Welcome to Charlee
This year, Grosmont SS welcomes our new Prep Student Charlee Pennell. Charlee is thoroughly enjoying learning our school routine and what school is all about. We hope you have a wonderful year with us.

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.

Well Done
On Friday 31st January, Jack and Brayden attended the Miles and District Cricket Trials in Taroom. Both boys had a great day and enjoyed learning new skills and techniques and socialising with students from our cluster. Well done boys!

Meet and Greet
Last Thursday, parents were invited to Grosmont SS for an afternoon to discuss the school proceedings for 2014. Thank you to those parents who attended.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival
This year the Links Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday the 14th February at Wandoan Swimming Pool. Students need to arrive at the pool by 8.15am for an 8.30am start. Food will be available to purchase from the canteen on the day. Please ensure your child/ren bring a hat, water bottle, sunscreen, swimming togs, swim shirt and goggles if they are required.

2014 Staffing
The core staffing for 2014 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 Thursday for my release administration day.
Miss Rebecca Edmonds is casually filling the position of administration officer. This position will need to be advertised and filled accordingly later in the term. Miss Edmonds is also filling the role of Groundscare.

Ms Kasie Conroy will be filling the position of cleaning.
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 2014.
Music and Health and Physical Education lessons will be taught by Miss Kathryn Mulcahy and Miss Christine Stoeckert respectively and these teachers will be based at Wandoan SS.

Looking forward to another great week!
Great Results Guarantee
Our school has received additional funding from the Great Results Guarantee and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes.

We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy. Read more about the guarantee at www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee.

Languages for Term 1
This term, students in Years 4-7 will learn Japanese through Distance Education with Ms Angela Crump. These lessons will be run online at school with students connected to a computer. Ms Crump will remotely teach and assess the students from Mitchell SS. Term 1 LOTE lessons will be held on a Monday and Tuesday from 12pm – 12.45pm. Mrs Watson will be supervising and assisting students during this time.

Professional Development
On Thursday 20th February I will be attending our Term 1 Miles Cluster meeting at Wandoan with the other cluster principals. Mr Peter O’Farrell will be teaching the students.

Miss Rebecca Edmonds will be attending Administration training days in Roma from Wednesday 26th February to Friday 28th February.

Homework
Homework started last week. It is to be returned to school every Friday. Students will participate in their weekly spelling test on a Friday morning. In Week 3, students are asked to return their Homework on Monday 17th February due to our swimming carnival on Friday.

Book Fair
This term Book Fair will be held in Week 7 from Monday 10th March to Friday 14th March. Please come in and peruse the books during this week from 8.30am – 9.00am.

Electronic Devices
This is a reminder to all parents and students that there is to be no electronic devices i.e. Ipad, IPod, Iphones etc at school. If any electronic devices are found, they will be confiscated and kept in the office until a parent comes to collect it.

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

**Student Messages**

Please let the school know by **phone not email** if your child is unwell, taking a different form of transport home, or being collected from school by another adult. This preferred method is to ensure we receive your message promptly. Thank you.

**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.

**Congratulations**

Yesterday Jack attended the Touch Football Trials at Miles State High School. Jack has been selected as a shadow player for the Under 15’s side. Well done, Jack!

**Government steps up to support children starting school**

Families with children starting school can now access Step up into education — new online resources to better prepare and support young children make the transition to school. The program was developed to help make the experience for these children a positive one. It is based on research that shows a positive start to school can lead to better learning outcomes. For more information visit the website: [www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/)

**P&C NEWS**

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

**AGM & General Meeting**—Tuesday 4th March 2014 @ 5.00pm.

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Congratulations Charlee, on completing your first week of Prep!

Happy Birthday
Jovee
3rd January

Happy Birthday
Miss Kasie
8th January

Happy Birthday
Mrs Watson
10th Feb