From the Principal

It’s hard to believe we are nearly at the end of another school year. The time really has flown by. Congratulations to all of our swimmers last Friday. It was great to see the participation and sportsmanship shown by all of our students. It was a great day, topped off by Grandchester taking home the trophy!!

Tomorrow we have our Inter-House Swimming Carnival at the Laidley pool during our regular swimming time, 12:00 – 2:00. The students will be transported to and from the pool by bus. Parents are most welcome to attend.

As the school year draws to a close, it gives us time to reflect on our students’ achievements, both as a whole school and individually. It is a time to recognise and congratulate the achievements of those students who have excelled in particular fields of endeavour.

As is custom at Grandchester State School, awards will be presented at our Christmas Concert to students who have met specific criteria in Academic Achievement, Citizenship, and Sport. All areas will have one junior award (P-Yr 3) and one senior award (Yr 4-7).

Throughout the year, staff are always observing students for our end of year school awards. The process for choosing the recipients includes:

• Teaching staff nominating candidates
• Staff discussion regarding each candidate
• Selection of recipients

Below are the criteria and key indicators for each award:

**Citizenship**
- Involvement in extra-curricular activities
- Effort in school work
- Empathy towards others
- Ambassador for the school

**Academic Achievement**
- Academic results
- Pursues academic potential
- Work habits
- Attitude towards learning

**Sportsperson**
- Performance
- Effort/motivation
- Attitude/behaviour

As this will be the last newsletter for the year, I would like to wish everybody a happy and safe holiday season and all the very best for 2015!

**Year 6&7 Graduation Dinner**

2014 is a milestone year for Education Queensland as the Year 7’s move to high school next year. To celebrate the end of their primary school journey Grade 6&7 students and their parents are invited to join staff for dinner at the Grandchester Hotel on Tuesday, 2nd December 2014 from 6pm (cost for meals at the hotel are approximately $20/meal).
Christmas Concert
The Great Grandchester Christmas Concert is on again and will be happening next Thursday. The Student Council will be running a sausage sizzle in the afternoon from 5:30pm. The concert will get underway at 6:00pm. The P&C are running the annual Christmas Raffle which is a great fundraiser for the school and we are looking for donations (please see attached letter).

Break up day
The student council have hired a jumping castle and a giant inflatable slip and slide for our school break up day which will be held on Wednesday the 9th of December.

Outstanding Fees
Please ensure all outstanding fees for 2014 are up to date. Student Resource Scheme payments and swimming fees need to be paid as soon as possible. As per school policy, all fees must be up to date for students to participate in school excursions and to continue to participate in the Student Resource Scheme next year. Parents experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact the Principal to discuss payment options.

Swimming Lessons
Please remember to let the school know if you are picking up your children from the pool and you will need to sign your children out with the teacher. **Pick up is at 1.50pm** as the bus leaves the pool 2pm sharp and if the children are not picked up by that time they will be taken back to school.

Students of the Week
Congratulations to the following students:
P -3 – Coen Fiteni and Zoe Batik
4-7 – Cameron Whitehouse

Caltex Homework Award
Congratulations to Ebonnie Smith who received our Caltex award for having all of her homework completed and on time. Ebonnie will be able to present her certificate at any Caltex Star Mart where she 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: Why did the Rockmelon jump into the water?
A: He wanted to be a Watermelon!
   *Supplied by Zac Kovacev*

Q: What is the best present to receive for Christmas?
A: A broken drum. You can’t beat it!

**Dates to Remember:**
28.11.14 – Inter house Swimming Carnival
02.12.14 – Year 6&7 Graduation dinner
04.12.14 – Christmas Concert
09.12.14 – Gold Level Rewards Day
10.12.14 – School Disco
11.12.14 – Break up day
12.12.14 – Last day of Term
27.01.15 – First day of Term 1, 2015