VENETIAN CARNIVAL

Still on Jacaranda our students will perform at the Venetian Carnival on Friday night. This is a good family night out on the banks of the river followed by the fireworks display. Our Skipping Team and Jesse Ross will be part of the entertainment at Picnic in the Park in Market square next Saturday night following the float procession.

YEAR 7, 2015

Parents and carers of students who will be commencing year seven at South Grafton High School in 2015 are advised that an orientation day will be held on Tuesday 18th November commencing at 9:00am. All students who have indicated that they will be attending year seven at South Grafton High will receive a letter from the High School providing more details about the upcoming orientation day.

For parents and carers of students commencing year seven at Grafton High School in 2015 a parent information evening will be held on Tuesday 4th November 2014, 6pm at Grafton High School MPC. This evening will be followed by information for the Selective Class students, parents and carers at 7pm. Presentations will be held on all aspects of high school life. The Grafton High School Year 7 Handbook will be available and staff will be on hand to answer questions.

COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS CHOIR

A huge thank you must go to all those students who were part of the Community of Schools choir that performed at the Queen Crowning on Saturday night under extremely difficult conditions. The Community of Schools will be having discussions with the Jacaranda committee regards the timing of the performance and the lack of shade provided for the students. Despite these very arduous conditions the students performed extremely well and were excellent ambassadors for Public Education in the Clarence Valley.

MARCH OF YOUTH

Well done also to all those students who attended the March of Youth on Saturday morning. This year Gillwinga placed third in the banner competition. Thank you again to Miss Watters and her family for their support in helping to create the prize winner banner.

MARCH OF YOUTH

As part of Jacaranda our school band and choir performed at a number of local nursing homes on Monday. The audiences were extremely appreciative of the efforts of the students. This activity is great opportunity to brighten the day of some of the elder residents in the local community and is great way to get people talking about the positive things that are always happening at Gillwinga.
JACARAN D THURSDAY

Parents and carers are reminded about the arrangements for Jacaranda Thursday. Gillwinga will be open from 9:00am to 1:00pm but it is unlikely that normal classes will run. Buses will be providing transport for students at the commencement of the day but no buses will be running at 1:00pm to pick students up. Parents and carers will need to make appropriate arrangements if students are attending school on Thursday morning as staff will be finishing at 1:00pm. Those students who have returned the signed slip concerning participation in the Jacaranda activities on Thursday morning will be marked as leave. Those students who don’t return the signed slip and are absent from school on Thursday will be marked as having an unjustified absence.

SCHOOL CAPS

Please don’t forget that the new style school caps are on sale for $8.50 up until Wednesday 29th October (tomorrow) after which they will returning to the full price of $12.50.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our breakfast program has been a great success this year and although it’s not meant to replace a healthy breakfast at home it is aimed at giving students something a little extra to keep them alert and engaged during the peak learning times at the beginning of the day. Parents and carers are asked to please think about what foods they are providing their children with to start the day. Fast foods and drinks high in sugar are not the best way to start the day. If you are short on ideas have look at the “Healthy Kids, Eat Well Get Active” website run by the NSW government it has some great ideas for healthy snacks. Iced fruit kebabs looked like a great one to me.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Walking with a friend in the dark is far better than walking alone in the dark” – Helen Keller

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 3rd November: Katrina Cox and Danica
Tuesday 4th November: Kathleen Mansfield and Kylie Kelly

Don’t forget if you do not provide your own order on a paper bag the cost will be an extra 10c on top of the menu price.

If the canteen is to stay open next year we need more helpers. Please leave your name at the front office if you are able to assist.

SCHOOL BANKING

Win a camera or wave rider: with every deposit you will create one entry to go into the competition. A maximum of 6 entries per child. Bank now for a chance!
“Ready Set Go”

We only have 3 more sessions of “Ready Set Go” for our Pre School Programme to finish for 2014.

Monday 3\textsuperscript{rd} November, 2014

Monday 10\textsuperscript{th} November, 2014

**Monday 17\textsuperscript{th} November, 2014**

is our Kindergarten Orientation.

The children come as normal but instead of doing our “Ready Set Go” session the students go down to the Kindergarten room to meet Mrs. Baker and do their session with her while the parents attend the information session for Kindergarten.

**ALL PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION.**

Quest speakers have been organised.

This information session will conclude with morning tea.

Hoping to see you all at this presentation.

Thanks

Kim Perl
23 October 2014

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY

Dear X,

An orientation program for all incoming Year 7 students and their parents/caregivers will be held at our school on Tuesday 18th November for CVAS, Coutts Crossing, Gillwinga, Nana Glen, Grafton, Westlawn, St Marys, Tucabia, Ulmarra and Wooli primary schools, and on Wednesday 19th November for South Grafton Primary.

Students and carers are to arrive at the school by 9am and the day will commence by 9:20am in the Hall. Parents are encouraged to attend the morning session until 11:00am. Students will need to remain at school until 1:30pm where they will be supervised until pickup. Students are requested to bring their own recess and a pen and paper to write down important information given on the day. A BBQ sausage sizzle lunch will be provided. Students are requested to wear their school sports uniform.

The morning session will include an introduction of key staff and other essential information for students and parents for starting Year 7. Morning tea will be provided to the parents. Parents will have the opportunity to tour the canteen and other key areas of the school, and to ask questions and make purchases as outlined below:

The school library will be selling:
- School polo shirts with SGHS emblem $22
- Red jumpers and hoodies with emblem for $30
- School bucket hat with emblem for $10
- Sports shirts for $39 and sports shorts for $29

The front office will be selling:
- Book packs.

The school will accept cash, cheque or EFTPOS. Uniforms can also be bought from Lowes, U-Design, Low Pressure Surf Wear and Birdscage.

Please contact the school immediately if your circumstances change and you no longer wish to proceed with this enrolment. We will be able to offer this vacancy to another student on our waiting list. If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact the year advisers Sarah McCann or Adam Dewberry on 6642 1466.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Court
Relieving Principal