Principal’s Report

Jacaranda Carnival Activities:
A reminder that the Jacaranda Thursday 30th October is a gazetted half day holiday and the Grafton Community of Public Schools will be open from 8.30am until 1.00pm. Buses will not be operating as normal, a separate note will be sent home with detailed information with this newsletter. It is an expectation that students who attend school on this day will be picked up by parents at 1.00pm.

Parade of Youth: Our school will be participating in the Parade of Youth to be held on Saturday 25th October. Students will march from 9am at the river end of Prince Street adjacent to the Civic Centre. We will march to Market Square at 9.30am and parents should collect students from there after the banners are judged. We are looking forward to a large number of students representing our school. Students are required to wear full school uniform, including a school hat. Mr Smith and our students are busy preparing our banner. The theme for the banner this year is Memories of Past Jacaranda Festivals.

Saturday 25th October - Jacaranda Queen Crowning and Friday 31st October - Venetian Carnival:
Our school has students participating in the Community of Schools choir at these activities. A separate note has been sent home to these choir students. Our thanks to Mr Tapp for organising our students.

Applications for Year 7 Selective High School placement in 2016 Government schools is now open. Please note Grafton High School is the Selective School in our area. Please read information below:
Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu/shsplacement. Applications for entry in 2016 can be made online between 14th October 2014 and 17th November 2014. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12th March 2015. Please contact the school if you require an Intention to apply letter.

Congratulations to Arleigha Bailey who was the top student in Australia and New Zealand in the Quick Quizzes associated with the Asia Wise program for the week ended 12th October.

A reminder our uniform shop is now located in our primary campus and uniforms may be purchased during normal school hours from the primary office. EFTPOS facilities are also available.

Today we received an additional 21 classroom computers as part of the Lenovo T4 order. These computers are supplied by the DET at no cost to our school and they will be allocated to classrooms this week. This will further support our 21st Century Learning focus across our school. We are hoping to have all our hardware in place in each classroom by Term 1, 2015. This will include multiple stand-alone computers and iPads per classroom to further support the interactive whiteboards and multiple IT programs which are already in place.

We have revamped aspects of our school report for Semester 2 this year. The major change has been the addition of an assessment for EFFORT across all key learning areas. We believe this is very important for students who always try their best and this will be reflected by the effort scale. Reports are due home to parents late Term 4.

Next week Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be holding separate Silver Badge Morning Teas to congratulate the very large number of students who have achieved this exceptional level. Students who have achieved the pinnacle of our rewards system, which is the gold badge, will also be recognised at these presentations. Stage 3 will be held this Monday 20th and Stage 2 will be held on Wednesday 22nd with both presentations starting at 11am. Invitations have been sent home to parents of students who are receiving badges. Further badge ceremonies will be held later this term.

We would like to welcome Mrs Cherie Coombes and her family to our school community. She has been appointed by staffing as a permanent teacher to commence at our school in Term 1, 2015. Cherie has two sons who have enrolled in our Year 4 and Year 5 classes.

This year students in Stage 2 will have the opportunity to participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. This will be held in Weeks 7 and 8 from the 17th November until the 28th November at the Grafton pool. The program will be offered to those students who need support in developing their swimming. Further information will be
forwarded next week. Please remember this is a voluntary program and it supplements our Stage 1 Swim Program.

We have become aware of the presence of head lice in some of our classrooms. Please ensure you check your child’s hair carefully and if necessary consult the chemist for the most effective treatment.

This week information for our Enrichment Classes (AP) has been sent home to parents. Please note applications close on the 24th October. If you require an application form please contact the office or Mr Jones.

Have a great week

Peter Hickey
Principal

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**Book Covering**

Mr Paull has asked if the community could once again help covering books for our Library. If you could spare an hour on Wednesday 29th October from 9am in the Library, please come along. Your help would be very much appreciated.

**Book Club**

Book club flyers have gone home. Please return any orders by next Thursday 23rd October.

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On Tuesday this week we had a visiting Science Show. The students were amazed by the exciting experiments.

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**Awards**

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**Chess**

After 6 months of elimination games involving hundreds of schools, the final was played last week. The 2 teams involved were the best from Grafton to the Queensland border. SGPS was one and from the extreme north of our state was Mullumbimby. We met half way at Woodburn. It was a truly a clash of the minds. A great contest! The best against the best! All games were very intense and the scores could have easily been reversed. At this level even the smallest error is crucial; a moment’s lapse of concentration can change a game.

Our team played to the best of their ability but sadly we were beaten on the day by an extremely talented team. I wish to thank our team – Levin Shillam, Toby Henderson, Torin Leek and Dane Collis – their sportsmanship, attitude and behaviour were outstanding.

Mr Watson – Chess Coordinator
Upcoming Events

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Community Hamper Drive

South Grafton Primary School has partnered with True Vine Christian Fellowship to help collect donations of **non-perishable** food items for families in need at Christmas. In the last few years they have successfully provided Christmas hampers and food items for local disadvantaged community families in severe need. Suggestions of items which may be included are **canned goods** anything - fruit, vegetables, meat, pasta, long life milk, sugar, sauces, flour, herbs, spices, cereal, dried nuts, dried fruit, crackers, rice, beans, chips, anything Christmas e.g. pudding, cards, paper bon bons, toilet paper, soap – this list is only limited by your imagination. Please check any use by dates to ensure they are for January 2015 at the earliest. Items can be left in the office at either campus during Term 4 and they will be collected for inclusion in the hampers for distribution closer to Christmas. Any questions please see Mr Jones.

Which is healthier: Fresh, Frozen or Canned vegetables?

Buying your fresh vegetables in season means they are at their peak nutritional value and at their cheapest. It’s important that they ARE fresh, though, because as the time they are stored increases, their nutrients decrease.

Frozen vegetables have their nutrients locked in by the freezing process shortly after gathering, so they are a good option: steam or microwave in a little water for best results.

Canned vegetables are a little less nutritious as the canning process affects heat sensitive vitamins **EXCEPT for canned tomatoes where the antioxidants are made more available by the heat!** Remember when using canned vegetables to get the low salt varieties. Whichever you use it’s great that you’re getting the important five serves a day for your family!
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