WELCOME TO TERM 4 AND STELLA PROGRAM

I'd like to welcome everyone back to what will be a very full term.

On Friday this week Year 6 students will be visiting the Southern Cross University Campus in Coffs Harbour as part of the Stella program. Stella aims to show students the opportunities that are available to them if they complete their education and go on to attend University or study at TAFE. Students will be involved in activities at the Marine Science Centre as well as activities in the Anatomy, Nursing and Health Science Laboratories. This should a great opportunity for our students.

GRANDPARENTS ASSEMBLY

Please don't forget our special Grandparents assembly set down for Friday 23rd of October. All parents/carers, grandparents and community members are invited to attend. The assembly will be held in the hall and commence at approximately 9:10am. Kindergarten and 1/2C are looking forward to sharing some of the interesting things that they have been doing in class.

INFANTS PLAYGROUND

Last week our new infants playground equipment was installed and this has proved to be a great hit with all K-2 students who will be able to access the equipment at recess and first half lunch as well as other times with their class teacher.

SWIM SCHOOL

Last week a note went home to all students in years 2 and 3 concerning swim school. This year the school is using funds from the Sporting Schools grant to cover the cost of transport and pool entry. This year all year 2 students have been allocated spots in the program. There are still spaces available for year 3 students, which will be filled on a first come first served basis. It is important that all notes are returned to school on or before Friday 16th October.

DENTAL VISIT

On Wednesday 21st October dental assistants from Fresh Dental Care will be visiting all classes to discuss the importance of oral hygiene. As part of the visit all students K-6 will receive a tooth brush kit courtesy of Fresh Dental Care and Colgate.

EARLY ACTION FOR SUCCESS PROGRAM

Parents/carers of students in years 5 & 6 are asked to please mark Thursday 10th December on the calendar as the date for the year 6 farewell. The evening will be held at the Golf Club and Ms Cross is currently negotiating a menu with caterers. More information will be coming home a little closer to the actual event.
SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder to all students, parents and carers there is an expectation that students wear the correct uniform to school each day. I understand that occasionally things happen at home and this may not be possible but I would ask that students do their best to ensure that they are in uniform each day. If any families are having difficulty accessing uniforms could they please contact the front office.

JACARANDA THURSDAY

Last week a note went home explaining the arrangements for Jacaranda Thursday. The school will be open from 9:00am to 1:00pm on that day but we don’t envisage that any normal classes or lessons will operate. Buses will do their normal morning run but will not be running in the afternoon to take students home. We understand that many families like to participate in the activities in the main street on the Thursday morning. Parents and carers are asked to please complete the bottom section of the Jacaranda note and return it to school to indicate if their child/ren will be attending the festivities. All students who return a note indicating that they will be at Jacaranda will be marked as having Approved Leave for the day. Any student who doesn’t return a note will be marked as having Unjustified Leave.

SCHOOL EXCURSIONS

During this term there are a number of excursions coming up for class groups. Parents/carers are asked to please complete the permission notes and return them by the due date along with the required funds. Thank you to all those parents/carers who returned the 4/5/6 camp notes. Please keep paying off the camp. The next excursion is the K/1/2 trip to Woolgoolga.

“THE TWO MOST POWERFUL WEAPONS ARE COURAGE AND PERSISTENCE. NOTHING CAN STOP A PERSON ARMED WITH BOTH.”

- SCOTT SORRELL
YOU CAN DO IT

A RIVER CUTS THROUGH ROCK, NOT BECAUSE OF ITS POWER, BUT BECAUSE OF ITS PERSISTENCE.

RAFFLE

The P&C are holding a raffle to raise funds for our school. They have asked that each family please provide any non-perishable items for the hamper. Please check any items for donation are well within the use by date before leaving them at the front office. Thank you for supporting our school’s fundraising efforts.

SPECIAL CANTEEN DAY

The canteen is holding a special fruit salad order day on Monday 9th November. The fruit salad will be served at lunch time. Separate order sheets will come home this week. Orders with money need to be returned by Wednesday 4th November.

SCHOOL DISCO AND BBQ

See over the page for all details.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Surf School information and bookings can be made at www.surfgroms.com; Tel: 0438561370; www.solitaryislandssurfschool.com.au

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Principal: Mr Phil Cavanagh
To celebrate Term 4 we are having a disco and BBQ. Big Al will be playing a selection of music during the disco. Students who are on green or above will receive an invite to the disco.

We will have lucky door prizes and all funds raised will go towards the school. Mrs Cross and Year 6 are having a BBQ from 5.30pm so come along and enjoy a sausage sandwich for dinner for just $2.

**When:** 20th October 2015.

**Time:** 5.30 -7.30pm. Students need to be picked up promptly at 7.30pm.

**Where:** Gillwinga Public School Hall

**Cost:** $3 per person. If you are a family of 3 or more it will be a maximum of $6.

**Theme:** Halloween

**Please note:** Students are not allowed to leave the disco unless their parent/caregiver are there to collect them. No student is to walk home alone.

**This disco is for Gillwinga Students only.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Miss Watters.
FAMILY RELATIONSHIP SKILLS PROGRAM

Free Workshops for Parents

Grafton – CRANES’ Pullens Centre
Toddler Tantrum Toolbox (1day) Wednesday 14th October or Thursday 3rd December
Return to Calm (1day) Wednesdays 21st October or 9th December
Life With a Blended Family (2 days) Fridays 16th and 23rd October
Who’s in Charge? (4 days) Wednesdays 28th Oct, 4th, 11th, 18th November
Understanding Your Child’s Brain (2 days) – Mondays 2nd and 9th November

Grafton – CRANES’ Sunshine House
Dads are Important (2 days) Tuesdays 24th November and 1st December (evenings)

Maclean - TAFE
Life With a Blended Family (2 days) Fridays 20th and 27th November
Bringing Up Great Kids (6 days) Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Nov. and 3rd, 10th Dec.

Yamba – Wooli St Community Hall
Toddler Tantrum Toolbox (1day) Thursday 22nd October
Return to Calm (1day) 8th December 10am to 1pm

Day courses – 9.30am to 12.30pm
Evening course – 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Free childcare available

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
For details or to register contact the FRSP team at CRANES on 6642 7257 or email admin@cranes.org.au
Spaces are limited so book early!

Full course calendar available at www.cranes.org.au
UNDERAGE DISCO

Music by Dollarbill and Brendo

Special Guest Performances by Hip-Hop DownUnder

Friday 16th October 2015
South Grafton Ex-Servicemen's Club

6pm til 7pm - Under 12s Disco

7:30pm til 9:30pm - 13 Years to 17 Years Disco
with school I.D required to enter

$10 Per Ticket

Tickets Available From:
Kirsten Knox - 0401016191
South Grafton Ex-Servicemen's Club
At The Door

2015 Jacaranda Queen Candidate, Kirsten Knox
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