 2

**Jokes of the Week**

Q: Why did the poor dog chase his own tail?
A: He was trying to make both ends meet!

Q: Why don’t dogs make good dancers?
A: Because they have two left feet!
What’s Mrs de Mey been up to?

Firstly, I would like to welcome everyone back and say how glad I am to be working at Grandchester in 2014. My role has changed this year as I will be teaching art and music.

**Music**

The Prep – 3 class (Mrs Highfield’s) will be participating in music lessons on a Friday afternoon. During this time the prep-one students will be learning all about beat, rhythm and various musical instruments. The two – three class will also be involved and participate in beat and rhythm activities. However, they will be also learning how to read music and play the recorder. The children have been really excited about learning the recorder and are able to identify and play a, b and g on the recorder already. The school has supplied each child with a recorder but these must stay at school. I am sorry, but if your child would like to practice at home you will need to supply them with their own recorder.

![Image of students playing recorders](image1.jpg)

**Art**

On a Friday the year 4-7 class (Mr de Mey’s) will be exploring and experimenting with different styles, colours and textures through a range of art techniques. So far we have looked at the colour wheel, tints and tones as well as a favourite by all 3d painting using shaving cream! At the end of the year the children will be able to take home an art folio with all their master pieces in it. If you have an old shirt laying around it would be great if you could send it in and I will store it at school. We all know how messy art activities can be!!

![Image of student painting](image2.jpg)