What a great experience for our students to be the only school in NSW that the UNICEF balloon has visited. Students walked to the South Grafton Aerodrome on Monday and were amazed to see how the balloon was inflated, even if it was only for a minute due to the wind. Mr Andrew Parker then came back to our school and spoke to the children about his epic adventure that will take him 4 years to complete. Mr Parker is planning on visiting many countries raising awareness for UNICEF. Our students presented Mr Parker with handmade postcards for him to distribute to school children around the world and he presented us with postcards from children from New Zealand. Additional photos can be viewed on our school website and blog.

We would like to thank South Grafton Aerodrome for being so helpful and accommodating during this visit.

Monday. The event attracted over 3,000 students from schools from Queensland and Northern NSW. The aim of the day was to inspire and influence students to lead themselves and others well. Our students were impressed with talks by Wes Mannion (Australia Zoo Director), Andy Griffiths (Australian Author), Karni Liddell (Paralympian), and Lorin Nicholson (a blind Guitarist and Adventurer). It was an incredible learning experience for our leaders, which will only lead to a better learning environment for all our students. Thanks to Miss Cotten and Mr Watson for accompanying them during their two day stay in Brisbane. A quote from the conference which our leaders have embraced. “I always wondered why somebody didn’t do something”, then I realised, “I AM SOMEBODY”
Congratulations to our swimmers who competed in the Mid North Coast Carnival on Monday. We wish Kym Mason and Matthew Barker all the best in the North Coast Carnival next Wednesday. Kym is competing in the 8 Year girl’s freestyle event and Matthew is competing in the 11 Year boys butterfly. Our thanks to Mr Skinner for his organisation.

Our thanks to Mr Paul and Mr Taylor who have installed new computers into our classrooms as part of our innovative Technology Program. We will have internet access in our Primary Hall and wireless internet in our Infants Hall and classrooms installed in the new future. We will also continue to install additional computers in classrooms so staff and students are able to access technology technology throughout each day. Our two campuses both have excellent technology rooms for our students to access. Mr Taylor and Ms Graydler are overseeing our iPad program which our students are embracing.

Good luck to our footballers who are participating in a Rugby League Gala day on Friday.

Our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students are part of a Multi skills sport session on Fridays for the next 6 weeks which has been organised by Mr Skinner. Our students have the opportunity to experience a broad range of sports including tennis, rugby league and AFL. This is a great opportunity for our students to develop a range of skills across a variety of sports.

Currently Year 4 and Year 6 excursions are being organised to Lake Ainsworth and Sydney. I have reminded all students that positive behaviour is required to attend these excursions. We are currently midway through our term and parents may receive notes regarding non-attendance or warning of non-attendance to the end of term reward. Please speak to your child if you receive any of these notes.

Have a great week
Mr Peter Hickey

Scholastic Book club order form is going home with this week’s newsletter and is due back by Thursday 13 March. Any enquiries contact Mrs Chris Kelly on Wednesday 6642 3388.

Week 8, 17 March - 21 March is a very busy week. It is Harmony Week, Anti-Bullying Week and our Leaders Week. Even our Mayor will be here. The SRC have a huge list of activities planned. More details next week.

SGPS Girls Hockey Teams

Training will start next Wednesday 12 March at 3.20 in the Primary. All players and parents are to meet at the school hall so further information can be passed on in regards to fees and registration. If any girls still wanting to play Saturday Hockey please contact Miss Cotten in the Primary or Mrs Kilduff in the Infants.

Please keep collecting the tokens and bring them into either school office for our chance to win the iPads.

Award Winners

Principal Award
Tamsyn McConnell  Tylar Donohoe  Sienna Caple
Joel Cook      Eli Dawson      Haley Williamson
Denzel Skinner  Ruisi Luo

Student of the Week
KNC  Savannah Purnell  KTA  Taylah Berry
KBK  Charni Adamson  KMS  Maximus Spencer
KDR  Macca Gaddes  1KL  Tiffany Croft
1AS  Ella Sinclair  1GJ  Summer Johnston
1/2JD  Ava-Lee Deed  2KT  William Tibbett
2LG  Athrun Thompson  1/2DM  Alanna Burchell
3TC  Luke Marsh  3IW  Charlie Birkett
3RE  Tylah Sheather  3/4JT  Jackson Smith
4DM  Ryan Vickers  4LS  Josie Mason
5DZ  Luke Fuller  5TS  Ashlee Rodgers
5/6BT  Dylan Barford  5/6OCP  Owen Liyou
6MN  Sam Egan  6WC  Calham Wear

Aboriginal Education Award
Koby Cook

Blue Ribbon Award
Connor Brown  Zaleea Nelson  Kya Broughton

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Upcoming Events

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Community Notices

Camelia Cottage is beginning a Tutoring and Homework Program starting this Wednesday 5 March at 3.30 till 5pm. The Tutoring and Homework Program is an after school enrichment program for primary students who live in South Grafton/Grafton areas. This after school tutoring program provides free tutoring sessions for students who need one-on-one help with their homework and assignments and targets our underachievers whom we often lose due to lack of success.

This provides students with an opportunity to do homework, use computers, get help and/or study in a pleasant, well supervised environment run by a qualified teacher and volunteers. For more information phone Kym 0439 319 536 or camelia cottage on 6643 1566. Camelia Cottage is situated at 3 Camelia Way, South Grafton and all are welcome.

Grafton Netball Association

Registration day - Saturday 8 March at the Grafton Netball Courts from 10am-2pm. For all clubs and all ages. Contact-Cathy Walls ph.-6642 7518

NET SET GO. Pre netball skills for beginners from 4yrs of age. Costs $70 for the season, includes Net Set Go Pack. (There are no other weekly charges). Net set go will commence at the start of Term 2. Registration days as above. Contact Amy Colling ph: 6643 2511
All information and dates can be found on the Grafton Netball Association website and Facebook Page.

The Clarence River Junior Cricket Association will be holding a free cricket afternoon for all primary school children who would like to attend. This is a great opportunity for children to have some fun and see what cricket is about. It’s a fully supervised event and will run from 4.30pm-6.30pm on Wednesday 12 March at JJ Lawrence fields. There will also be a BBQ operating for a gold coin donation.

AFL sign on/ information for 2014 season will be at Grafton Shoppingworld on 8 March. Training starts at Ellem Oval on 4 March from 5.30pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please note: If you are not turning 16 until AFTER 1 September, you can play in the Under 15’s team this year as the rules have changed!! For more information, please phone Wayne on 0409 459 565

City Bears Hockey Club are looking for players in all age groups U7, U9, U11 and U13. This is a competition for both boys and girls played Saturday mornings and afternoons. For further information contact Di Hayes on 0411 418 608.

True or false?

University is mainly for wealthy families and their kids.

False - University education is for anyone one who is motivated to learn. Many students from low income families succeed at university. There are costs but there are also many financial assistance and support mechanisms. For example, did you know that you don’t have to pay back your university course fees until you earn over $51,309.00 per year?

Come to the STELLAR Family Event to find out how you and your family can get to university.

Wednesday 26 March
5:30pm – 6:30pm
at Grafton Community Centre
59 Duke Street
Library Café - 2014

SGPS Library Wednesday 3.00pm-5.00pm

- Quality coffee, books, magazines and computers.
- All parents welcome.
- Students (pre-school, primary or secondary), who are accompanied by a parent, are welcome for Internet research, borrowing, computers, printing or simply browsing.
Come and try cricket on us!!

PARTICIPATION IS FREE!!

When: Wednesday 12/3/14
Where: JJ Lawrence Fields
Time: 430pm-630pm
Ages 7-12 welcome (Primary School)

Sausage sizzle will be running for a gold coin donation!

Guaranteed great afternoon of fun!!

Fully supervised event!!

Further details please contact
Brendan Palmer 66428898
Or email crjca2005@gmail.com