From the Principal…
Mrs Kowitz is currently on sick leave this week and Mrs Peach is acting Principal.

P & C News
The P & C are very supportive of our school and contribute to our funds in ways that directly benefit your children. The money raised by the P & C is used to pay for swimming bus, excursion and camp costs as well as paying for the end of year books for each student. Last weekend the P & C catered for a clearing sale and made a profit of $360. A big thank you to those parents involved. This weekend is the car boot sale and the P & C will be running a food stall and are also asking for donations of baked goods and vegetables to sell. If you can help in some way, either by baking or helping on the day I’m sure your help will be greatly appreciated. Ultimately the funds raised will benefit your child.

2016 Enrolments
The school is now taking enrolments for all year levels for 2016. If you know of any families with prep age students for 2016, please encourage them to give us a call and to pick up an enrolment pack. In Term 4 a number of Prep transition days will be held as follows: Friday October 30th; Monday November 9th; Thursday 26th and Tuesday December 1. The days vary to suit the differing schedules of families. So we hope to see as many people as possible on one or all of these days.

Happy Grandparents Day!
It was lovely to see Grandparents visiting our school today and enjoying a morning tea with their grandchildren.

P& C Association
Wednesday 4th November
School library
3.30PM
All Welcome

SCHOOL HOURS:
School commences at 8.55am
School finishes at 3.00pm
Please be prompt. Late arrivals need to sign in at the office.

EVERYDAY COUNTS!
Our school target is 95% attendance.

FROM SEMESTER 1 2015, OUR SCHOOL’S OVER-ALL ATTENDANCE RATE IMPROVED AND IS NOW 93.5%
PLEASE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK IN GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.
Parents must supply a reason for an absence.

Around the Classrooms
Prep—Yr 2 (Mrs Samuelsen) Preps are going well with their 3 letter spelling words and rhyming work. Year 1 and 2 have been busy adding adjectives to improve the quality of their sentence writing.

Yrs 3/4 (Mrs Peach) In Science this term we are looking at the concepts involved around the topic of force and how the properties of force can be used in the playing of simple games. Last week we had a fun experiment involving a paper plate, a cardboard tube, a ping pong ball and a glass of water. Ask your child to explain how this experiment worked.

Yrs 5/6 (Mrs Kowitz/Mrs Martin) In English this term we have been comparing fiction and non-fiction texts and how they are structured to persuade the audience. This week we are looking at the different parts of a web site and how the structure of it assists the reader to understand its message.
Tent Hill Lower is a Positive Behaviour for Learning School!
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is:
“Do your best - Right Place, Right Time”

SCHOOL NEWS

HRE EDUCATION
This term the P&C are sponsoring a Human Relationships Education program for students in Years 4, 5 & 6. We employ a trained educator, Robyn Kavanagh, from TRUE, to provide 2 x 1 hour sessions for each year of these year levels.
The proposed dates for these sessions are the 18th November and the 2nd of December.
Participation in the program is completely optional and details will be attached to the next newsletter. Parents will also be sent home more information about the content of the lessons and a permission note to sign if you are happy for your child to be involved.
The purpose of the program is provide support for families on this topic and is not designed to take the place of the parents rights to discuss these important matters with their child.

Playgroup
Every Wednesday 9-11am.
Playgroup are holding a fundraiser where parents are invited to purchase quality education focused toys, games & gifts by Educational Experience.

Sun Safety
As the weather warms up it is important to ensure that your child has a broad brimmed hat to wear at school. As per Education Queensland policy our school has the "No Hat, No Play" rule which is strictly enforced. This is also why all students must wear a sun shirt to swimming lessons.

School Swimming
Our weekly school swimming lessons started last Thursday and conclude on Thursday Nov 12 (weather permitting).
Please ensure your child has suitable swimming togs, sun shirt, towel, sunscreen, swimming cap and goggles (if needed) in a separate bag. Togs are not to be worn under their school uniform. It is also a good idea if all items are named.

Any parents wishing to collect their child/ren after swimming directly from the Gatton pool will need to notify the school in writing. Students being collected must also remain at the pool until after their names are checked off the swimming roll by the teachers. Students not collected by 2:25pm will return to school by bus. If you have any questions regarding swimming please contact the school.

Oktoberfest
Last Thursday, a group of Year 6 students from our school, joined students from other schools in the Lockyer Valley for a trip to Brisbane to attend the Oktoberfest celebrations.
Things that students saw and participated in were:
German dancing including the chicken dance, listening to traditional German music, lemonade drinking competitions, pretzel eating competitions, German clocks and hats and eating traditional German food.
We all had a wonderful day and learned about the culture of Germany. Thanks to Frau Chapman for organising this event.
By Ryan Burchmann

P&C NEWS

Car Boot sale -
Calling all families!!! As you all will be aware we are holding a car boot sale on Sat 24th Oct. We are looking to make this a successful fundraiser. Come along and support your P&C, have a spring clean and book a site and make some extra $. We will need families to bake and help on the day with our sausage sizzle and cake/vegetables stall.
Thanks in advance!

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER...
I have just discovered a useful Australian website for encouraging children’s creativity and learning – Childhood 101. It is put together by an early childhood educator but has sections for various age groups. Each of the pages are about encouraging learning through creativity and challenge. Most of the activities are designed to be done at home. These could be fun for the weekend or next holidays. The link below is to one of the pages – quite useful.
I will aim to develop some of the activities for lunch times for the kids to enjoy. Hope you have fun encouraging your child to explore and have fun too!

Book Fair
Once again we will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair at our school. The Book Fair will be in operation from 4th to 10th November. It is a great opportunity for parents and children to buy good quality books at reasonable prices and a percentage of the sales is returned to the school to allow us to purchase books for the library. It is also a good place to buy some Christmas presents.

Chyane, Ryan & Josie pretending to be German royalty at Oktoberfest.
More Photos from Grandparents Day