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Principal’s Report

NAPLAN
Congratulations to all our students in Years 3 and 5 who completed their NAPLAN tests last week. Results will be posted to our school and parents in mid Term 3. When our school receives these results we will evaluate our school’s performances which will direct certain targets of our school management plan for 2015.

PPP
We welcomed the New School of Arts preschool group to our school yesterday. Mrs Ada conducted a number of activities which included painting, dancing and story time. Our thanks to Mrs Ada for her leadership in this area.

Our PPP starts this Tuesday 27th May at the Infants Campus. This fabulous Kindergarten Orientation program has proven itself to be the best transition for your pre-schooler. Please contact the office on 6642 3388 to register your pre-schooler, or contact Karen Cleaver on 0417 248 134 for more information. We now have a very attractive and cute PPP t-shirt available from the Uniform Shop for $15 each.

IPad Course
Yesterday in our Library four of our staff attended a regional iPad educational course. Our school has a focus on continued development and implementation of 21st century technology as a teaching tool in all our classrooms. Part of this focus is continued professional development for our staff. I would like to thank our wonderful P&C who have donated $10,000 to assist our school in purchasing an additional 30 iPads. This will have a very positive impact on our students learning and engagement across our school.

Our staff and students will now have access to over 100 iPads to utilise in classrooms.

Chinese Educators
Last Monday we had a delegation of Chinese educators visiting our school as part of a program linked to Southern Cross University. The delegation was very impressed with the classrooms they visited and the range of wonderful programs our school offers to our students. They all really enjoyed visiting each of our kindergarten classes and they were amazed with the range of activities engaging our students. As part of this visit we are hoping to build contacts to establish a Mandarin language program in our school later this year.

Sport
Good luck to the students who are participating in tomorrow’s Mid North Coast Cross Country at Westward Park. Our thanks to Mr Skinner who will accompany our students.

Our Netball team competed in the PSSA knockout today against Grafton, we will include this report next week. Our thanks to Mrs Pope for coaching this team.

Thank you to our families who have supported The Athletes Foot at Grafton Shoppingworld. We receive $5 on each pair of shoes sold. James Stanmore presented our school with vouchers to the value of $175. Thanks James.

Premier’s Sporting Challenge
Our school has been participating in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge this term. As part of this involvement we receive a grant to support the program. We will be using this grant to purchase gym equipment including stationery bikes, rowers, strike balls, exercise wheels and aerobic steps. This equipment will be set up in the primary hall as a tabloid for our staff and students to utilise on a daily basis. Our students are making excellent progress as part of this challenge and we are very pleased with the amount of exercise they are involved in throughout the week and weekends.

Grafton Eisteddfod
Good luck to our students who will be performing at the Grafton Eisteddfod next Wednesday and Thursday as part of the Schools Day competition. Our students will be participating in the Verse Speaking, Choir, Dance and Instrumental sections. Thank you to our staff who have prepared our students for this Eisteddfod. Students have all
received notes notifying performance times and these notes should be returned by tomorrow. Please ensure all student belongings are clearly marked with their names including hats, jackets, jumpers and lunch boxes. We have a large amount of lost property at both campuses with no names.

**Reminder for Infant parents:** Please do not wait in corridors or on verandahs outside classrooms when picking up your child. Please wait in areas designated by your child’s teacher. This ensures staff can clearly see that students are collected by the appropriate carers.

Have a great week
Peter Hickey
Principal

**Book Covering Morning in the Library**

Mr Paull has again asked for helpers to cover library books. If you can spare an hour or two next Wednesday morning 28th May, please come along to the Library from 9am. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

**FREE Fruit and Veg Workshop**

Next Thursday we will be holding two FREE Fruit and Vegetable Workshops for Parents at 9.15am-10.45am in the Infants Hall and 5.30pm-7.00pm in the Library. These workshops are run by the Cancer Council NSW. They boast to help you save time and money; give ideas to entice fussy eaters and everyone who attends will get a free recipe book. You must RSVP to the office on 6642 3388 or email aimeej@nswcc.org.au if you would like to attend as numbers will dictate if these workshops go ahead.

**STELLAR Careers Expo**

Last Thursday Year 6 students went to Coffs Harbour for a STELLAR careers expo. There were lots of people ranging from fields such as engineering and law to veterinary science and town planning for the students to talk to. They were able to sit down in small groups with the presenters and have in-depth conversations about what their job entails and how they would go about following their career path. Students received lots of useful information to keep for a later date. All students displayed excellent behaviour in representing our school. Mr Taylor

**Author Visit**

Yesterday, two of our classes, 1/2DM and 1/2JD visited the Grafton Library to listen to the author Andrew Daddo who spoke about his books and how he comes up with his ideas for stories. He was a very entertaining speaker and had both the students and staff laughing at the funny stories about his childhood and family that have inspired his writing. The students had some interesting questions and were very well behaved. We would like to thank the Grafton Library for inviting us and Mr Paull for organising such a fun excursion.

**Jump Rope for Heart- Jump Off day**

Last Tuesday our Primary campus students who had been involved in fundraising participated in the Jump Off activity. Wow! What a fun afternoon. We had skier jumps, backward jumps, two in one face link jumping, long rope and skipping relays. We also had giant ball skittles, tunnel race, vortex comet throws, po-go jumping, bochi, hula hoops and even flying chooks.

Well done to all our activity leaders, you did an amazing job! Well done to all participants, your behaviour, attitude and sportsmanship were excellent.

Once again the school wishes to sincerely thank our parents and community for their fantastic support.

As of Wednesday we had raised approximately $5,820. The infants jump off day will be held very shortly. Jump Rope for Heart is a very worthy cause and our school SRC’s number one fundraiser for the year. THANK YOU for your support.

Mr Watson

Yesterday at 11.30am all the students at SGPS enjoyed National Simultaneous Story time. National Simultaneous Story time is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books and promote the value of reading and literacy. At the same time, all around Australia, the story ‘Too Many Elephants in This House’, by Ursula Dubosarsky and Andrew Joyner, was read to over half a million young Australians.”

Mr Paull

**PLEASE NOTE:** The staff development Day in Term 3 will be on the first Friday not the normal Monday
Awards

Principal’s Award
Tynan Kelly  Emily Martin
Lachlan Lees  Chloe Wear-Brodie
Ethan Hall  Luke Marsh
Kaydence Kilduff  Charlie Birkett

AEO Award
Lleyton Hayes  Shakahni Quinlan-Gordon
Tara Cook  Corrina Tepper

Student of the Week
KNC  Rhys Torrens  KTA  Zara Bowling
KBK  Jack Humphries  KMS  Zac Bongiorno
KDR  Byron Buchan  1KL  Macey Mullin
1AS  Jayden Bateman  1GJ  Rosa Cook
1/2JD  Amelia De Bono  2LG  Lillian Patterson
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3IW  Shelly Witchard  3RE  Tyana Bongiorno
3/4 JT  Kaydence Kilduff  4DM  Xander Austin
4LS  Sophie Woolfe  5TS  Britney Ferguson
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6MN  April Sinclair

Blue Ribbon Award
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KTA  Jessica Leslie  1GJ  Jordan Barry
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Canteen Roster

Please note we are in desperate need of volunteers to run our canteens daily. If we can’t fill our spaces we may have to look at closing on some days.

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Wednesday  Sylvia Laurie, Irene Gough
Thursday  Min Keyte, Danni McPherson
Friday  HELP NEEDED x 2

Upcoming Events
Friday 23rd May  MNC Cross Country
Tuesday 27th May  PPP begins
Wednesday 28th May  Eisteddfod Infants
Thursday 29th May  Eisteddfod Primary
Friday 30th May  Fruit and Veg Workshop-parents

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FAMILY RELATIONSHIP SKILLS PROGRAM presents 2 Workshops for Parents: Grafton and Maclean.

Responding not Reacting

Mondays 16th & 23rd June 9:30-12:30
Pullen Centre Grafton

How can you respond to your child in the way he or she needs without reacting to his/her behaviour?
Understand your child’s behaviours, Understand your reactions,
Develop simple strategies to stop and think before you react.

Knowing My Mind

Tuesday 17th June 9:30am–2:30 pm. Free lunch.
CRANES. 18-20 Clyde St, Maclean.

A workshop about self esteem, assertiveness and communication.
Knowing and communicating who I am, what I can do, what I can’t do (boundaries) and what I am about (values), in ways others can hear.

Bookings essential. Free child care on request
Phone CRANES 66427257

The Family Relationship Skills Program aims to reduce the levels of stress experienced within families & promote health and well being within families and communities.
Group facilitators work from a strength based model providing opportunity to reflect on experiences, be heard and responded to, learn from others, attend to isolation, develop skills and strategies. The program operates across the Clarence, Bellingen and Nambucca Valleys, and the Coffs Harbour local government area and is funded by the federal government.

Program facilitators acknowledge the Bundjalung, Gumbainggir and Yaegl people, as traditional owners of the land in which we work.
Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

Date: Thursday 29/5/2014
Time: 9:15am-10:45am OR 5:30pm-7pm
Venue: South Grafton Public School

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This free workshop run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Get a free recipe book simply by attending

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