Every student succeeding every day

With the end of the year fast approaching many classes are finishing assessment tasks and teachers are busily working on report cards. These next two weeks are very important for students to ensure that they are able to complete assessment tasks. If your child is going to be away please notify the school and your child’s class teacher.

End of Year Dates
Tuesday 29th November - Whole School end of year excursion
Thursday 1st December - Year 6 Graduation Dinner at Happy Valley
Monday 5th December - Granite Belt Small Schools Swimming Carnival 9-12 year olds.
Tuesday 6 December - Year 6 Orientation Day SSHS
Wednesday 7th December - School presentation night at Glen Aplin Hall
Thursday 8th - Fun day. Report cards sent home.

End of Year Excursion
The end of year excursion will take place on November 29. We will be attending the Cobb and Co Museum in Toowoomba, and will have lunch and a game of ten pin bowling at the Suncity Bowling Alley. Payments for the excursion should be made as soon as possible and permission notes need to be returned urgently. Students need to wear school uniform with closed in shoes and socks. All students need a broad brim hat and water bottle. Students should pack an extra snack in case they get hungry.

Year 6 Graduation Night
Next Thursday December 1st the Year 6 Graduation dinner will be held at Happy Valley. Those wishing to attend need to RSVP by Monday 28th. Please phone the school.

End of Year Presentation Night
This year we will be holding a formal presentation night at the Glen Aplin Hall to acknowledge our school and students achievements throughout the year. This will take place Wednesday 7 December and will commence at 6:30pm. Students will need to have dinner before they attend. All students have been learning some dances for this event. Could all families please provide a plate for a shared supper after the presentation concludes? This is not a BYO event.
**White Ribbon Day**
This Friday the 25th November is White Ribbon Day. This day is to raise awareness to help prevent violence against women. To raise awareness on this day we are wearing white. Students, staff and parents are encouraged to wear white on Friday to raise awareness of this important issue.

**Fundraising Day**
Thank you to all families who donated a gold coin last Thursday, an extra thanks to those who donated much more. We raised $179! Well done.

**Tennis**
Unfortunately neither of our teams have made the Ted Bonner Shield this year.
Mr Carnell will be at school this Friday morning to give our teams some more coaching. Team players please be here at 8am.

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

**Head Lice**
Please check your child’s head regularly for head lice. If head lice are found, please treat promptly and regularly until you have found no lice for some days. If you require any more detail on treatments available, some do not involve expensive chemicals, please contact our office or see your local chemist.

**Awards**
The following students have received awards for following our school expectations of being Safe, Respectful, Responsible and a Learner: Athena, Cooper, Nate Mac, Leland, Coen, Tristen F, Dyllan, Dane, Tahj, Tristen W, Jess and Megan.

Congratulations to Ethan Mc who is Chess Player of the Week.

**Granite Belt Chess**
Six teams travelled to Stanthorpe State School to play in the Granite Belt competition. *I cannot commend highly enough the behaviour and professional stance of all our players.* They were generous in victory and gracious in defeat. Senior A team won 16/16 games which no other team has equalled in any school this season. They also won 8 out of 8 games on Tuesday in catch up game at Amiens.
Senior B team won 10/16, drew 2 games.
Junior A team won 5/8 and drew 2.
Junior B: team won 7/16 and drew 4.
Junior C won 14/16 games.
Junior D played Junior A in a friendly, then some students from Amiens and Severnlea as a team was missing on the day.

Thank you to the parents who transported; Mrs Hindmarsh, Mrs Walters, Mrs Low, Ms Thorne, Mrs Mackenzie and Mrs Hill.

This week is the last week of GB chess with teams playing one game, then finals on Friday. A transport permission note will be sent home on Wednesday. This week we will be taking a Senior C team instead of a Junior D team. This will involve the same number of children.

**Library Books**
The children will not be coming home with a library book this week. We need the last couple of weeks to get all books back into the library. If you find a Glen Aplin book at home, please return it to the school!
**Chess Puzzle - Solution**

Black to move—move Knight at A1 to C2. White’s King is in a sticky situation with long challenges from bishop at G4, Queen at H6 and Rook at A8.

**Chess Puzzle**

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**WOW!**

*Discovered checks and double checks are powerful tactical weapons. Slip one of these past your opponent, and you might win right in the opening...*

94a) White moves

Salvia-T.Papathedorou, Olomouc 2003

Black expects a recapture on c3, but instead learns the hard way about double checks.

1...g5+! **Black resigns.** White’s move is a double check. Black is in check from both rook and bishop, so 1...Rxe6 is forced, after which White checkmates with 2 Rxd8.

94b) White moves

Glek-Ashlinov, Russian Team Ch, Tarnak 2001

This grandmaster clash had a curious finish. Can you find White’s forced win?

1 d6+ **xd6** (or 1...dxe7 2 Wh5) 2 Wh5! **Black resigns.** White attacks pieces on d6 and a8, and if 2...exd5 the win is 3 exd5, a discovered check, with 4 dxex7 to follow.

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**Positive Behaviour for Learning - PBL**

*I am a Learner......

because I learn from my mistakes!*

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Glen Aplin Gallery

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STREET STALL—next WEDNESDAY, 30th November 2016

We need more donations for our Christmas Hamper/Mutlidraw Raffle. If you haven’t already done so, would you kindly consider donating an item such as Christmas decorations, small gifts (such as soap, photo frame, candles, gardening items), vouchers or store bought Christmas baking.

Could we please have items left in the staff room by this Friday 25th November. Please let Rita know on 46835142, if you can help on the day (from 8.30am to 2.30pm), or provide home-bake or produce for the street stall. Home-bake and produce can be left in the staff room from next Tuesday 29th November or dropped off at the Stall next Wednesday.

STANTHORPE SHOW 2017 3/4 February 2017 - Thank you for the great response to helping at the 2017 Show. We will keep you informed as to whether we are successful in our tender.

Booklist Packages for 2017 - There was a huge response regarding interest in the booklist packs. Sharee will be working on sorting out the booklists in the coming weeks.

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.

Next P&C Meeting TBA

Important Dates

- **Fri Nov 18** Granite Belt Chess
- **Fri Nov 25** Granite Belt Chess
- **Fri Nov 25** Ted Bonner Tennis Shield Competition (qualifying schools only)
- **Mon Dec 5** GB Swim Carnival (9-13yrs only)
- **Tues Dec 6** Yr6 SSHS Orientation Day
- **Fri Dec 9** Last day Term 4
- **Tues Nov 29** All School Excursion

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