Every student succeeding every day

We had a great start to the term with everyone settling into their routines, ready to be learners. Welcome back to Mrs Short and Miss Lawder who were on leave for the first week of the term, it is great to have them back.

Next week will be a busy week as I have to attend a number of meetings, in my role as Principal. As a teaching principal this occurs from time to time and is often unavoidable. To minimise disruption to the 5/6 class, Miss Jessica Kent will be taking the class. Miss Kent is replacing Mr Forbes for the rest of the term. Mrs Beecham will be Acting Principal for this week.

Pupil Free Day
Monday the 17th October is a pupil free day, teaching staff and teacher aides will be attending Professional Learning.

Open Day
This Wednesday is our Prep Open Day, this day is for children who are interested in attending our school in 2017. If you have a child eligible for Prep or know of someone who does, please come along and attend our Open Day. From 2017, Prep is a compulsory school year. Please contact the school for information.

Attendance
Our attendance for the start of this term is 93%. This is a positive start to the term. It is important to send your child to school everyday, we only have 43 days of school left to make a difference in your child’s education.

Parent Interviews
Parent interview notes have been sent home and are taking place in classrooms. Please take the time to come and talk to your child’s teacher as it is important we all work together to ensure your child’s success.

Queensland Softball
Yesterday a representative from Softball Queensland visited our school. Students from Years 3-6 participated in skill development and many fun activities and games. Check out the photos in the gallery!
Swimming
Swimming for Prep-Year 3 began today. Years 4-6 will begin 7th November times and dates were included in last week’s newsletter. Five swimming lessons are organised for every child at the Stanthorpe pool during this term. 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.

Tennis
Inter-school tennis will commence this Friday with Glen Aplin 1 playing away at Wallangarra and Glen Aplin 2 playing Ballandean here.

School Accounts
- Yr 5/6 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.
- Swimming: $5 per lesson, that is $25 per child. 1/2 price if you have a Stanthorpe pool season ticket. Please quote ticket number on your payment envelope.
- ELP Yr 6 activity is $15 due by 28th October.

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

Chess
The Glen Aplin Junior and Senior League Chess season started this week with 29 students taking part. They will be undertaking training with Mr Huckins on Friday last session to prepare for the Granite Belt competition and improve their games. It is fantastic to see students taking their time making moves and playing longer games after their recent experiences in Toowoomba.

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 tomorrow 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

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.

Awards
The following students have received awards for following our school expectations of being Safe, Respectful, Responsible and a Learner: Sharna, Nicholas, C, Mia Wi, Riley, Dylan, Zane R, Nick, Coen, Pearl, Kasey, Stephanie, Hamish and Hayley R.

Chess Puzzle: black wins by forcing white into unwinnable situation

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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

Positive Behaviour for Learning - PBL

I am Respectful

LOOKING AFTER SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

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5c Challenge Fundraiser
A 5c Challenge will be running for 2 weeks from Tuesday 18th October until Friday 28th October 2016. All classrooms will have a collection tin. So please bring in all your 5c pieces to place in the tin. The class that raises the most money will be rewarded on Friday 28th October 2016. All proceeds will go towards the Yr 5/6 Camp.

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 9.30am-11.30am
- **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

Fundraising Thermometer

- Target $6,600
- $6,000
- $3,000
- Lunch Days $1,244.50
- Raffle $850
- Pic Drive $600