From the Principal…

ANZAC Day
A big shout out to all of the students and their families who proudly represented our school in the Anzac Day Parade in Gatton on Monday. We had almost half of the school participating in the march and observing the ANZAC tradition. A big thank you to Mrs Samuelsen of setting up the shade at Littleton Park and for also baking some delicious ANZAC biscuits for the students. Thank you to Mrs peach for organising the beautiful wreath of flowers, which School captain Tait Zischke and School Leader Danny Hamblin laid at the memorial on behalf of our school community.

Winter School Uniform.
The cooler weather is almost upon us and so it is time to make sure that the students have appropriate winter uniform items ready to wear. It is the school’s uniform policy, that all students will wear the school colours during winter, (i.e. black or gold) The P&C have endorsed a new range of winter uniform jackets. Parents are under no obligation to purchase from the P&C and may seek out suitable options of black or gold jumpers or jackets from the department stores. Students are also asked to wear black bottoms such as black track pants (boys or girls) or leggings under the skorts (girls) to be in line with the school’s uniform policy. A more consistent approach to our winter uniform will make a big difference when we travel outside of the school such as our school excursion or on school sporting events. Thank you to everyone for your attention to this matter.

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% or higher which was met in Term 1. Congratulations. Good attendance is vital to getting a good education as well as the law in QLD. Also, it is a requirement that absences need to be explained. Please phone us or send a note if your child is sick. Holidays and other
SCHOOL NEWS...

NAPLAN tests
This year, Years 3 and 5 will participate in these tests on May 10th, 11th & 12th. It is important not to book any appointments or take holidays on these dates.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?
NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school’s assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance. Reports will be issued to parents later in the year.

Please ensure your child is at school early on the above dates. If your child is absent please phone and advise the school, so teachers are not waiting. We also have a more detailed parent brochure available at school if you would to read more.

If you have any major concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

Student Absence
Parents are reminded that it is a Departmental requirement that ALL student absences are explained and recorded. Your cooperation with this issue would be appreciated. Remember - Every Day Counts!

DATE CLAIMER...
What: Whole school excursion
Where: Brisbane Planetarium and Mt Cootha Botanic Gardens
When: Friday 10th June
Cost: $10 per student (no money required yet)

P & C NEWS
Uniforms— contact Gemma Zischke.

TENT HILL PUB RAFFLES
Friday 29th April 2016

Mothers Day Breakfast
♦ Wed May 4, 8—8:30am
♦ Adults only, $5 per head
♦ Money due tomorrow.

Zone Cross Country
Students (9yrs—12yrs) will compete in the Lockyer Zone Cross country on Friday May 13 at Lake Apex, Gatton. Transport to and from the event will be the responsibility of parents. Starting times and distances are as follows: If your child is unable to compete please notify the school before Thursday May 5.

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BUDS AWARDS
Rainbow Warriors
**Parenting Corner…..**

**How parent modelling can develop balanced technology habits in kids**

Children are natural mimics. They mimic our language, especially the worst aspects of our language such as swearing. As American researcher and psychologist Martin Seligman found in his ground-breaking research into children’s thinking styles, they mimic our optimistic and pessimistic thinking too!

But it’s our habitual behaviours that really leave their mark. Our kids pick up good manners, money and saving habits, and now our technology habits. This means we have the chance to develop good or bad habits in kids by our own observable behaviours.

So now that digital technology is such an integral part of family-life it makes sense to do all we can to develop smart, balanced technology habits in kids. Here are some ideas to help:

1. Be mindful of how often you have a mobile device in your hand. Avoid constantly reading emails or texting while in social situations.
2. Limit your own media use when you are with children. Be available emotionally with your children rather than stare at a screen when children are around.
3. Create tech-free zones. Keep mealtimes and other family social gatherings tech-free.
4. Model face-to-face time. Let your kids see you engaging with ‘back-and-forth’ conversations with others. This is how kids learn conversation, negotiation and other relationship skills.
5. Consciously engage. Join with kids in games and other technological engagement but at the same time connect with kids in other ways too.

Media and digital devices are an integral part of our lives today. The benefits of these devices if used moderately and appropriately are almost limitless. Parents can use the ageless power of modelling to influence their children to be savvy but balanced users of digital technology.

*Michael Grose  (Parent Educator)*

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**GERMAN NEWS**

Hello everyone. It has been a busy term already with students completing their first project. We are beginning our school based Tipp Kick competition, which I am sure will be a hotly contested competition.

Students are beginning work on their new units. We will be looking at family and change through a unit on migration. This will also involve us looking at some of the history of German settlement in the Lockyer Valley. I am looking forward to the learning that will