From the Principal
Congratulations to our school leaders who participated in the National Young Leaders Day conference at the Brisbane Convention Centre last Monday. They had the opportunity to hear some inspiring stories from some amazing speakers. Our students’ behaviour at the conference was excellent and they represented Grandchester proudly, well done! **You can read their impressions from the day below.

P&C AGM
Our P&C AGM will be held next Tuesday 18th March at 3:00pm. We will be voting in Office Bearers for 2014 at this meeting. A big thankyou to the P&C for the wonderful work they have done and the funds they raised throughout 2013. All of their work is voluntary and all of the funds raised go back into the school to buy resources for our students.

The P&C is a great opportunity to participate in your school community. I look forward to seeing you there.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day, on 21st March, is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

As part of our Harmony Day project the students have been slowly transforming the Administration wall in front of the undercover area to represent how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. Watch this space to see how it will turn out…

Caltex Star of the Week
Congratulations to Diezel Chambers and Phillip Manser 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 28/02/2014
Prep -3 Maxine Woodhams
Yr 4-7 Brenden Breuer

Week Ending 7/03/2014
Prep -3 Blake Hobden
Yr 4-7 Phillip Manser

Dates to remember:
21 March Harmony Day
4 April Inter-House Cross Country
4 April Last Day Term 1
22 April First Day Term 2

Jokes of the Week
Q: Doctor, Doctor I’ve got wind! Can you give me something?
A: Yes – here’s a kite!

Q: Doctor, Doctor will this ointment clear up my spots?
A: I never make rash promises.
Chaplain’s corner:

Thank you for your patience over the last few weeks while I have been absent. I now have three girls at home aged 4, 2 and now another only 3 weeks old.

One of the great benefits of our time is the availability and speed of our access to information. I love to come across articles and information that helps people develop especially in the mind. Recently I found an article entitled “20 Things that Mentally Strong People Don’t Do.” Perhaps some of these you may already know, but it is helpful to have a reminder of such things from time to time. So here is a list of the points that you should not do, but feel free to use the link below to see the full article.

Dwell on the past; Remaining in their comfort zone; Not listening to the opinions of others; Avoiding Change; Keeping a closed mind; Letting others make decisions for them; Getting jealous of the success of others; Thinking about the high possibility of failure; Feeling sorry for themselves; Focusing on their weaknesses; Trying to please people; Blaming themselves for things outside their control; Being impatient; Being misunderstood; Feeling like you owed; Repeating mistakes; Giving into fears; Acting without calculating; Refusing help from others; and Throwing in the towel.

Let’s try to be positive people who do not think negatively, for our own success and to positively influence the success of our children as well. *For full article visit: http://elitedaily.com/life/motivation/20-things-that-mentally-strong-people-dont-do*

- Tim Ormiston, School Chaplain