**Links Small Schools Cross Country**

On Friday 2nd of May was the annual Links Small Schools Cross Country. The carnival was held at the Wandoan Golf Course. Congratulations to all students on their running and for their fantastic sportsmanship. Thank you to Miss Kasie Conroy, Miss Rebecca Edmonds and Mrs Vanessa Tennyson for putting your hand up to help out. It was greatly appreciated.

Jack Tennyson was successful in making the Miles and District team. Jack will complete at Wandoan on Friday 23rd of May. We wish Jack all the best for next Friday.

**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](http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland) live on DETE TV.

**NAPLAN testing**

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 took part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that were tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

More information is available on the [NAP website](http://www.nap.edu.au/).
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 www.grosmontss.eq.edu.au

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.

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 28th May.

Please remember your hat every day.
Grosmont SS has the policy
No Hat, No Outside Play Policy.

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.
Nominate as a Queensland Youth Strategy Ambassador

The Queensland Government is seeking young ambassadors for the six areas of connection in the Queensland Youth Strategy:
- Family, friends and social networks
- Education, training and employment
- Health and wellbeing
- Volunteering and participation
- Supports and services
- Arts and culture.

The six selected ambassadors (aged 12–21) will each receive a $1000 bursary for personal or professional development, and be supported to attend a personal development workshop in Brisbane. The ambassadors will help connect government and young people to share their views and ideas in the area of connection they are chosen to represent.

Young people can nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else before 2 June.

Further information and online nominations are available at the Queensland Youth Strategy Ambassadors website. (http://www.qld.gov.au/youth/be-involved-have-your-say/qld-youth-strategy-ambassadors/index.html)
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**P&C NEWS**

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

**General Meeting — TBA**

**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 PAGE

Student of the Week 2 — Melita Edmonds

Student of the Week 3 — Jovee Tennyson

Mother’s Day Art Work