From the Principal

Last week our Book Fair was a huge success. It is great to see our students excited about reading and all the books that were on display. Books have the power to benefit children in a myriad of ways. A child's reading skills are important to their success in school and work. In addition to this reading, it is a fun and imaginative activity for children, which can open doors to all kinds of new worlds for them.

Last week also saw the Science Circus visit our school. They had many cool experiments and demonstrations for the students. It was a fun filled show full of interesting facts. Thank you to Rosewood SHS for putting on the show.

At Grandchester we are very fortunate to have fantastic students who endeavour to show respect, help others and make positive behavioural choices which benefit their learning as well as their peers. As a reward for students who continue to show these great behaviours, we have our Rewards Day at the end of each term. Beginning next week, we will also be introducing a ‘Gotcha’ reward for playground behaviour. Students who are ‘caught’ making good choices on the playground will receive a Gotcha ticket which will go into a draw. At the end of each week, several names will be drawn out and those students will receive a small prize on parade. This reward system is designed as a short, sharp, immediate reward to encourage good behaviour in the playground.

P&C
We have some exciting fundraising activities coming up in the next few weeks. Through a local council grant, David Pahlke has given the school $200 to assist with the clean up on the Sunday morning of the Rusty Acres Rodeo. A note will be going home for volunteers, with meeting times and what to bring.

The Hogs are coming! A letter went home last week regarding the school hosting the Harley riders that will be visiting our school on Sunday 21st September. This will be one of our largest fundraisers for the school and will help raise funds for upcoming projects. Parents are asked to donate food for a morning tea. We are expecting 80-100 bikes on the day. If you would like more information please contact the school.

Ball Games Carnival
Next Friday is our Small Schools Ball Games Carnival at Thornton State School. Our students have been eagerly training before school getting ready for the day. We will have some final training runs this coming week to fine tune our skills. A reminder parents are required to transport, or arrange transport, for their children to and from the event.

School Sleep Over and Planetarium Visit
The Planetarium Visit that was postponed last term has been rescheduled for Thursday 11th September. We have organized this to coincide with a school sleep over. There will be an information note and permission slip going home next week regarding this event.

Camp
Chocolates have arrived! A sticker has gone home in the diaries regarding our chocolate drive.

Camp forms went home last week to the families whose children are participating in camp. These forms need to be completed and returned to school by 12th September. Thank you to those families that have finalised payment for camp. Please remember final payment needs to be made by 10th October (*All school fees need to be paid before students can attend camp).
For students not attending camp, it will be school as usual. Mrs Highfield will be here running a combined class during that time.

**Active After School**
Our Year 5/6/7 students have been invited to participate in a Touch Football Carnival against other schools in the region. The carnival will be held at One Mile Football Grounds on 10th September, 2014. A note will be going home next week with more information about the day. Only two more weeks left of AASC. The last session this term will be 8th September.

**Caltex Star of the Week**
Congratulations to **Liam Regan** who received our Caltex award for having all of his homework completed and on time. Liam will be able to present his certificate at any Caltex Star Mart where he will receive a lunch box and will be able to choose up to 3 items from the shop to put in the lunch box.

**Students of the Week:**
Congratulations to our students of the week!

Prep-Yr 3  Liam Kovacev  
Jacyneta Early  
Dakota Liesegang  
Yr4-7  Kimmie Gardner  
Joshua Regan

**Dates to remember:**
- 05.09.14 – Ball Games at Thornton SS
- 10.09.14 – ASSC Touch Footy Carnival
- 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 gets wetter the more it dries?  
**A:** A towel!

**Q:** What did one pencil say to the other pencil?  
**A:** You’re looking sharp!

**Chaplain’s Corner…**
Grades 4-7 have started construction of their model rockets. They are very excited about launch day and we will send a note home so you know when it is and you can come and see the rockets launch at school.

**3 Ways to Encourage Kids to Misbehave**
I came across an interesting article that I would like to share with you. (link to the full article below) I will just summarise some of the main points.

1. Have no parenting game plan; much like a sporting team parents need to plan things for their kids to do, especially if they are young. A coach of a team without a plan is not likely to win the next game.
2. Inconsistency; children have very good memories. If a promise is given for good or for a punishment, they are likely to remember for a long time. Consistency is extremely important in discipline. If you don’t do what you promise they won’t respect you.
3. Power struggles; it has been said to pick your battles, same is true for parenting. Power struggles only increase bad behaviours, think "is this battle worth it."