Welcome back to Term 4, this is a traditionally busy term with many events such as swimming, sport and end of year traditions occurring. It is important that your child attends school every day as we only have 46 days left this term to make a difference in your child’s education. We appreciate your support in this and look forward to working with you and your children over the remaining term to ensure Every child at Glen Aplin succeeds.

After hours school use
Please be reminded that if you are wishing to use the tennis or basketball courts out of school hours, permission needs to sought from the Principal and this needs to be written permission. If permission is not sought it may be considered trespassing. Unfortunately over the holiday break our school grounds were used by some who did not seek permission and there were some breakages, rubbish left around, and inappropriate use of school equipment. Those people wishing to use the courts out of hours need to seek permission from Principal or delegate for this use. Thankyou for your cooperation in this matter.

Late Arrivals
If your child has a late arrival or early departure, please ensure that you bring your child to the office and complete the early and late arrivals register. This is important as we are able to be aware of where all children are at all times.

Parent Interviews
Parent interviews to discuss your child’s progress will occur early in Term 4. Notes were sent home last term. Please contact your child’s teacher if you wish to still request an interview.

Thank you Mr Forbes
This Friday we farewell Mr Forbes who has been teaching our Yr5/6 class and has now undertaken more responsibilities with the Tenterfield Shire Council. Miss Kent will be taking on this contract until the end of 2016.
Sport in Term 4

In Term 4 our sports will be tennis and chess. We will have two tennis teams and potentially five chess teams plus a school chess league competition. Five swimming lessons will be organised at the Stanthorpe pool during this term which will include all our students, including preps this time. Parents are reminded that swimming is a curricula activity and as such children are expected to attend. They are taught by qualified instructors. All children are required to wear a “rashie” or swim top over their swimmers for sun smart rules.

Granite Belt Maths Team Competition

Late last term, our team of five year 6 students, Megan, Doug, Stephanie, Josh and Mika travelled into Stanthorpe to compete against other Granite Belt Primary Schools. Congratulations to our students who returned with a Highly Commended Award after coming 4th overall.

School Accounts

- Yr5/6 camp $50 deposit due 16th Sept, full amount due 7th October If you are unable to meet this deadline, please contact Chris or Judi immediately.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, bpoint (details on statement) or direct deposit into account.

Facility Upgrade

During the holidays, the Year 3 room and the library were fitted with ultra-short throw projectors and speakers to diversify student learning. Miss Hill was so very excited now that she doesn’t have to worry about long cables with our portable projector.

School Photographs

Envelopes to order school photographs were sent home on Wednesday. These are for families who will not be ordering online.

Orientation Days for 2017 Prep Students

I am currently in the process of organising our open days for our new prep students. Our first open day will be held next Wednesday the 12th of October. If you have or know of someone who has a child old enough to be coming next year to our school please contact the school.

Mrs Willoughby

Stanthorpe State High School

A copy of the dates for Stanthorpe State High School uniform try-ons and an order form were sent home on Tuesday. Completed enrolments for 2017 can be dropped off at our office if you wish. If you need another copy of these forms please contact the school.

Extended Learning Program

Our Year 6s will be attending this district program on November 10 and 11. A note for permission and activity preferences was sent home on Thursday and is required to be returned ASAP. The cost per student will be $15 per student with the school subsidising $20 each child.

Admin Office Hours

This term, Judi will be taking Wednesday as her weekly day off instead of Tuesday to fit in with staffing requirements. Please try to arrange for any school payments to be brought to school on other days.

Red Cross Family Support

The Red Cross have given us a couple of brochures about their Family Support Program designed to assist families with children in the 0-5 year age group. The Program provides practical support to families to

- Enhance parenting skills
- Improve linkages with school and the local community
- Strengthen family routines
- Health and nutrition
- School readiness
- Managing child behaviour

And much more. We have some forms at the of-
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The Red Cross also run a Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (Hippy) which provides support free for two years to parents and children who are the one year away from starting school, and then in the second year helping parents support their children’s learning and development in conjunction with schooling.

More information on HIPPY:
Tel: 4661 9975
Email: cturnbull@redcross.org.au

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**Term 4 2016 Swimming**

P-3 Classes:
- October 11: 1.30pm-2.00pm
- October 13: 11.30am-12.00pm
- October 14: 10.30am-11.00am
- October 19: 1.30pm-2.00pm
- October 20: 11.30am-12.00pm

Year 4-6 Classes:
- November 7: 12.00pm-12.30pm
- November 8: 12.30pm-1.00pm
- November 9: 12.30pm-1.00pm
- November 14: 12.30pm-1.00pm
- November 15: 12.30pm-1.00pm

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**Positive Behaviour for Learning - PBL**

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**Mike Dumbleton Author Visit**

On Tuesday October 18th GASS will be visited by award-winning children’s author Mike Dumbleton and wife, Linda Dumbleton. Both are former teachers and now Literacy Consultants for South Australian Education Department. This is an opportunity for your child to meet an author who will read them some of his books and answer questions about what it means to be a writer. GASS library already has Mike’s books Let’s Escape and Passing On. Soon added – and signed by the author – will be Santa’s Secret, Muddled Up Farm and Meet Douglas Mawson. The visit will be conducted in 2 half hour blocks with all year levels sharing in Mike’s expertise and enthusiasm for encouraging students to be writers. Because GASS has writing as a curriculum priority it would be beneficial for your child to attend these presentations. If you do not wish for your child to attend this opportunity, please advise Admin.

More about Mike….

**Mike Dumbleton** is a writer and Literacy Consultant. He has worked in South Australian High Schools, New York City schools and as a Literacy Curriculum Officer for the South Australian Education Department. In addition to children’s books, he has written a range of educational texts.

Mike came to Australia with his wife Linda in 1972. He was always interested in writing but a young family and many sporting activities kept him fully occupied until he decided he wasn’t getting any better at basketball and his three children were old enough to allow him some uninterrupted time. He then began writing picture books at the same time as devising educational texts for teachers.

His first book, *Dial-a-Croc*, published in 1991, was a great success and since then he has written many more titles.

The book *Mr Knuckles* was adapted for the stage by the South Australian Children’s Theatre Company, and *Pumped Up*, a short story about basketball, ‘magic’ shoes and an adventurous grandfather, was adapted for television by the ABC.

Mike’s picture book *Passing On*, was shortlisted for the Children’s Book Council of Australia 2002 awards. *Muddled-up Farm* was selected as ‘Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year 2003’ as well as the ‘National Simultaneous Storytime book for 2004’.

Mike’s work was recognised in 2001 with a grant to support the completion of his first teenage novel *Watch Out For Jamie Joel*. It was subsequently shortlisted in the 2004 Festival Awards for Children’s Literature. He was also the recipient of a 2005 Minister’s Award for Outstanding Contribution to Improving Literacy, which recognises his work both as an educator and a writer over an extended period of time.

Mike’s picture book *Cat* was the winner of the ‘Picture Book to Performance Project’ for 2007 and was developed into a play by Windmill Performing Arts which had its premier in Adelaide before seasons in other Australian cities and Singapore. *Cat* was also selected as an Honour Book in the Early Childhood section of the 2008 Book of the Year Awards. Mike’s recent books include the picture book *Santa’s Outback Secret* and the non fiction picture book *Meet Douglas Mawson*.

After many years of teaching in South Australia, Mike enjoyed the chance to work in New York City, supporting students, teachers and leaders with literacy development. Whilst in the U.S he took advantage of the opportunities for travel, learning more about the history of the country and swing dancing! He is pleased to be back in Australia, closer to family and friends and the relaxed lifestyle. In his spare time Mike enjoys travel, trying to keep fit, jazz and watching most sports, especially basketball, soccer and tennis.

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There will be some other fundraising opportunities this term to reach our $6,000 target for the Year 5/6 School Camp.

P&C Collection Box - There is a green P&C Collection box in the library. Please use this box for P&C notes and not the Red Box. Thank you.

Important Dates

- **Wed Oct 12** Prep Open Day
- **Mon Oct 17** Student Free Day
- **Tues Oct 18** Author visit
- **Mon Oct 31—Fri Nov 4** 5/6 Camp
- **Thurs Nov 10—Fri Nov 11** Yr6 Extended Learning Program activity
- **Fri Nov 18** Granite Belt Chess
- **Fri Nov 25** Granite Belt Chess
- **Fri Nov 25** Ted Bonner Tennis Shield Competition (qualifying schools only)

- **Tues Nov 29** All School Excursion
- **Mon Dec 5** GB Swim Carnival
- **Tues Dec 6** Yr6 SSHS Orientation Day
- **Fri Dec 9** Last day Term 4