**From the Principal**

Welcome back to another exciting term at Grandchester State School. By the sounds of things everyone had an enjoyable Easter break. This term is a busy one with a lot of events planned, starting off this week with the Yr 4-7’s traveling to ANZAC Square on Wednesday to participate in the ANZAC Ceremony with thousands of other students from across the state. Thursday we have our school ANZAC Ceremony at 10:00 with representatives from Rosewood and Laidley RSL’s visiting to speak to the kids about ANZAC Day. Some of our students are also traveling to Blenheim to participate in the Laidley Valley Cross Country Trials. Friday our students are invited to participate in the dawn service at Bigges Park. Students who are participating are asked to wear their school uniform.

**P&C**

Thank you to everyone who donated a prize and sold or bought tickets in our Easter raffle last term. Thank you also to our P&C for organizing the prizes and coordinating the raffle, it was very successful with well over $500 being raised. Our P&C AGM will be held Tuesday 6th May at 3:00pm. We will be voting in office bearers for 2014 at this meeting. Unfortunately we had to postpone our AGM last term due to external circumstances, however I’d encourage anyone who is able to attend to do so as it is a great opportunity to participate in your school community. I look forward to seeing you there.

**Cross Country**

Congratulations to all of our participants in last term’s Cross Country. I was impressed with the sportsmanship shown by both teams on the day. Well done to both Cunningham and Oxley for such a great effort.

**Gold Award Recipients**

Congratulations to those students who received a Gold Award last term. As a reward for their exceptional behaviour those students were treated to a day at the cinemas and then had lunch at McDonalds. There were 8 students who participated in the day. We look forward to more students being treated this term. **see photo over page**

**School Photos**

Our school photo day has been changed to Wednesday 7th May. Photo envelopes have been included with this newsletter. EACH STUDENT needs their own envelope filled out and returned BEFORE photo day. Payments must be received with the order - cash in envelope/credit card details/cheque (*please make sure cheques are made out to Whitehead Studios and note the $1.50 surcharge).

**School Fees**

Term 2 Instalment Fees of $60 are due by Week 3. Please finalise any overdue Term 1 payments.
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Dates to Remember:

24 April    School ANZAC Day Ceremony
24 April    Laidley Valley District Cross Country trials
25 April    ANZAC Day Holiday
6 May       P&C AGM  3pm
7 May       School Photos
13 May      NAPLAN week
16 May      Ipswich Show Holiday
6 June      Inter house Sports Carnival
9 June      Queens Birthday holiday
13 June     Skills For Schools fun day
20 June     Small Schools Sports Carnival
27 June     Last day Term 2
14 July     1st day Term 3