Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of Term 3, it is important to reflect on what a wonderful term it has been. Some of the highlights have included; the Digital Technologies Workshop, Granite Belt Athletics Carnivals, where all students gave their best effort, Spaghetti Bridge Competition, as well as seeing the creative and colourful work the students produced for the Crisps Art Show. All these events, as well as watching all students show supportive and positive behaviour across the school has made for a great term. I hope everyone has a safe holiday break.

Kyle Low

14.1 Trail Ride New Dates

As you will be aware, the Greenlands Trail Ride (GTR) has been postponed due to the unfavourable weather conditions which has left the campsite and track in an unsuitable condition for the ride. All previous activities (meetings, baking food etc) has been postponed and new dates will be advised.

The new dates for the GTR is the 05th and 06th November which is the end of week 5. Given the change of dates, a new volunteer availability form is included with this newsletter. Please remember, any time you are able to donate is appreciated and makes the work load a lot easier for those who have already worked countless hours to fundraise for the school.

To assist with the planning, a GTR meeting will be held on Monday 10th October at 6:30pm.

Please continue to sell the raffle tickets as the draw will now take place on Sunday 06th November.

14.2 Whole School Excursion

The school is heading on an excursion! On the Wednesday of week 1, Term 4, we are loading up a couple of buses and heading to the Queensland Museum and Sciencenter. This excursion is a fantastic opportunity for students to consolidate their knowledge across multiple subjects such as Science, History and Geography.

The school is subsidising $2600 and the P&C $1000 which brings the cost per student down to $15. We will have a large contingent of staff attending (10) on the day and make toilet stops along the way.

Students are required too;
- Be at school for a 6am departure
- Wear school uniform (no hats)
- Bring packed morning tea and lunch in a plastic bag with child’s name on it.
- Be picked up at 6pm from Greenlands

A note will be sent home on Tuesday (first day of term 4) with additional information, including Mr Low’s contact details on the day and any more.

A permission form and payment envelope have gone home with families and we would appreciate
the return of these as soon as possible.

14.3 Crisp Arts Show
The Crisps Art Show is currently on display at the Stanthorpe Art Gallery until 02nd October.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded prizes.

**Prep**—Ella Magnoli (1st)
Prep - Georgie Cox (2nd)
Prep—Belle McGaw (3rd)

3/4—Ella Kunze (1st)

14.4 Sporting Schools Tennis
The school has secured Sporting Schools funding to run a free tennis program for 6 weeks during Term 4. Local tennis coach, Tom Farrell will be conducting lessons on Friday afternoon for all students in Years 1-3.

Due to Interschool sport, Years 4-6 will be optional participation and there are two available sessions. Friday morning 8 - 8:40am or Friday afternoon 3 - 3:40pm. Both sessions will be available if we have enough students for each. Permission slips will be sent home with the first newsletter next term and will need to be returned.

14.5 Public holiday—School return date
School in term 4 resumes on Tuesday the 04th October. The Monday is a Public Holiday for the Queen’s Birthday.

14.6 Lost Property
The lost property box is currently full of unnamed tracksuits, jumpers and other items. Please take the time to check this as soon as you can. It is located on the veranda near the Yr.4-5 classroom.

14.7 Hats Sent Home
All student hats will be sent home Friday so parents can take the opportunity to clean them over the vacation period.

14.8 Swimming Lessons
Swimming lessons will commence next term. They will occur on Mondays and Tuesdays – 18 October to 23 November.

Yr.1-6 students will do all lessons and Prep students will participate in the last six. This strategy is based on past experience that shows that Prep students do not often remain in the pool for long until the warmer half of the term.

Coaching and transport costs are paid by the school and P&C Association.

All children will need to bring the following gear in a separate bag: towel, t-shirt, swimming costume and comb. Please ensure that all equipment is named.

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14.9 Dates for next term
Here’s a few dates to note for next term:

- **3 October** Queen’s Birthday holiday
- **4 October** All students start Term 4
- **5 October** Whole School Excursion to QLDMuseum
- **10 October** Trail Ride Meeting
- **17 October** Pupil Free Day
- **18 October** Swimming Lessons start Yr.1-6
- **19 October** School Photos
- **24 October** P&C Meeting
- **05-06 November** Greenlands Trail Ride
- **09 November** Swimming Lessons start Yr.P
- **10-11 November** Yr6 Extended Learning Program
- **15 November** Free Dress Day—TBC
- **14-18 November** Bookfair
- **19 November** Test Week Yr.P-6
- **26 November**

14.10 School Visitors
The school was visited by four aspiring Principals last week as part of the Take the Lead Program. This program seeks to give aspiring Principals an insight into how a Small School Principal operates on a daily basis.

The teachers spent time with Mr Low looking through school documents as well as talking with teachers about their data profiles, classroom organisation and programming.

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