ANZAC DAY

Last Friday the 25th of April, Grosmont SS students participated in the ANZAC Day Service at the Wandoan Cultural Centre. Grosmont students sang a song along with students from Guluguba and Wandoan SS. Congratulations to all students on a wonderful performance. Thank you to the parents and community members who attended the service.

Links Small Schools Cross Country

This Friday 2nd of May is the annual Links Small Schools Cross Country. The carnival will be held at the Wandoan Golf Course. Students are to arrive at 8.30am ready to walk the course at 8.45am. An information letter and permission form has already been sent home. There is NO bus, parents are to provide transport for students. Please ensure your child/ren are dressed in our school’s sports uniform, have appropriate footwear for running, a hat and water bottle. There is NO canteen operating on the day therefore you will need to pack your own morning tea and lunch. Parents, don’t forget to take a chair for comfort.

NAPLAN Testing

The National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for 2014 will be held on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May.

Mrs Sharon Lynam has started preparation work on NAPLAN with the Year 3, 5 & 7 students. Mrs Lynam will be working with these students each week until they sit the tests in May.

Every year, all students in Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 are assessed on the same days using national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

Student attendance is very important and parents are asked to keep these dates free from commitments.

Looking forward to another great week!
Administration Officer Position

Congratulations to Miss Rebecca Edmonds on being the successful applicant for the Administration Officer at Grosmont State School. Thank you to panel members, Mr Dale Magner, Mrs Nola Davis and Mr Peter O’Farrell. Your time and effort was greatly appreciated with this process. Thank you to all applicants for your efforts in attending the interview given the torrential weather we experienced that week.

Professional Development

At end of Term 1, I attended a two day workshop with Dr Anita Archer on Explicit Teaching. It was a great opportunity to observe Dr Anita Archer as she taught and modelled the Explicit Instruction approach that will significantly advance our understanding in our schools for a long time to come.

This Friday 2nd of May, I will be attending the Term 2 Principal’s Business Meeting for the DDSW Principals in Toowoomba. It will be an action packed day with the Guest speakers to include:

- Dr Jim Watterston, Director-General of Education, Training and Employment
- Ms Patrea Walton, Deputy Director-General State Schools,
- Ms Gabrielle Sinclair, Deputy Director-General, Early Childhood
- Mr Drew Ellem, Deputy Director-General, Skills Reform, Training and Employment

School Website

Our school website has been a focus for this year. We have worked hard to ensure parents and community members have up to date information at their fingertips. Located on our website are our school policies and procedures, curriculum expectations, school calendar of events, recent newsletters and permission notes. Thank you Miss Rebecca Edmonds for the time you have spent in getting our website up and running.

You can view our school website at

http://grosmontss.eq.edu.au

Before School

Children are to arrive at school no earlier than 8.30am. From 8.30am your child/ren will have supervision. Students participate in Smart Moves. If it is necessary for you to bring your child/ren to school earlier than 8.30am permission must be granted by the principal.

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.

School Newsletter

The school newsletter will be distributed on a fortnightly basis. The next newsletter will be available on Wednesday 14th May.

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.

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

No Hat, No Outside Play Policy.
Make every day count in 2014

Make 2014 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

3.00pm School Pick Up

Children are to be collected from school at 3.00pm. From 3.00pm your child/ren do not have supervision. If you are running late, please contact the school by no later than 2.30pm, to ensure your message is received prior to 3.00pm and arrangements can be made for your child/ren. If you use the bus, please ensure you also contact Mrs Watson and notify her of this change of routine.

Out and About!

Easter Parade

Melita Edmonds

Riding at the Wandoan Show
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**P&C NEWS**

President: Tamara McShannon  
Secretary: Kasie Conroy  
Treasurer: Kirsty Sommers  
Uniform Manager: Vanessa Tennyson

**General Meeting — TBA**

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**Young Scientists of the Year Awards**

**Calling young scientists**

Do you like science and wonder how science can impact on people’s lives? The Young Scientists of the Year Awards might be the competition for you. This year’s theme is ‘Energy in our lives’. The competition is open to primary school students. The winning child or group can win $500. Entries must be submitted to the NATA website by 19 September 2014.  
Student of the Week 1 —
Jack Nicholls

Rippa Attitude Award
for Term 1:

Alex Adams

Alex displayed a Rippa of an Attitude in all areas of school life
during Term 1. Congratulations Alex!