Welcome back for Term 2. We trust that all of our families had a relaxing and enjoyable break. I know all of the staff are feeling refreshed and are busily down to work with their respective classes, despite Week 1 being a very short week.

Anzac Day is upon us this week and here at school we have spent time exploring the meaning of this important part of our Aussie heritage. At this week’s assembly, we were fortunate to have a wonderful guest speaker, Mr Doug Murry, from the Gatton RSL. He spoke at length about how the beginnings of Anzac Day and also the impact the war had on our nation. One point of particular interest for us in the Gatton area, is the ‘Weeping Mothers’ memorial in Littleton Park. It is unique in Australia, as most memorials depict soldiers, rather than the loss experienced by families during the war. So pay particular attention to this special monument whilst attending the Anzac ceremony on Friday.

Mr Murry also shared a special quote that best sums up the attitude and sacrifice made by our diggers. It is an inscription found at the ‘Thanbyuzayat war cemetery in Burma. 

“When you go home, tell them of us and say ‘for your tomorrow we gave our today’.”

Such a thought provoking statement is certainly worthy of reflection for all of us, especially on Anzac Day. We hope to see as many students as possible, joining us for the Anzac March, in Gatton tomorrow.

“Lest we forget”

Prep—Yr 2 (Miss O’Brien) In mathematics we have been exploring the concept of number through number expanders, investigation patterns and continuing to build our automaticity with numerals.

Yrs 3/4 (Mrs Peach) In English we are looking at Narratives and how to write an interesting narrative.

Yrs 5/6/7 (Mrs Kowitz/Mrs Martin)
Our usual homework will begin in Week 2. In English we are practising writing persuasively. This is important for practise for the NAPLAN writing task. It will also be assessed as part of our unit of work.
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is:

Care for your friends and family

Tent Hill Lower is a School Wide Positive Behaviour school!

At Tent Hill Lower we reward our students who have demonstrated ongoing positive behaviours. Participation in extra curricular activities and leadership positions are dependent on maintaining good behaviours.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**ANZAC March**

Tent Hill Lower SS has been invited to attend the Gatton ANZAC March on Friday. Notes have been sent home to all students about this important event on Tuesday.

Participating students are to meet Mrs Natalier, Mrs Kowitz & Mrs Peach outside the Council office (cnr North & Railway Street at 10am to assemble for a 10:30am start. Full school uniform including a hat is to be worn.

**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN tests will be conducted starting on Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May 2014 for all students in Years 3, 5 & 7. Please ensure that you keep these dates free from appointments and that your child attends school on these days. Following is some information for parents:

What is NAPLAN?
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD PREPARE FOR THE TESTS?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, sample questions and a sample writing task are available on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au

**SOFTBALL/ KANGA CRICKET CARNIVAL**

This carnival was postponed last term due to wet weather and has now been rescheduled for Friday 12th September (Term 3).

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Students are currently training for the upcoming Cross Country competition. Students aged 9 years or older are eligible to compete in the Gatton Zone Cross country which will be held at Lake Apex on Friday 16th May. Quite a number of students indicated that they wished to participate in the Gatton competition. A permission note will be sent home next week and will need to be signed and returned to school. Please be aware that parent transport will be required into Lake Apex. We encourage as many students as possible to attend this event.

Our school will also be running a mini cross country for all students in our school grounds on May 7.

**P & C NEWS**

Please remember that all Wurst Drive orders need to be returned to school by Monday 28th April. Please support this fundraiser.

FROM OUR CHAPPIE....

Lest We Forget

Having Easter and Anzac Day so close together has allowed us to enjoy some wonderful holidays and days off. The weather has been fine and it has been a pleasure just to be alive. In many ways Anzac Day and Easter are similar – in both we celebrate the giving of life for others.

On Anzac Day we celebrate the lives of those soldiers who struggled on the Gallipoli Peninsula so far away from home; also we honour those soldiers who have fought in various wars and missions to bring peace and keep safe our lifestyle here in Australia. Truly we owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

At Easter Christians celebrate the giving of life so that we could enjoy a closer relationship with God.

When you think about it we really are so fortunate that those who love us are prepared to give up everything for us. Makes me feel very grateful really.

**GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY RESEARCH**

A team of researchers (the BRAVE Team) at Griffith University are investigating an internet-based program for children suffering from anxiety who also have a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome. We are seeking children aged between 8 and 12 years to take part in the treatment study. This is being offered free for families who are eligible to participate. For more information contact the BRAVE Team: Phone: (07) 3735 3325 or Email bravefor-aspergers@griffith.edu.au