Welcome to our school

This year, Grosmont SS welcomes two new families and two new students to our school. Alex and Alyssa are thoroughly enjoying learning our school routine and participating in curriculum activities.

We hope you have a wonderful year with us.

Meet and Greet

Tomorrow afternoon parents and carers are invited to Grosmont SS for an information session to discuss the school proceedings for 2015. Look forward to seeing you all then.

Permissions Booklet

Each student received a Permissions Booklet last week. Please ensure this is completed and returned to school as soon as possible to ensure your child/ren have granted permission to participate in all necessary activities. Thank you.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

This year the Links Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 5th of February at the Taroom Swimming Pool. Students need to arrive at the pool by 8.30am for an 8.45am start. Food will be available to purchase from the canteen on the day. Please ensure your child brings a hat, water bottle, sunscreen, swimming togs, swim shirt and goggles if they are required.

Looking forward to another great week!
2015 Staffing

The core staffing for 2015 will be myself as the teaching principal. Our FTE or teacher hours on what decides how many additional teacher hours we have here also is dependent on Disability and Learning support hours, which are not decided until later in the term.

Mr Peter O’Farrell will be teaching the students weekly on a Wednesday for my release administration day.

Mrs Karol Watson is continuing in the role of Teacher Aide. Teacher Aide hours are again based on our student numbers and confirmation of these hours will be on Day 8 2015. Mrs Watson is also our Grounds person for 2015.

Music and Health and Physical Education lessons will be taught by Miss Kathryn Mulcahy and Miss Christine Stoeckert respectively and these teachers are based at Wandoan SS.

Mrs Merilyn Bahnisch will continue to deliver Religious Instruction to our students.

LOTE will be delivered through Distance Education in Brisbane. Ms Ruth Davies will be remotely teaching the students.

Professional Development

On Thursday 19th February I will be attending the Term 1 Miles Cluster meeting with the other cluster principals.

Qld state schools principal conference will be held on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th of February in Brisbane.

Pupil Free Days

Mrs Watson attended professional development days in Roma and Miles on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd of January 2015.

Mrs Watson engaged in activities based on More Support for Students with Disabilities, Learning Difficulties, Dyslexia and strategies for Reading, Writing & Mathematics.

School Website

Located on our website are our school policies and procedures, curriculum expectations, school calendar of events, recent newsletters and permission notes.

You can view our school website at

https://grosmontss.eq.edu.au
Homework

Homework started last week. Students will receive their weekly homework on a Monday and are asked to return it the following Monday. Students will participate in their weekly spelling test on a Monday morning.

Library Borrowing

Students will be borrowing Library books from our school library every Monday. Please ensure your child brings their green library bag with them.

Reading Every Night

Each night your child is asked to read for 10 minutes. Children will receive a reading folder weekly on a Monday containing books for them to read. Students also have a Reading Log book. Parents and Carers are asked to record the books read and to sign each night when your child reads. Reading Log books are to be handed in each week with homework.

Languages for Term 1

This term, students in Years 4-7 will learn Japanese through Distance Education with Ms Ruth Davies. These lessons will be run online at school with students connected to a computer. Ms Davies will remotely teach and assess the students from Brisbane. Mrs Watson will be supervising and assisting students during this time.

Sunscreen & Water Bottles

Please ensure students have hats so they are able to participate in fitness and outside play. Sunscreen is available to all students at school. Applying sunscreen in the morning before school will ensure students are protected during our morning fitness program. We encourage students to bring a water bottle in during class time. This will mean fewer disruptions during lessons. Please ensure your child’s water bottle is named.

Make every day count in 2015

Make 2015 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland
Reporting Student Absences

It is mandatory that ALL student absences and reason for the absence is reported to the school either before, during or immediately following the absence. This can be via a note to the classroom teacher or a phone message to the school’s line (07) 46274 978.

Please remember your hat every day. Grosmont SS has the policy

No Hat, No Outside Play Policy.

School Newsletter

The school newsletter will be distributed on a fortnightly basis. The next newsletter will be available on Thursday 19th February 2015

Would you like the newsletter emailed to you?

If you would like to receive our newsletter via email, please contact the school on (07) 46274 978 or email the.principal@grosmontss.eq.edu.au

If you would like to have something included in our newsletter please email your article to the above email address.

Dates - 2015

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P&C NEWS

President: Belinda Pennell
Secretary: Vanessa Tennyson
Treasurer: Karol Watson
Uniform Convenor: Vanessa Tennyson

AGM & General Meeting — Thursday 5th March at 3.15pm
NO SMOKING WITHIN 5 METRES OF OUR SCHOOL

From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries. The buffer is a 5 metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land boundary; including all structures in this area, such as car parks. This area does not extend into residential or business premises that share a boundary with school land. The law applies at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.

POSITION VACANT

TEMPORARY PART TIME ADMINISTRATION OFFICER: 2 DAYS per week
TEMPORARY PART TIME TEACHER AIDE: 1 DAY per week

The Principal is seeking expressions of interest in the above positions. If you are interested and would like further information please contact the Principal by 3pm Wednesday 11th February 2015.

Phone: (07) 46 274 978
Mobile: 0459796411
Email: the.principal@grosmontss.eq.edu.au

Murilla Hardware Mitre 10 & Mullins Hardware Mitre 10

Wandoan Race Day

Saturday 21st March 2015

Fashions of the Field
Gates Open 12pm
Camping Available

5 Race Program – Bookies
Entertainment – Bar & Catering

Features Colin Hickey Memorial

www.wandoanraces.com