Welcome to the new families in 2015 and welcome back to the families from 2014. 2015 is shaping up to be another busy and exciting year here at Grandchester State School. This is the first newsletter for the year, a newsletter will go home Thursday of each fortnight. Extra copies are available at the school office if needed.

We have certainly hit the ground running in the first few days back and it has been fantastic to see everyone back and refreshed after the holidays. This week our students have been learning about our behaviour system and the expectations we have here at Grandchester State School. These are, **BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BEST EFFORT**. Our behaviour policy focuses on these behaviours and celebrates student’s success. This is done through:

- **Short sharp rewards** – Gotcha tickets for students doing the right thing in the playground. At the end of each week tickets go in a draw for a reward on parade eg. Icy pole.
- **Student of the Week Awards** – students are presented with a certificate on parade which celebrates students achievements in the classroom.
- **Stickers in the diary** at the end of each day.
- **Gold and Silver Rewards** day at the end of each term.
- **Diamond Rewards** day at the end of each semester – 5 or 6 students who have continued to show exceptional behaviour throughout the semester will be nominated by the teachers to participate in a special rewards day.

Each week we will look at specific areas as a whole school, which will be the focus behaviour for that week.

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**Students of the Week**

No Students of the Week as yet.

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**Caltex Homework Award**

Stay tuned for next fortnight’s winner to be listed here!
SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Thank you to Simone Phelps and Letitia Mathews for giving up their time to run our uniform shop this week and last week. We now have size 6 shirts in stock for those parents that were after some. This year we are continuing our commitment to school uniforms at Grandchester State School:
- Wide brimmed black hat,
- Grandchester school polo shirt,
- Black skort or shorts,
- Shoes fully enclosed black joggers with predominantly white socks
- Black jumper or school jersey
Please ensure that your child is in uniform and if that’s not possible, write a note for your classroom teacher. Second hand uniforms are also available at the office.

SCHOOL START TIMES
Our school hours are from 8:30am – 2:30pm. Students are required to be at school by 8:25am ready to start the day and are expected to be picked up from school by 2:40pm. It is important that students arrive at school on time as it is not only disruptive to the class when students arrive late but they are missing important parts of their learning by arriving late.
We have noticed this week that some students are arriving before the permitted time. Students are not permitted on the school grounds before 8:00am an exception is given only for those students arriving by bus.

SCHOOL LEADER INFORMATION
We will be holding our student leader induction ceremony on Friday the 13th of February during our school parade. The student leaders will be presented with their badges at this time. Parents and family members are most welcome to attend.

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT AND P&C AGM
We will be holding a parent teacher evening on February the 17th, beginning at 5:00pm. This will be a chance for us to welcome new and existing parents back to the school, and an opportunity for parents to visit their child’s classroom and discuss class routines and expectations with their teacher. There will be a sausage sizzle in the afternoon which will be followed by the P&C AGM at 6:00pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY ACCESS
Just a reminder to all parents that the school driveway is only to be accessed by staff and trucks delivering to the school. Please help us to ensure your children stay safe by leaving all vehicles at the school gate and using the small gate next to the bus shelter to enter or leave the school grounds.

PARADE
Parade will be held Fridays from 12:30. Parents are encouraged to attend if they are able to. During parade we will announce Students of the week and other achievement awards.
CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

Mrs Cox our Administration Officer will be in the office Wednesday to Fridays from 8:00am – 3.30pm each week. As we are a small school it is not possible to have someone answering the phone during school hours on the days Mrs Cox is not in the office. If you do need to contact the school during this time please leave a message and we will check the message bank during break times.

MEDICAL ACTION PLANS

Just a reminder if your child suffers from a medical condition that requires emergent action, the school needs an up-to-date medical action plan. Please see your GP to provide one for your child if they require it. It is important that the school has ready access to this.

PREP-2 CLASS NEWS:

It has been a busy start to the year in the Prep-Year 2 classroom. This year our classroom is decorated with a Superhero theme. We have hit the ground running with our school work and we are pleased to say that most students have been following our new school rule and using their best effort to complete their work. Please feel free to pop into the classroom at any time and look at your child’s work. They enjoy sharing their efforts with you.

Julie and Jenny
COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Laidley Dance Centre

Classes Tuesday and Thursday @ Laidley HIGH SCHOOL

Classes in RAD (Royal Academy of Dance) Ballet, Street Tap, Hip Hop and Commercial Jazz

OPEN DAY FRIDAY 30th January

For more information see website www.laidleydancecentre.com

Call 0437 989 587
Or email laidleydancecentre@gmail.com

CHEERLEADERS

CHEER – DANCE – GYMNASTICS – FITNESS

REGISTRATION OPENS
WEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2015
LAIDLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL – MAIN HALL
(Entrance via Edward Street, Laidley)

Junior training 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Senior training 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Accredited coaching staff
No experience required
One FREE trial training session

For more information please contact the club
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