accreditation. Our assembly will commence at approximately 9:10 am in the hall and all parents, carers, friends and community members are invited to attend.

LIFE EDUCATION AND BUS SAFETY

Last week all students participated in “Life Education” and this week it’s “Bus Safety”. A large majority of our students travel to and from school by bus and it’s important that students understand that they have a responsibility to other bus travellers to behave safely and in accordance with the Department of Transport’s rules and regulations. Thank you to Busways for making a driver and vehicle available to help with this important learning opportunity for our students. Thanks also to all the students who became Bus Safety Super Heros.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are currently going through a transition phase with our school uniforms. From the beginning of the 2015 school year both the yellow polo top and the yellow and brown polo top for both boys and girls will no longer be part of our recognised school uniform. From the commencement of the 2015 school year the recognised shirt for both boys and girls will be the brown polo top with yellow side and sleeve panels and small yellow piping on the collar. Boys will be able to wear brown shorts and girls brown skorts. All of these products are available for purchase through Gillwinga Public School.

EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to members of the band and choir on their performances in the recent Eisteddfod, taking out first place in the Small Schools band section and a highly commended in the choir section. Four of our students were also part of a combined South Grafton Primary school band that took first place in the large school band section as well. Thank you to all the parents, carers, grandparents and friends who were in the audience to support our students. Ms Kristina Edwards from the Clarence Valley Conservatorium and Miss Watters have done an excellent job with both the band and the choir and it is certainly very pleasing to see the hard work being rewarded.

NORTH COAST CROSS COUNTRY

Best of luck this week to Jesse Ross and Zac Pacey who will be competing in the North Coast Cross Country trials to be held in Kempsey on Friday 6th June. This is Zac’s second year in a row at North Coast and Jesse qualified fastest at the Mid North Coast level. This is a great achievement for both the students and I’m sure they will do their very best.

ASSEMBLY

Please don’t forget our assembly on Friday 6th June. This week Mayor Richie Williamson will be a special guest at our assembly to present our Water Wise...
the front office. We currently have a number of the old style yellow and brown polo tops for sale at a reduced price. The old style shirts are available for $15 each but can only be worn until the end of this year. Sizes 12, 14 and 16 in this style are available.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

All parents and carers are reminded of the change regarding the arrangements for the term three staff development day. The four Grafton Community of Schools, Primary Schools, Gillwinga, South Grafton, Westlawn and Grafton Public will be having a combined staff development on Friday 18th July. This will mean that students and staff will return to school after the June/July holidays on Monday 14th July and that the students will not be required to attend school on Friday 18th July as all staff will be involved in professional development activities. If parents or carers need any clarification regarding these arrangements please contact the front office.

**TEMPORARY STAFF CHANGES**

Over the last few weeks of this term and into term three there will be a number of staff changes due to long service leave.

Mrs Perl will taking over from Mrs Baker in Kindergarten and Mrs Wyborn will be filling in on Monday’s when Mrs Perl takes “Ready Set Go”. Mrs Wyborn will filling in Mrs Perl’s original position on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Mrs O’Connell and Ms Cross will also be taking leave with Miss Grewal replacing Mrs O’Connell and Mrs Magarry replacing Ms Cross in 5/6C. Mr Palmer will fill Mrs Magarry’s original position.

Mrs Fahey will be having some time off as well and Mrs Cahill and Mrs Schroder will be running the office in her absence.

These changes won’t cause any interruption to students learning as the majority of the replacement teachers are already working in the school on those particular classes. The additional casual teachers we are employing are regularly employed as relief teachers and understand the procedures and processes that operate within those classes.

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

A final reminder that all “Jump Rope for Heart” money and sponsorship forms need to be returned to individual class teachers by Friday 6th June. All students need to have their money and forms in by this date to be eligible for the reward prizes on offer. It is important that all sponsorship forms are returned even if there were no sponsors as we need to account for all forms.
YOU CAN DO IT

You Can Do It – We all have strengths and we all have areas that we could be better at. We are all individuals and it is our differences that make us who we are. We need to embrace these differences and value ourselves as being special. In You Can Do It we have been looking at the “Accepting Yourself” positive habit of mind. If you are comfortable in your own skin you will have the confidence to have a go at new things, you will not get too down if things go wrong, you will persist through adversity and you will strive to be successful. On the other hand “Self Downing” is a negative habit of mind where you take all set backs personally, you see mistakes as a permanent part of you and you are reluctant to have a go due to fear of further failure. At home we can say things like: • Mistakes are a part of learning.
• Don't worry, you are good at lots of things and you will get better at that too.
• Getting something wrong does not mean that you are a failure.
• I don't care if you make a mistake, I love it that you had a go.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Finally here is a quote from Nelson Mandela, one person who really brought change in our world. “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”, but to receive an education it is important that students are at school, on time, every day that they possibly can be. If you are doing this for your child then you are giving the best possible start.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will be next Tuesday due to the long weekend.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

 Volunteers are needed for the athletics carnival next Friday, 13th June. Please contact the front office if you can help.

CANTEEN

Please remember orders for hot food at the canteen cannot be accepted after 10am as these do take time to prepare.

NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to Byron McAnulty who joined us last week.
OTITIS MEDIA AWARENESS DAY at Grafton Shopping World on Thursday 12 June from 10am – 5pm. Otitis Media or middle ear disease affects up to 30% of Kindergarten children at any time. It can result in reduced hearing, leading to problems with learning and the development of social skills. Free ear health checks will be available on the day for preschool and school aged children. Information will be available for parents and teachers about Otitis Media and how it affects the health and education of young children.

Grafton Truck Show
Saturday 7th June,
parade down Prince Street starting at 10am.
The parade will conclude at the racecourse and here they will have free kids activities all afternoon.
Activities include sand wizard, jumping castle, face painting, a race track with pedal cars, egg and spoon races, sack races, truck pulling, etc. Free entry.

Toddlers proms
Date Saturday 7 June, 2014
Time 10.00am
Venue Clarence Valley Conservatorium, Villiers St
Grafton

Ticket Prices
Child $5
(includes free accompanying adult ticket)
Additional Adult $10
Family (2 kids & 2 adults) $15

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