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 has been sent home with detailed information. It is an expectation that students who attend school on this day will be picked up by parents at 1.00pm.

Good luck to our children who are participating in the Parade of Youth this Saturday 25th October. Students will marshall from 8.45am 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 at approximately 10.30am. 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 another fabulous 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. Our thanks to all these students participating and Mr Tapp as I believe the rehearsal this week was outstanding.

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.

What fantastic morning teas we had this week for Stage 2 and Stage 3 Silver Badge and Gold Badge winners. Thank you to all our family members who attended to help us celebrate the achievements of these children. We are all very proud of them.

The Infant Campus will be holding a Silver Badge Morning Tea to congratulate their students who have achieved this exceptional level next Wednesday 29th October. Parents of students who are getting badges will receive invitations soon.

Thank you to the parents who have been attending our PPP program. Students enjoyed visiting Kindergarten classrooms this week and parents had an informal information session in the hall. It was lovely to meet and chat with so many of our families. Please remember to get your enrolment forms in as soon as possible.

Information for our Enrichment Classes (AP) has been sent home to parents. Please note applications close tomorrow Friday 24th October. Please contact the office or Mr Jones for more information.

Please note: The ranger is closely monitoring parking in Muston Street and bus zones around our school. When parking in Muston Street (back of the Primary Campus) please park with the flow of traffic. We have been advised that she will be booking cars as of next week.

Have a great week
Peter Hickey
Principal

Congratulations to Kailee Rose for her outstanding results in ‘Hacking’ (Horseriding) at the Lismore Show. Kailee won Reserve Champion, 2 Champions and Supreme Champion. She was awarded the Trevor Mills Memorial Trophy for Supreme Champion - Purebred Arabian Exhibit.
This is the 6th year we have held our school’s chess tournament. All children from Years 3-6 were able to compete. Class champions were selected then played elimination games to decide Junior and Senior Division Champions. Our Junior Division Finalists were: Sarah Langford (3RE) and Connor Jackson (4LS), winner Connor. Our Senior Division Finalists were: Toby Henderson (5/6OC) and Dane Collis (6WC), winner Toby. Toby Henderson and Levin Shillam played off in the Champion of Champions. It was one of the best finals played. The winner was Levin Shillam crowned Champion of Champion – our Grandmaster for 2014. Levin, this year also became our first chess player to play 50 representative games for our school, a truly amazing feat.

To ensure Levin will remember this remarkable achievement the chess club decided to buy him a unique Dr. Who chess set. Levin has been a fantastic ambassador for chess. Our Juniors are now looking like future championships and hopefully will fill the void left by Levin as he heads off to high school.

Mr Watson
Chess Program Manager

G.R.I.P Student Leadership Award Winner

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William’s story will be documented in a resource book titled ‘Great Australian Student Leaders’ which will be published and made available to all schools in Australia. This year our school leaders have attended two leadership courses, one in Brisbane and one in Coffs Harbour.

Well done William, the entire school community is proud of you. You are a great school leader, an amazing student band master and an extremely well respected member of our school.

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Silver Badge
3RE Haley Williamson 3RE Grace McLachlan
3RE Kiara Perrett 3RE Izac Gaddess
3RE Brianna Carney 3W Ronan Baker Guss
3W Charlie Birkett 3W Sharni Bunn-Elloging
3W Liam Johnson 3T Maddison McPherson
3T Harry Chad 3T Sharni Bunn-Elloging
3T Sophie Gaddess 3T Maddison Giggin
4LS Blake Gaddess 4LS Charlie Newman
4LS Lewis Reilly 4LS Hannah McNaught

Canteen Roster

Gold Badge
3W Nadia Smith 3T Tara Cook
3T Chelsea Hughes 3W Iden Jenkins
5TS Britney Ferguson 5TS Amelia McLachlan
5TS Ashleigh Rodgers 5TS Iden Langford
5MIN Abigail Kennedy 5MN April Sinclair

Upcoming Events
Saturday 25th Oct  
March of Youth  
Jacaranda Queen Crowning
Wednesday 29th Oct  
Infants Silver Badge Morning Tea  
Jacaranda Thursday half day holiday
Thursday 30th Oct  
Jacaranda Venetian Carnival  
Silver Badge Morning Tea
Friday 31st Oct  
Jacaranda Venetian Carnival  
Infants Silver Badge Morning Tea
Tuesday 11 Nov  
Silver Badge Morning Tea  
Kindergarten Orientation-Parent session
Tuesday 18th Nov  
Kindergarten Orientation-Parent session
Tuesday 25th Nov  
Kindergarten Orientation-Students

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 bonbons, 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.

Just a reminder that we are registered with Amart Allsports Kickback Program. If you or your family/friends etc. shop at any Amart Allsports, our school will receive 5% of the sale. You are required to just simply register in the shop and nominate South Grafton Public School as your school of choice. You will receive a card for your membership. This can be used at any Amart Allsports shop. Thank you to the families and friends who have registered and nominated our school. Our recent rebate was $346.19.

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