Diary Dates

Tuesday 22nd October: P&C Meeting 6.00pm Library
Wednesday 23rd October: CSIRO Science Show
Monday 28th October: Year 6 Brisbane Excursion
Monday 28th October: Year 5 Coffs Beach School Excursion
Friday 1st November: Venetian Carnival
Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th November: Turn Back Time-Matinee and evening Concerts.

Turn Back Time at the SGPS Concert
In Week 5 we will be holding our biennial school concert. This year the theme is Turn Back Time and we will be wowing the audience with a variety of old favourites from throughout the decades. There will be performances from the school band, choirs and class items including singing, dancing and drumming. Our wonderful parent band will also be making an appearance. There will be a matinee and evening concert on Tuesday 5th and a matinee and evening concert on Thursday 7th November. Primary students will view the dress rehearsal on Monday morning and Infants students will attend the Tuesday morning matinee. Tickets will be on sale from the Vere St office from Monday next week. Unfortunately due to restricted seating we would ask parents to limit ticket purchases to either one evening concert or one matinee concert. Limit of six adult tickets per family. Tickets will be adults $5.00 and children $2.50. To avoid disappointment you are encouraged to purchase tickets ASAP next week.

CSIRO Science Show
Next Wednesday 23rd October we are lucky enough to have the ‘Seeing the Light Show’ coming to our school. Students attending will have the chance to explore the amazing and unexpected properties of light in this fascinating show. It will include topics such as colour mixing, lasers and optic fibres. This is a great opportunity for our students to witness one of the most innovative and entertaining science programs linked to the NSW syllabus. Notes were sent home last week and must be returned with $4.50 to class teachers by Monday 21st October.

Book Covering
The Term 4 book covering morning is Wednesday 23rd October in the Library. All welcome!
Any enquiries please contact Karen Cleaver 0417 248 134.
Kindergarten 2014
We are in the process of organising kindergarten classes for 2014. Could all families with a child starting next year, please complete an enrolment form and hand it into the Infants office as soon as possible.

Girls Cricket Team
Our talented Girls Cricket team will play Tacking Point Public School at JJ Lawrence Fields on Monday 4th November starting at 9.00am. The winner of this game will then play Narrabri Public School in the afternoon.

Headband Stall
Mrs Berry and Mrs Rouse will have school headbands for sale at the Primary campus on Wednesday 23rd October. This is a great opportunity for girls to get a beautiful headband in school colours to wear to school. The headbands are for sale every day at the Uniform Shop located in the Infants canteen.

New State-Wide Finance System
South Grafton Public School is one of 229 NSW schools trialling the new state-wide finance and student administration computer system. The finance side of this system will be implemented in early November this year. To facilitate this there will be a “rollover” period from our existing system to the new one. As a result the school will be transaction free from 1st November until the 15th November. We won’t be able to accept payments during this time. Unfortunately, the timeline for the implementation of this system has become extremely compressed at a state level. Staff are yet to be trained and only two admin staff will initially be trained. This means that we will have to adopt a “train the trainer” approach to have these staff train the remaining staff back at school. The result is that we will be required to operate the new system as we are learning to use it. As such, I am asking for your understanding and patience during this period of transition to the new system and apologise in advance for any inconvenience. The new system does promise to be a much better one than the existing system, which is many decades old, so we are hoping that any short term pain will be worth it for the long term gain in efficiency and service.

Thanks
Janelle Buckley
Deputy Principal
Library Café

SGPS Library - Thursdays
3.00pm-5.00pm

• Students (pre-school, primary or secondary), who are accompanied by a parent, are welcome to research, borrow, use computers and the internet, print or simply browse.

• Parents are welcome to enjoy a Nespresso coffee or tea and browse in the Parents’ Zone.