involved in a video conference link up with Frederickton Public (just north of Kempsey) who will also join in some of the workshop sessions. This should be a very interesting opportunity for the members of the band. Thank you to Ms Edwards for continuing to support our school band and provide unique opportunities such as this.

SOCCER

Last week both our boys and girls soccer teams competed against South Grafton Public School in the first round of this year’s NSW PSSA knockout in football (soccer). Both teams demonstrated a great deal of persistence and resilience and never gave up. The girls were up against some very strong competition but did their best on the day with South Grafton coming out on top. In the boys game the result was reversed with the Gillwinga team scoring a goal in the final seconds of the game to take the win. The boys will now play Westlawn Public in the next round of the competition with a date to be finalised.

NETBALL

In week eight our Netball team will be back in action against Chatsworth Island Public School with the game to be played at Maclean. Permission /Information notes will be coming shortly for those students involved.

NORTH COAST CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Zac Pacey and Jesse Ross on their performances at the North Coast Cross Country last week. Zac finished a very creditable 15th and Jesse crossed the line in 12th place. This was a great effort by both our students who were up against some very hot competition, competing against students from south of Port Macquarie and north to the border.

DEBATING

On Tuesday our debating team of was involved in a competition against Palmers Island Public School. For some of our students this was a new experience. Although the result didn’t go our way, Mrs Magarry was very pleased with the effort that the students put into preparing for the debate, as well having the confidence to present their arguments in a sound and logical manner. These students will have another opportunity to improve their skills with an upcoming debate against South Grafton Primary.

BAND WORKSHOP

Those students who are part of the band will be involved in a very unique experience in the coming weeks. Ms Edwards from the Clarence Valley Conservatorium has organised for our students to travel to Nymboida Public School, to participate in a band workshop. As part of the day they will also be
PUBLIC SPEAKING

Also in week eight the following student’s Jesse Ross, Krystelle Lentfer, Mervyn Weatherall and Jordan Hartmann will be competing in the multicultural public speaking competition being held at Westlawn. Stage three students will be required to give a prepared speech of up to four minutes with stage two having a maximum of three minutes. Students will also be asked to deliver an impromptu speech on an unknown topic.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Parents and Carers are reminded that our annual athletics carnival will be held this Friday (13th June) at Barnier Park, Junction Hill. Students will leave school by bus at approximately 9:15am and return in time for regular afternoon buses. All parents, carers, grandparents, friends and community members are invited to come along and support the students on the day. The P&C will be running a small canteen with a sausage sizzle, they will also be selling small cakes, drinks and chips. Permission notes have already gone home and it is important that the notes are returned as soon as possible if you haven’t already done so.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

A further reminder to parents and carers, concerning the change of date for the term three staff development day. All students and staff will return to school on Monday 14th of July at the conclusion of the up-coming July holidays. Staff will be involved in professional development activities on Friday 18th July, as a result students will not be expected to attend school on Friday 18th July. This activity and change of date has been approved by Mr. Ron Phillips, the School Education Director for Clarence/Coffs. If any parents or carers need any clarification concerning this change could they please contact the front office.

ASSEMBLY

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to attend our last assembly on the 6th June. We were lucky enough to have Mayor Richie Williamson attend to present the schools re-accreditation as a Water Wise School. The Mayor asked me to pass on his thanks and appreciation to the students for their efforts in being a Water Wise School. He was particularly impressed with the presentations of song, art works and digital stories put on by 2/3O’C, as a way of getting the message across about the importance of saving and using water wisely.

YOU CAN DO IT

As part of “You Can Do It” we are currently focusing on the key area of Confidence. An important part of being confident is having a positive attitude and positive frame of mind. Being able to overcome self-doubt is half the battle. Here is a short but very relevant quote from Mary Kay Ash, that sums this up nicely. “If you think you can, you can. And if you think you can’t, you’re right.”