Week 9 Term 3: 8 September 2015

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FATHER’S DAY

I trust that all the fathers and male carers had a nice relaxing day last Sunday and enjoyed their special gifts.

Thank you to Michaela Kaptein, Sharyn Fallon, Sharon Bagster and Michelle Tainsh for their help at the Father’s Day stall last week. The P&C made just under $300 which was extremely pleasing and I would like to thank the school community for supporting the efforts of our small but very dedicated P&C.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES THIS TERM

With the end of the term fast approaching it is interesting to look back at the number of activities that the students and the school have been involved in this term.

- Cinderella performance by the Australian Opera Company
- Athletics Carnivals - School/Small Schools/District
- Readings on the Radio
- Touch Football Gala day
- International Tree Day
- Community of Schools Art Exhibition
- Stella Workshops
- Science Fair
- Vietnam Veterans March
- AFL clinic
- Aboriginal Dance Workshop
- Small Schools Big Impact Concert
- Skipping Tour
- South Grafton High School Variety Night
- Rugby League Gala Day
- Cricket Gala Day
- Fruit and Vegie promotion
- UNESAP
- Operation Art
- Premiers Spelling Bee
- “Ready Set Go” PreSchool Program
- Premiers Reading Challenge
- Books in Homes
- Premiers Sporting Challenge

As you can see the list is quite extensive for a 10 week term and includes a range of cultural, sporting and community events which our students have participated in.

READY SET GO

The final day for Ready Set Go students for this term will be Monday 14th September. Ready Set Go will recommence in term 4 on Monday 12th of October. Enjoy the pictures of our Ready Set Go kids!
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
The final day for all K-6 students for this term will be Friday 18th September. Term 4 will commence on Tuesday 6th of October following the October Long Weekend. Parents/Carers are reminded that there is no pupil free day at the beginning of term 4 and that all students and staff will commence on the same day.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
We have recently received approval to install some new fixed playground equipment. The equipment will be specifically for the use of K-2 students and will be installed in the Infants playground area. The equipment has been designed to help students improve their upper body strength and balance. The new equipment will be installed as soon as possible and will be a great asset to the school particularly for our infants students. A diagram of the proposed equipment has been included with the newsletter.

ASSEMBLY
All parents/carers and community members are invited to attend our next assembly which will be held on Friday 11th September.

YEAR 4, 5, 6 CAMP
Years 4, 5, 6 students have received information about this year’s camp to Cascade Environmental Centre. Students are to return their note and deposit by the end of term. If you are having an issue doing this please contact Mr Simpson before the end of this week.

YOU CAN DO IT
What To Say To Encourage Persistent Behaviour:
• You didn’t give up
• You kept trying, good effort.
• Making an extra effort helps you be successful.
• See, persistence pays off.
• The more you practise the better you get.
• Wow, can you see the reward for your effort.
• You are getting so good at doing that.
• You know that sometimes we have to do things we don’t want to, to be successful.
BIKE SECURITY

It is great to see more students are riding their bikes to school. Please ensure students have a bike lock to secure their bikes whilst at school.

LIBRARY

The library has several new books for students to borrow, including some Book Council of Australia books for younger readers. Happy reading!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Aim for the moon in everything you do. If you miss you might just hit a star”
Clement Stone

SCHOOL ITEMS AVAILABLE TO ORDER

Don’t forget we have a list available if you would like to order school sunglasses and/or a chiropractic endorsed backpack for your child. Both are available to view from the front office.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 14th September: Sharon Wright and Katrina Cox;

Tuesday 15th September: Sharyn Fallon

The uniform and canteen price lists can now be found on our web page and facebook page. Don't forget you can like us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/gillwinga

NEVER GIVE UP!
HEAD LICE

We have had a number of cases of head lice at school lately. There are several products available from local chemists to combat this problem. Two recommendations of products we have been given are “Nitwits” - spray onto dry hair and leave for 20 minutes then COMB OUT WITH A SMALL TOOTHED COMB. Another product “KP24” is a foaming solution. There are 2 varieties, one you can leave in for 12 hours THEN COMB THROUGH or one you leave in for 20 minutes and THEN COMB OUT. NOTE: FOR ALL TREATMENTS TO WORK A FINE TOOTH COMB NEEDS TO BE USED TO COMB OUT ALL EGGS THAT ARE STUCK ONTO THE HAIR. If you don’t comb the eggs out they will remain in the hair and then hatch which will repeat the cycle of head lice. The solution alone will not kill the eggs.

Along will treatment and combing of hair, all hair brushes, bedding and towels need to be washed and fabric lounges vacuumed to stop re-infection. Other family members may also need to be treated.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NIPPERS is an activity-based program run to educate young children about safety in the surf and on the beach. It helps to raise the children’s awareness when visiting the beach or any aquatic environment. Nippers also introduces the competitive side of Surf Life Saving. Nippers are aged 5 years and up to 14 years. Our emphasis is on participation and fun. Minnie Water-Wooli Nippers commences on 11th October. We are holding our first sign on day at Grafton Shopping World on Saturday 19th September from 8:30-1pm. We will also be running proficiency and sign on days at the South Grafton Pool 3rd and 10th of October from 1-4pm. For further information please contact Angela Hinterholzl through the following email address: jac@mwswslc.org.au or call 0421 778 072.

WATER: did you know:

85% of a child’s body weight is water.

The human brain is 75% water; a living tree is also 75% water.

There is the same amount of water on Earth as there was when the Earth was formed. The water from your tap could contain molecules that dinosaurs drank!

Water regulates the Earth’s temperature. It also regulates the temperatures of the human body, carries nutrients and oxygen to cells, cushions joints, protects organs and tissues, and removes wastes.

Although the average person can live for about one month without food, we can only survive about a week without water.

Drink water: it’s Cool!
holiday activities

@ grafton library

storytime - weekly on thursdays at 10:30am

mon 21st sept 10:30am—12:00 pm
      author talk - Zanni Louise (all ages)

wed 23rd sept 5:00pm - 6:00pm  bookings essential
                  PS4 / Xbox One/ board games (ages 6+)

thu 24th sept 10:30am - 11:30am
      storytime - spring .. come dressed in green or wear something
                     with flowers (all ages)

sat 26th sept 1pm - 6pm
      dungeons & dragons (ages 12+)

tue 29th sept 10:30am - 12:00pm
      games morning (all ages)

wed 30th sept 10:30am - 12:00pm
      badge making - world smile day (ages 6+)

thu 1st oct 10:30am - 11:30am
      storytime - monsters .. bring in your favourite monster toy or
                     your favourite mask (all ages)

@ mobile library

Tue 22nd sept  wooli school, main st
      badge making - world smile day (ages 6+)
                     9:15am – 10:15am

thu 24th sept  glenreagh school, bridge st
      badge making - world smile day (ages 6+)
                     10:45am—12:00pm

board games are available to play throughout the holidays

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS: WOOLGOOLGA CURRYFEST 2015

On during the September school break...Saturday 26 September lots of things for kids and families this year.

- There is a **free** outdoor Bollywood Movie “Bride & Prejudice” on the Beach Reserve on **Friday night 25** September (stalls will be selling food, drinks and ice cream or you can bring a picnic). **Bring a rug or cushions or folding chairs** and enjoy a fun evening under the stars. **Movie starts at 6.30pm.** Woolgoolga Scouts will be collecting gold coin donations in lieu of any charge for this event. Lots of Bollywood dancing in this movie so you can get up and dance as well.

- **Curryfest day itself is Saturday 26 September...gates open at 9am and close at 5pm.** Adult entry fee is $4 each. **All school-age children and younger enter the festival zone free of charge.** There is a **special Kids Zone** with lots of activities, there is a **community art project** many local school children have contributed to, there are two stages of entertainment including some **specialist entertainment for children** and there is **plenty of food and treats to interest kids**, from milder curries to pizza, sliders, Mexican food, twisty chips on a stick, hot dogs, candy, lots of ice cream as well. This is a celebration of food and culture and a family friendly event during the school break. **NB No dogs (except guide dogs) allowed inside the festival zone due to food preparation regulations.**
Spring into Song Concert

Sunday 6 September 2.00 pm

Featuring Conservatorium Youth Chorus (CYC) & ConChorus
Supported by South Grafton Primary Choir
Conducted by Andrew Tapp

At Clarence Valley Conservatorium
8 Villiers Street, Grafton. Ph. 66433 555
Entry by gold coin

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