South Grafton Public School is one of the 229 schools across NSW which is implementing the Department of Education and Communities new Schools Finance and Student Management system. This is an enormous job for our office staff as it involves significant change in many areas of our financial and student wellbeing areas of our school. I would like to acknowledge the fantastic work being put into this by our office staff and congratulate them on their expertise and patience. As a result of this process the school will be transaction free from 1st November until 15th November 2013. No EFTPOS payments will be taken during this time frame.

Congratulations to our students who attended the Years 5 and 6 excursions this week. The behaviour of our students was excellent and I believe they had a really enjoyable experience while on their excursions. I would like to thank our staff who supervised the students and freely gave of their time.

Congratulations to all our students who attended the March of Youth parade held last Saturday. Our representation was very strong and despite not winning the banner competition we were very proud of our efforts. Our thanks go to Mr Smith and students for preparing our banner and all our staff who supported them on the day. Congratulations also to our choir who performed beautifully at the Jacaranda Queen Crowning Ceremony on Saturday. Our thanks to Mr Tapp for his time spent preparing the choir for this performance and Mrs Buckley for her support on the night. Well done to our students who performed in the Jacaranda Concert on Thursday morning at Market Square. Good luck to those students participating in the Venetian Carnival on Friday night at the river end of Prince Street. Good luck to Mr Newman and the girls cricket team who will be playing the North Coast Final on Monday.

Our school will be installing retractable overhead screens in both the Primary and Infants Halls. Wireless technology and additional painting will also be carried out in the Primary Hall.

Have a great week
Peter Hickey
Principal
**Turn Back Time Concert Tickets**
There are still plenty of tickets for sale. Adult $5.00 and children $2.50. There is a matinee and evening concert on Tuesday and a matinee and an evening concert on Thursday. The matinee concerts will begin at 9.30am and the evening concerts begin at 6.30pm. Thankyou and good luck to all the students, staff and parents who are involved. A very exciting week ahead.

**Kindness Update**
Last Friday the S.R.C celebrated “Say Something Nice Day”. We encourage pupils to notice something they liked about their fellow students and tell them. Several students spoke on assembly and finished this key sentence, “One of the things I like about you is ________”. The S.R.C also thanked our amazing group of Teacher’s Aides and awarded them with a kindness badge. Our school is so lucky to have such a caring group of people to help both staff and your children. More Kindness Awards will be presented over the next few weeks before our big assembly on World Kindness Day Wednesday 13th November. This Kindness Quote is my favourite, “Treat everyone with Kindness, even those who are rude to you—not because they are nice, BUT BECAUSE YOU ARE!” The Chairman of World Kindness Australia, Mr Lloyd-White asked me to share a You Tube video with our school students. Go to google and type in ‘kindness boomerang’. I think its brilliant, it shows kindness is contagious.

Mr A. Watson Kindness Program Manager

**School Zone Flashing Lights**
Great news, our school has been informed by the Roads and Maritime Services that we will be receiving School Zone Flashing Lights. This program is scheduled to start early 2014.

**Enrolment forms for Kindy 2014**
Just a reminder, if your child is starting Kindergarten next year please make sure you have handed in your enrolment form to the Infants Office. We are sending letters out to families with important Kinder Orientation information.

**CoS Concert DVD**
Earlier this year our dance group and choir performed in a High School concert. There is a DVD for sale for $5.00. Any parent wishing to purchase one please contact Karen Cleaver on 0417 248 134.
**BLUE RIBBON AWARDS**

Owen Taylor  Alyssa Harper  Jacob Hearfield
Teah Purnell  Jacob Muddle  Marcus Gilmore
Piper Brown  Teah Purnell  Freya McGrath
Eli Nicholson  Lewis Reilly  Sharys McGrath
Nathan Banks  Gracie Green  Emily Crispe
Aiden Jenkins  Matthew Barker  Tahlia O’Hara
Jessica Vassallo  Ryan Vickers  Jas Hewitt
Logan Pitkin  Nadia Smith  Ethan Hall
Charlie Birkett  Jai Casey  Shelley Witchard

**SILVER BADGE**

Dylan Barford  Holly Blundell  Tia Burchell
Jack Marsh  Britney Ferguson  Holly Beal
Jade Brierley  Ashlyn Basri  Logan Tough
Ryan Wheeler  Ella Lawrence  Declan Lawrie
Rahni MacPherson  Nadia Smith  Logan Pitkin
Ronan Baker Fergusson

**Community News**

Valley Made Boutique Market–Handmade Market.
Sunday 17th November from 9.00am-2.00pm at the South Grafton Ex-Services Club.
www.facebook.com/valleymadeboutiquemarket

**CANTEEN**

Cambridge Street
Monday 04/11/13  Rhonda King, Maree Conroy
Tuesday  Lee Anne Jenkins, Lauren Rixon
Wednesday  Rhonda King HELP WANTED
Thursday  Kay Hughes, Carmel McLachlan
Friday  Kerry Martin, Michael Vercoe

Vere Street
Monday  Belinda Wormald, Nancy McNaught
Tuesday  Chris Fuller, Jo Morgan
Wednesday  Roxanne Laurie, Lee Haylan
Thursday  Mindy Kyte,
Friday  Norma Purnell, Irene Gough, HELP WANTED

Cambridge Street
Monday 11/11/13  Chris Fuller, Margaret Jones
Tuesday  Helen Power, Rhonda King
Wednesday  Rhonda King, Kerry Martin
Thursday  Susan Hall, Christine Croft
Friday  Lauren Rixon, Stacey Williams

Vere Street
Monday  Belinda Wormald, HELP WANTED
Tuesday  Leanne Jenkins, HELP WANTED
Wednesday  Sylvia Laurie, Irene Gough
Thursday  Sharon Rogers, HELP WANTED
Friday  Bronwen Brown
Family Relationship Skills Program.
3 Workshops for Parents in Grafton in November

Confident Parenting

Thursdays 7th & 14th November
Pullen Centre, 3-7 Prince St.

Parents identify the values they wish to teach their children and use them to develop simple family rules.

Responding not Reacting

Monday 25th November 9.30am-2.30pm
Gillwinga Primary School, Hide St, South Grafton.

Understanding children’s needs. Balancing their needs and yours. Listening and focusing. Understanding your reactions.

Attending to Stress

Pullen Centre Grafton.
Thursday 28th November, 9.30 am-2.30pm Free lunch.
Fun, relaxation creativity.
Reflection on why self care is difficult. How stress affects us. Developing a plan to attend to stress.

Bookings essential. Contact FRSP 6642 7257
All workshops free. Free child care on request.
Library Café

SGPS Library - Thursdays 3.00pm-5.15pm

- 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.