We would like to extend a special invitation to all Grandparents to attend our assembly on Friday 17th October and then to spend some time reading with their grandchildren after the assembly with a morning tea to follow. To help us cater, it would be appreciated if any grandparents who are attending on the day could please contact the front office.

HATS AND UNIFORMS

Now that the warmer weather is here it is important that all students wear a hat in the playground. We have just taken delivery of a shipment of new school hats and these are available from the front office. The new design is a little different with the new school logo on the front and a slightly different colour scheme. Caps are $12.50 and bucket hats are $7.00. Please ensure the student’s name is written clearly on all hats.

While on the subject of uniforms all parents and carers are reminded that this is the last term in which students can wear either the full yellow shirts or the yellow and brown shirts. As of first term in 2015 the official school shirt will be the brown shirt with yellow piping, these are available from the front office for $25.00.

PLAYGROUP AT GILLWINGA

Please don’t forget that the Playgroup is set to commence on Friday 10th October in the

Welcome back to the start of term four. I trust that those families who were lucky enough to get away during the holidays enjoyed their break. I was very pleased to see there were no casts or crutches on assembly on Tuesday morning.

Career Development Day

This week students from Year 6 have been invited to attend a second career development day run by Southern Cross University in Coffs Harbour. Students will participate in activities including exploring the wonders of the sea through innovative hands on activities and sea life aquarium; making and controlling robots; developing and controlling their own online world and fun activities to learn about the human body. There is no cost for the day. Information and permission notes went home last term. This is a great opportunity for our students. Ms Cross, Mrs Magarry and Mr Gallagher will be accompanying the students on the day.

Assembly

On Friday 17th October we will be having our first assembly for the term. The assembly will have a special grandparents theme in the lead up to National Grandparents day on Sunday 26th October.
Community Room. The Playgroup is open to all students from 0-5 yrs old. There are no membership or session fees and a morning tea will be provided. If you are interested or know of anyone with young children please ask them to contact the office.

**END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES AND BEHAVIOUR**

Traditionally term four is a very busy time of the year with excursions, swim school, year six farewell and a range of other associated activities. Student participation in these and many other activities is dependent on behaviour and attendance. It would be greatly appreciated if parents and carers could reinforce the importance of making positive behaviour choices throughout the term so that students don't miss out on the many extra curricula activities that happen towards the end of the year.

**ABSENCES**

Parents and carers are reminded that it is their legal responsibility to inform their class teacher the reason for an absence within 7 school days. A copy of the absence note has been included for your convenience.

**SCHOOL CAMP**

Year 4-5-6 camp is from 26th – 28th November. Final payments need to be made by Friday 14th November. Further information including medical information and packing instructions will come in the next few weeks.

**DAILY EXAMINER SHIELD**

Best wishes go to the boys who are a part of the small schools rugby league team playing in the finals of the Daily Examiner Shield this afternoon at Frank McGurren Field Grafton

3:30pm South Grafton High Girls v Grafton High Girls (Opens) 15min each way
4:10pm Grafton High v McAuley College (14's) 20min each way
4:50pm Grafton High v McAuley College (open's) 25min each way
5:40pm South Grafton Primary v Small Schools 20 min each way
6:40pm South Grafton High v Maclean High (14’s) 25min each way
7:30pm South Grafton High v Maclean High (open's) 30 min each way

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

“It’s kind of fun to do the impossible” – Walt Disney