Looking forward to another great week!

**Ambulance Visit**

School Forms and Notes

Term 3 is always a very busy term both in the classroom and also within the administration, we ask that you make sure to thoroughly check your child’s blue folder each school day for any notes sent home, we also request that you be prompt with your return of permissions and forms by their due date. We thank you in advance for this.
Students encouraged to submit their stories about life in regional Queensland

ABC’s Heywire competition is looking for young people to share their stories about life in regional Queensland.

Entrants must be aged 16 or older on 31 January 2015 to be eligible. Winners will have their stories published by the ABC and join other young people from around the country for the Heywire Regional Youth Summit in Canberra in February.

The Heywire website has some great tips to help you pick a good subject. Stories can be submitted as text, photos, audio or video. People with more than one idea are welcome to enter as many stories as they wish.

Entries close on 16 September. You can find out more at: http://www.abc.net.au/heywire
For Sale

Fresh Eggs: $3.00 Dozen
Pumpkins (2 varieties) $3.00 & $4.00

Contact: Janice
Phone (07) 46 274 033

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

Professional Development

This Saturday, staff members from Grosmont State School will be updating their CPR and renewing their Full First Aid qualifications at Wandoan State School.

On Friday the 29th of August, Mrs Norris and I will be attending a Spelling Mastery workshop in Brisbane. We will learn how to implement the Spelling Mastery and Spelling Through Morphographs programs to maximise student performance and create confident, strategic spellers. This year Grosmont State School students have engaged in the Spelling Mastery Program through the Great Results Guarantee program.

On Monday 1st of September, I will be attending the Term 3 Principal’s Business Meeting for the DDSW Principals in Toowoomba. In Week 9, I will be attending the Band 5 Principal’s Meeting with our Miles Cluster of Principals on Wednesday the 10th of September.
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### 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.

### Asbestos Awareness

If you have not returned your signed Asbestos Awareness form to the school office, could you please do so. If you require a new copy please contact the office.

### School Newsletter

The school newsletter will be distributed on a fortnightly basis. The next newsletter will be available on **Wednesday 3rd September**.

### Please remember your hat every day.

**Grosmont SS has the policy**

**No Hat, No Outside Play Policy.**

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### 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.

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### P&C NEWS

- **President**: Belinda Pennell
- **Secretary**: Vanessa Tennyson
- **Treasurer**: Karol Watson
- **Uniform Convenor**: Vanessa Tennyson
- **Provider**: Rebecca Edmonds

**General Meeting — Wednesday 27th August at 3.15pm**
Have you got items you wish to sell
Contact the Grosmont State School
to list your items for sale.

NO ITEM IS TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL

Phone: Grosmont State School on 4627 4978
(between 9.00am & 3.00pm Monday - Friday)
Getting kids to school ON TIME!

"Come on Jack! Get a move on. School starts in ten minutes and you're not even dressed yet!"

If this scenario sounds familiar then you are not alone. Anecdotal evidence suggests that getting children to school or pre school on time can be one of the most difficult tasks for parents. Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do precious minutes are lost. A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year.

How can you get your dawdling kids out the door without yelling yourself hoarse? Here are a few techniques and ideas for you to try to get your punctually-challenged children to school on time:

✔ Establish a morning routine.

Make sure your children know what is expected of them in the morning, and also what you will do. Resist nagging but be willing to take them to school even if they haven't fully prepared for the day.

✔ Identify and remove distractions such as television.

If the children are regular watchers before school change the routine and keep the TV off. It should only be turned on when children are completely ready for school.

✔ Teach some of the basics of time management.

The average adult underestimates by about 25 per cent the time it takes to do various jobs. Make sure you have realistic time estimates and stop packing so much into the time you allocate. Encourage older children to estimate how long it takes to do activities such as getting ready in the morning. Then they can measure the time taken to do these tasks and compare their estimates with real time.

✔ Arrive at school ten minutes early.

Plan to arrive at school early rather than be there on time. This idea works well for perpetual latecomers, whether young or old.

✔ Model a good routine.

It's pointless expecting children to be organised in the morning if you are in a muddle yourself. Set a good example by being as methodical as possible and avoid sleeping in unless your children are so organised that they get you breakfast in bed. And pigs might fly as well!

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Richard Scholes is back with some of the most exciting earth-shattering, lightning striking experiments that will change the way you see and feel the weather.

*Crazy Science: The Crazy Scientist Strikes Back* is a visual, messy, larger than life look at the way our wild world works.

A Miles Regional Arts Council presentation

Wednesday 3 September 2014
6:00pm
(tickets at the door)

Venue: Miles High School Undercover Area

Adults: $15 members; $20 non-members
Family: $30 members; $40 non-members
Student: $5