From the Principal

It’s hard to believe we are already half way through the term. Last Friday we had our “Jump Rope for Heart” – Jump off! Our students had a great time while raising money for a worthy cause. Congratulations to all of our students who showed some awesome tricks with their skipping ropes. Well done to Kadel who was voted the overall winner of the Jump Off. We also had a visit from the NED (Never give up – Encourage others – Do your best) Show last week. They had the students enthralled with their yoyo tricks and performance! This has certainly rubbed off as we have seen our students practising their yoyo tricks at lunch time.

P&C

Last week the school took delivery of 5 new Dell personal computers. Three of which were purchased by our P&C. These computers now take the total of our IT asset replacement to a total of 7 new computers this year. Thank you to the parents and staff who help out and volunteer their time to raise funds which directly benefit the education of all our children at Grandchester. These new computers are a great addition to our school and will be a greatly used resource over the coming years. Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th August at 2:45pm.

Camp

We have had a great response with our camp this year. A letter will be going home next week with details of camp including activities, total price and timelines for payment. The school will be running the ever popular chocolate drive to raise funds for the bus to and from camp. Please be aware as per school policy, student resource scheme fees need to be paid before students can participate in school excursions.

Book Fair

Next week is our Book Fair, the theme this year is – “Book Fair Garden …Catch the Reading Bug”. The book display will be set up in the BER shed and will be open from 2:30 – 3:00pm Monday – Thursday. We will be running some competitions in conjunction with Book Fair during the week (including Who Read’s Where?), and there will also be a free dress day on Friday where students can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. (**please note cash sales only at Book Fair)

Staffing

Mrs Kickbush will be away for the next two weeks and Mrs Hulett will be taking leave from the beginning of September until the end of term. Mrs Cox will be filling in for both ladies while they are away.

Ball Games

Ball Games practice has begun this week. Thanks to Chelsey for helping out in the mornings with the practice. Practice will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:00am. The Ball Games Carnival will be held on 5th September this year at Thornton State School. Parents will need to organise transport for their child(ren) to and from the carnival. The carnival is a great day enjoyed by all.

*A Tuckshop Order form is attached to this newsletter for the Ball Games Carnival – please ensure it is returned to the school office with payment by Tuesday 26th August for time to be collated and sent onto the Thornton P&C.
Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students:

Gold Award Recipients:
Prep - 3 Dakota Liesegang, Jacks Woodhams

Student of the Week:
Yr 4-7 Ethan Bishop – For putting 100% effort in all activities

Dates to remember:
18-21.08.14 – Book Fair in BER Shed
22.08.14 - Book Character Dress Up Day
26.08.14 – P&C General Meeting
05.09.14 – Ball Games at Thornton SS
10.09.14 – ASSC Touch Footy Excursion
11.09.14 – Sleep Over & Planetarium Visit
16.09.14 – Rewards Day
18.09.14 – Lockyer Valley Circus Arts Visit
19.09.14 – Last day Term 4

Q: What happens if you eat yeast and shoe polish?
A: Every morning you’ll rise and shine!

Q: What’s the difference between a guitar and a fish?
A: You can’t tuna fish!

Community Notices:
(and more attached to the back of the newsletter…)

Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder in Children and Youth

Does your child worry excessively about certain things? Does your child engage in senseless and time-consuming habits, routines or rituals?

Does your child constantly seek reassurance from you?

Your child may be experiencing Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and Griffith University can help.

A research team at Griffith University is offering an OCD assessment and treatment service for children aged 7 to 17 years.

After an initial assessment, eligible children will take part in the OCD BUSTERS Program. This program, held at Griffith University Gold Coast and Mt Gravatt campuses, aims to reduce levels of OCD symptoms in children and youth.

For further information call (07) 5678 8317
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