Thursday, 11th September 2014

From the Principal
We have had another busy and exciting fortnight here at Grandchester State School. Last week we had our Small Schools Ball Games Carnival. All of our teams participated with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The end result was very close with Thornton taking out the overall competition. Congratulations to all the children who participated.

Yesterday our Year 5-7 and some of our Year 4 students participated in the Interschool Touch Football Carnival hosted by the Ipswich Falcons Touch Football Club. It was a fantastic day and all of our students once again represented our school community and themselves proudly.

There is a lot of excitement about our Planetarium Visit and school sleep over tonight. This is a fantastic opportunity for the students to reinforce what they have been learning in class as well as having some fun. Don’t forget to pack sleeping materials, pillow, pyjamas, toothbrush, hairbrush and for those students not going home in the morning for a shower, a clean change of school uniform and lunch for the next day.

School Attendance
Research shows that in Queensland higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

• they learn better
• they make friends
• they are happier
• they have a brighter future.

Each parent of a child who is of compulsory school age has the legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attends a state school or a non-state school, on every school day for the whole day of the educational program in which the child is enrolled, unless the parent has a reasonable excuse. Parents must let the school know why their child has been absent within two days of their return. It is the parent’s responsibility to provide the school with a reason as to why their child(ren) are unable to attend school or are arriving late or departing early. This can be done with a note in the diary, phone call or meeting with the teacher.

Remember when it comes to the education of your child(ren) Every Day Counts!

Missing 1 day of schooling each fortnight = missing more than a year of learning over 12 years.

Chaplaincy
We are in the process of updating our records and have noted that the Chaplaincy Student Participation consent forms need to be updated. In order for your child(ren) to continue to participate in the Chaplaincy Program we need the attached consent forms completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Rewards Day
At Grandchester we love to celebrate student achievements. Congratulations to the many students here who have displayed great and exceptional behaviour throughout the term. Next Tuesday those students who have achieved Gold level behaviour this term will be invited to participate in our rewards day. The students will travel to Laidley Golf Course where they will play some golf before going onto Mac Donald’s for lunch. This day is a celebration for those students who have displayed exceptional behaviour during the term.

The students who have achieved Silver level behaviour will be treated with a visit from the Lockyer Valley Circus Arts where they will be entertained by performers who will be at our school on Thursday 18th September, 2014.

Camp
Forms are due in tomorrow – if you haven’t handed them in yet please bring them in tomorrow!
Thank you to those families that have finalised payment for camp. Please remember final payment needs to be made by October 10th, 2014. For students not attending camp it will be school as usual. Mrs Highfield will be running a combined class during that time.
P&C
We have some exciting fundraising activities coming up. Through a local council grant David Pahlke has given the school $200 to assist with the clean up this Sunday morning at the Rusty Acres Rodeo. Information regarding this fundraiser went home during the week.
The Hogs are coming! 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.

Students of the Week
Congratulations to following students:
Prep-Yr 3 – Monica Hartshorn  
Yr 4 – 7 - Kadel Rawlings

Caltex Star of the Week
Congratulations to Brenden Breuer who received our Caltex award for having all of his homework completed and on time. Brenden 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.

Q:  What did Bacon say to Tomato?
A:  Lettuce get together!

Q:  Why did the picture go to jail?
A:  Because it was framed!

Dates to remember:
11.09.14 - Sleep over & Planetarium visit
14.09.14 - Rusty Acres Clean up
16.09.14 - Rewards Fay
18.09.14 - Lockyer Valley Circus Arts
19.09.14 - Last day Term 3
21.09.14 - HOGS visit
7.10.14 - First day Term 4
10.10.14 - Camp payments due
21-24.10.14 - School Camp
... Touch Football Carnival...

... Ball Games Carnival...