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

Monday 8th June 2015
is the Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday.

Enjoy your day at home.

LINKS School Camp

St Mary’s, Guluguba SS and Grosmont SS will be going on a school camp in Week 9 (Monday 15th June to Wednesday 17th June) to The Outback Spectacular, Movie World at Oxenford at the Gold Coast and Cobb & Co Museum in Toowoomba. Relevant forms and an information package has been sent home. Please return all forms by Wednesday 10th June 2015.

Looking forward to another great week!
Student of the Week 5
Alex

Student of the Week 6
Charlee

Happy Birthday Charlee

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

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.
Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on **Friday 26th June 2015**. If you are absent this day, your child/ren’s report card will be posted out in the mail.

Over recent years, parents, students and teachers across Queensland have been gradually becoming more familiar with a more uniform process for reporting in all schools. The use of a more consistent 5-point scale: Prep – Applying, Making Connections, Working With, Exploring, Becoming Aware Years 1 and 2 – Very High, High, Sound, Developing, Support Required Years 3 to 6 – A, B, C, D, E - has been one of the significant developments.

Most of us who were schooled in generations past are a little familiar with the A-E scale and for many it offers a great deal more comfort and better understanding of achievement.

An important point that deserves clarification though is that the 5 point scale has some subtle differences these days and that when we see a “**Working With, sound or C**” on our child’s report card it means something a little different to what it used to on our own report cards, many years ago.

In the past the achievement scale used a “Bell Curve” distribution which means that a small group of top students in the class got an “A”, the next group got a “B”, the majority of the class were given a “C” and so on until the whole class represented a distribution from A-E. This means that it was harder to get an “A” in a school filled with academic students and easier to get one in a school with less academic students.

The new system works on “benchmarks of achievement” or “criteria” such that what makes an “A”, “B”, “C” etc is predetermined. Any student then who shows evidence of meeting that level deserves that grade.

This is where we consider the difference in what a “**Working With, Sound or C**” really means: A “**Working With, Sound or C**” no longer means that the student is simply in the middle of the class, it **means that the student has met the criteria for a learner at the appropriate age level.**
A “**Working With, Sound or C**” means that the student is doing everything required at their Year Level.

The best description is that a “**Working With, Sound or C**” means the student’s academic development is exactly where it needs to be – A “**Working With, Sound or C**” is **ON TARGET or AT YEAR LEVEL STANDARD.**

With all of this in mind we must accept that it may be harder to get an “A” or “B” than it used to be. These grades are no longer awarded simply to the top students in the class; they are only given to students who show that they are independently capable of working beyond the criteria for their Year Level.

So what does all this mean?

- Many parents are likely to see more “**Working With, Sound or C**” grades on their child’s report cards.
- The “**Effort**” grades are a really important reflection of whether the student is achieving the best they can An “A” for effort and a “C” for achievement indicates that your child is “On Target” for their age and “applying their best effort”. This grade should be celebrated with students because they have worked hard to be where they need to be.
Teach your child to dial Triple Zero (000) and remember details

The Queensland Ambulance Service is encouraging parents and caregivers to teach their children how to become potential lifesavers by practising calling Triple Zero (000) with a disconnected or toy phone, or by playing an online training game at http://kids.triplezero.gov.au/. When calling Triple Zero and requesting an ambulance, an emergency medical dispatcher will provide advice and dispatch medical help to your location.

For this reason, it’s also important for families to familiarise themselves with their holiday surroundings by memorising holiday addresses and beach access codes, so they can relay the correct information to Triple Zero staff. More information can be found at http://www.ambulance.qld.gov.au/default.asp

Learn to shop smart and win a share of over $11,000

Entries for the Buy Smart competition are now open for our Year 4 to Year 12 students. This is an exciting opportunity for students to learn to be smart with money, become informed consumers and learn how to avoid financial problems later in life. They could also win a share of over $11,000!

The competition asks students to research a consumer issue such as saving, budgeting, buying a mobile phone or spending wisely, and creatively present the issue to their target audience. The more creative, the better!

Entries close Friday 18 September 2015.

For more information visit www.qld.gov.au/buysmarteocomp.

ICAS Competition 2015

A permission note has been sent home outlining the upcoming ICAS Competitions for 2015. Please return this form to school before Thursday 2nd April. If you would like your child to participate in any of the following:

Writing- Monday 15th June 2015
(AUD $18.70 GST inclusive)- year 3-12

Spelling- Tuesday 16th June 2015
(AUD $12.10 GST inclusive)- year 3-7

Grosmont State School is going to cover the below courses for the specific grades.

English - Tuesday 28th July 2015
(cost covered by the School $8.80)-year 2-12

Mathematics - Tuesday 11th August 2015
(cost covered by the School $8.80)-year 2-12

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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.

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Mobile: 0459796411

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General Meeting — Wednesday 10th June at 3.05pm