Principal’s Report

Congratulations to all our staff and students on a fantastic start to the school year. All classes have settled in very quickly and our teachers are extremely pleased with the ease of this transition. Thank you to all our families who are supporting the school’s uniform policy. Our students look superb in their full school uniform. We thank Melissa, in our uniform shop, who has been kept extremely busy since the commencement of the school year.

Our new Kindy students have settled in very quickly. This year we have five Kindergarten classes. This is a great reflection on the outstanding weekly Preschool class, Preschool Playgroup Plus (PPP) which operates in our school beginning in Term 2 of each year. This unique program at South Grafton PS ensures an excellent transition for our pre-schoolers for their first year at school.

Congratulations to all our students who participated in this week’s swimming carnival on Monday. The carnival was a great success and our thanks go to Mr Skinner, our staff and the many parents who volunteered and supported this carnival. Our school values, very highly, engagement by our parents in school activities.

This year SGPS will be participating in the School Sport Swimming and Water Safety Program in Term 4. This program is designed for students from Year 3 to Year 6 who require assistance with their swimming. This program will complement our Year 1 and 2 intensive swimming program.

Congratulations to Nathalie Avery and Elle Munro who were chosen in the North Coast Girls’ Cricket Team to participate in the state competition later in the year. This is an outstanding achievement by these two students and we wish them all the best at these state titles.

This year we will be participating in the Live Life Well Program which is a fully funded program between the Department of Education and Communities and NSW Health. This program develops teachers’ knowledge, skills and competence in teaching nutrition education and fundamental movement skills as part of the K-6 PDHPE syllabus. The program aims to support whole school physical activity and healthy eating consistent with classroom practice and it also offers a $2,000 implementation grant. Our school is also part of the Eat It To Beat It program which develops healthy eating habits for our students.

New school blazers have now arrived and our leaders showcased them to our primary students. The leaders were very proud wearing and modelling them. We are still waiting on a couple of larger sizes to come.

New Aboriginal signage will arrive at school this week. This signage will be installed early next week across both campuses and will recognise our Aboriginal students who attend our school.

K-2 assemblies will be held mid session on each Friday not on Mondays as mentioned in last week’s newsletter.

Please be very careful if you are collecting your children from the Vere Street bus area as the street is extremely busy and we are concerned that students are crossing the street without parental supervision. We have allocated a staff member, each afternoon, to assist in this area.

At the end of last year our school was mentioned by the Chairman of World Kindness Australia. Our thanks to Mr Watson who initiated this program at our school. See below

“We saw South Grafton Public School and Rose Bay Secondary College support World Kindness week for the 4th year in a row with Kindness Assemblies and attending our Sydney Goodwill Ambassador Event at the Cosmopolitan. IHG (Intercontinental Hotel Group) and the NSW Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations received a Cool To Be Kind Award presented by the Mayor of Woollahra acknowledging them for supporting the 2010 6th General Assembly of the peak global body, The World Kindness Movement.”
Our fantastic Music Program began this week. Mr Watson is managing this program this year. Our thanks to Ms Tranter who did a fantastic job managing the band in previous years.

### Upcoming Events

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### Craft Group

SGPS Craft Group will be having their first get together for the year next Wednesday 12 February, to discuss items for the Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls. If you would like to join our group and/or are able to donate items, please come along for morning tea. They will be meeting at the blue craft room on the Infants campus at 9.15am.

### Canteen

Our canteens on both campuses are looking for volunteers to work one day a month. Perhaps a Grandparent has a spare day and would like to come along!!! We would appreciate your help. Your children will love to see you there. Please contact Lyn at the canteen on 6642 3388. A revised canteen pricelist will be going home shortly.

### School Contributions

School contributions are now due. We have devised a new billing model to assist and support families. $30 for the first child, $20 for the second child and all other children free. We thank you in advance for your prompt payment of these contributions.

### What’s happening with AFL at SGPS...?

**Sydney Swans Visit South Grafton PS Tuesday 11 Feb.**

Players will be talking to Stage 3 students and then running a clinic for students.  
**AFL Auskick Program**

A certified AFL Auskick coach will be running 6 individual coaching sessions for all primary students commencing in week 4 Term 1.  
**Grafton Paul Kelly Cup Friday 4th April**

SGPS will be entering a team in the Paul Kelly Cup in 2014. This will be held on Friday 4th April. Venue TBA.

### House Captains

Congratulations to our newly appointed House Captains.  

- **LANE:** Dane Collis Isabelle Lancaster  
- **LIPMAN:** Kyran Jerrett Brooke Corbett  
- **THOMAS:** Ryan Coward Emily Martin  
- **WATMAN:** Lochie Gough Ashleigh Edwards

### Amart Allsports Community Kickback Program

Just a reminder that we are now 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. Our school will use this commission for upgrading our sporting equipment.

Congratulations to Nathalie and Elise for being selected in the North Coast Girls' Cricket Team. They will be selling raffle tickets to support their trip at lunchtime each day for $2 a ticket. Prize is $1000 worth of sporting equipment.

Some of our new excited kindergarten students with their parents on their first day.
Swimming Carnival Results

Winning House: Watman
Our champions were:
Junior Boy Jackson Jones
11 year Boy Matthew Barker
Senior Boy William Lucas
Junior Girl Josie Mason
11 year Girl Piper Brown
Senior Girl Isabelle Lancaster

Canteen Roster

Cambridge Street
Monday 10/02/14 Rhonda King, HELP NEEDED
Tuesday Rhonda King, Maree Conroy
Wednesday Lauren Rixon, HELP NEEDED
Thursday Erin Gray, HELP NEEDED
Friday HELP NEEDED x 2

Vere Street
Monday 10/02/14 Sylvia Laurie, Roxanne Laurie
Tuesday HELP NEEDED x 2
Wednesday Lee Haylan, HELP NEEDED
Thursday Julie-Anne Brett, HELP NEEDED
Friday HELP NEEDED

Community News

South Services Gunners are having a sign on at our School on Wednesday 12 February 2.30-4pm

Other Upcoming dates: Saturday 8 and 15 Feb registration day 10am-1pm Rushforth Park
Wednesday 19 2.30-4pm registration Gillwinga Primary
Saturday 22 Feb Bunnings Car park
Sports day registration 8 March Bowls Day (details to follow)
27 April & 18 May Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser-- volunteers needed. Register online now at myfootballclub.com

We are a Sun Safe School, always remember your hat.

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