Principal's Report

This week we farewell our primary campus cleaner Mrs Kathy Zuber who is retiring tomorrow. Kathy has been an extremely dedicated member of our staff for many years and maintained our school in an exemplary manner throughout this time. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank her for all her hard work, sense of humour and dedication to ensuring our school environment is always in an excellent state. We wish her a long and healthy retirement.

Eisteddfod

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Grafton Eisteddfod this week. Our students were outstanding and achieved some excellent results which we will publish next week. Our students looked superb in their full school uniform and our performances showcased the excellent talents of both our students and staff. Thank you to all those parents who were able to support our school.

PPP

This week we began our highly successful PPP program with over 40 pre-schoolers and their carers attending. Some of our pre-schoolers wore our new PPP shirt which looked fantastic. Our thanks to Mrs Ada who entertained our students with a variety of activities. We are looking forward to a fantastic kindergarten enrolment in 2015.

Sport

Yesterday our Infant’s students who participated in the Jump Rope for Heart Fundraising completed their jump off. Our thanks to Ms Grayndler and Mr Watson for their support of this activity. Later this year our school will receive a 10% rebate from our fundraising which we will utilise to purchase additional sporting equipment at our school. This rebate will be close to $600.

Good luck to our girls and boys soccer teams who are playing G certified in the PSSA knockout next Tuesday. Thanks to Mr Newman and Mr Jones who are coaching these teams.

Good luck also to our girls’ cricket team who are playing next Thursday against Mullumbimby. Thanks to Mr Taylor for coaching this team.

Chess

Good luck to our Chess teams who are participating at South Grafton High School tomorrow in the Interschool Chess Challenge. The students in these teams received their chess badges at Wednesday’s assembly, which were handed out by Mr Skinner. Our thanks to Mr Watson and Mr Skinner for their support of our Chess program.

Debating

Good luck to our school’s debating teams who are participating in the Premiers Debating Challenge against Grafton this Friday. Our thanks to Mrs Pope for coaching our teams.

Blog

Please remember our school has an outstanding blog which is updated regularly with outstanding work from our classrooms. Please visit it weekly and feel free to comment if you wish. All comments are moderated. This blog often has overseas online visitors.

Thankyou to Kelly Vickers, Amanda Donohoe, Bronwen Brown and Kim Brown for their fantastic help covering our library books this week. Our staff greatly appreciates their efforts. Our library looks absolutely fantastic and our school should be very proud of how it is presented and utilised.

The end of term is fast approaching and our students are involved in a number of activities. For students to represent our school positive behaviour is a mandatory requirement.

Have a great week
Peter Hickey
Principal
SUARA Indonesia Workshop

Last week students from 5/6 OC participated in an exciting Indonesian dance workshop. The presenters, Alfira and Murtala, from Suara Indonesia demonstrated a variety of Indonesian dances for the students. The students were then taught how to perform some of these dances. The workshop focussed on Ratoh Duek which is a sitting dance incorporating body percussion. They also learnt Tari Randai which is a dance from West Sumatra. This dance uses Galembong pants which are beaten like a drum to form different rhythms. The workshop was funded by the CASLI program (Clarence Asian Studies and Language Initiative) which is an initiative between South Grafton High School and its feeder Primary schools. The students all had a fabulous time learning the dances and drumming their own beats. Thank you to Mr Mark Avery from South Grafton High School for arranging it for us.

Netball

SGPS had their first PSSA knockout netball game against Grafton Public School last Thursday. The girls looked fabulous in their netball uniforms and they played like true professionals. Our defence was strong, we found space when attacking and our goal shooters had their eye in. But... it wasn't quite enough. We played our best game but came home defeated by 4 goals. 16-12. We gave it our all and showed great sportsmanship. Congratulations all on a great game. Mrs Pope

QuickSmart Maths Program Update

Three times a week since Term 1 selected students have been working through numeracy operations at their competency level. The program is proving to be very effective and having a positive impact on their learning in all areas of the classroom as well. Our thanks to Mrs Wicks for running this program.

Important Information for our Volunteers

It is a legal requirement for all our volunteers within the school to have a 'Working with Children' check completed. This is a free service for volunteers which is done by the RMS. We ask all our school volunteers including classroom and canteen to please complete this check online and bring a copy of the completed document to the office so we can keep a record (and to verify your application we do need to know your date of birth please.) For your convenience, we have included the website www.check.kids.nsw.gov.au

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

Ukulele Group

Our fantastic music program continues to improve. This term our band master Ms Kris Edwards has expanded her already busy schedule to add a Ukulele Group. This is a small group at the moment but is rapidly increasing. They practise every Thursday. If you wish your child to join, please contact Ms. Edwards or Mr Watson for more details.

Leaders Lunchtime Games

Our Year 6 leaders have commenced their lunch time activities. We have chalkboard activities, sticky wicket (a cricket game), giant chess, skipping, Infant's games, cricket net practice and more to come. Well done leaders! Your fellow students appreciate your efforts. Students can't wait for bubble blowing to begin.

Mr Watson

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Awards

**Principal Award**
- Keanin Rowe
- Jordan Fensom
- Ryan Vickers
- Kym Mason
- Tara Cook
- Brodie Henderson-Wales
- Rhani McPherson

**AEO Award**
- Alina Walker
- Kiara Brittliff

**Student of the Week**
- KNC: Charlie Frosch, KTA: Zahlee Kilduff
- KBK: Ella McNeec, KDR: Elisha Scott
- 1KL: Tamika Gaddes, 1AS: Sophie Johnson
- 1GJ: Daniel Ballis, 1/2DM: Mia Torrens
- 1/2JD: Isaac Hall, 2LG: Alyssa Brittliff
- 2KT: Evan Deed, 3TC: Sharni Bunn-Ellingwood
- 3W: Keanin Rowe, 3RE: Grace McLachlan
- 3/4 JT: Jackson Smith, 4D1: Declan Laurie
- 4LS: Sophie Woolfe, 5T1: Nathan Evans
- 5DZ: Kendall Flanders, 5/6BT: Jackson Slomczewski
- 5/6OC: Joshua Sommer, 6WC: Moesha Cameron
- 6MN: Lochie Gough

**Blue Ribbon Award**
- KBK: Ella McNeec
- KB: Dylan Oxenbridge
- KTA: Zara Bowling
- 1AS: Sophie Johnson
- 1/2DM: Mia Torrens
- 1/2JD: Matthew Wilson
- 2KT: William Tibbett
- 2KT: Hobi Gaddes
- 3/4JT: Lucy Rouse
- 3/4JT: Sharys Egins
- 4DM: Zlata Vorontsova
- 4DM: Ava Kroehnert
- 5DZ: Makira Winkler
- 6MN: Brandan Ballard
- 6MN: Lochie Gough
- 6MN: Pera Burns

**Upcoming Events**
- Friday 30th May: Farewell to Kathy Zuber
- Tuesday 3rd June: Girls and Boys PSSA Soccer
- Thursday 5th June: Girls PSSA cricket
- Friday 6th June: NC Cross Country
- Monday 9th June: Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- Tuesday 10th June: Premiers’ Debate Challenge

- Tuesday 19th June: P&C pies delivered Infants Hall
- Monday 23rd June: P&C pies delivered Infants Hall
- Tuesday 24th June: Year 5 excursion Alumy Creek
- Wednesday 25th June: Stage 2 and 3 Rewards Day
- Thursday 26th June: Stage 2 and 3 Rewards Day
- Friday 27th June: Stage 2 and 3 Rewards Day
- Monday 14th July: First Day of Term 3- Students return
- Friday 18th July: Staff Development Day - no students

**Community Notices**

On Saturday 7th June, Grafton truck show will be held in Prince Street starting at 10am. This parade will conclude at the racecourse this year where there will be free kids activities all afternoon.

These activities include sand wizard, jumping castle, face painting, a race track with pedal cars, egg and spoon races, sack races, truck pulling etc. It is free entry to the grounds too, there is no catch, thanks to our awesome sponsors who have paid for all the kids’ activities, Grafton Truck and Trailer and Scuzztrans. There will be food and drink available for purchase all afternoon.

**OTTITIS MEDIA AWARENESS DAY** at Grafton Shoppingworld on Thursday 12 June from 10am – 5pm.

Remember for every pair of shoes purchased from The Athlete’s Foot $5 will be donated back to our school.
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How do I apply?
March 2014

PLEASE DO NOT APPLY BEFORE 1 APRIL 2014 UNLESS:

a. you are starting a new paid job in child-related work OR
b. you are currently employed or you volunteer in one of the following industry sectors:

- child protection
- disability services
- justice services
- religious services (work as a minister, priest, rabbi, mufti or similar religious leader or spiritual officer of the organisation)
- youth workers
- authorised carers (foster carers and other authorised carers of children in statutory and supported out-of-home care)
- adult household members of:
  - an authorised carer
  - a family day care service provider
  - a home-based education and care service provider

If you do not fit into either a) OR b) you will need to apply for the Check when your industry sector is phased-in. See FACT SHEET: Phase-in schedule.

If you are applying from overseas or interstate, please see FACT SHEET: Overseas applicants or FACT SHEET: Interstate applicants.

STEP 1: Complete an online application form

- Go to www.check.kids.nsw.gov.au and complete the online application form. If you do not have access to the internet, please telephone (02) 9286 7219 for assistance.
- Please make sure the details you provide are EXACTLY THE SAME as the details on your identity documents. If you have submitted the form with a mistake, please redo the form to avoid problems with the proof of identity requirement at step two.
- Ensure you select the correct category: paid or volunteer worker. The $80 fee for paid workers is not refundable if you are a volunteer and you choose ‘paid worker’ by mistake. A Check for paid workers will cover both paid and volunteer work in NSW for five years.
- Once you have submitted the form, you will receive an application number that looks like this: APP1234567.
Need help? Watch the online tutorial on YouTube. More video tutorials are available on our website: Online tutorials.

STEP 2: Present proof of your identity

- You will need your application number and proof of your identity. You must have both of these items for your application to proceed.
- If you are in paid work, you will also be required to pay an $80 fee for a five year clearance. See FACT SHEET: Fee information.

PLEASE NOTE Before you go to submit your proof of identity

- You cannot submit proof of identity on behalf of someone else. You must appear in person with your own documentation.
- Proof of identity cannot be performed outside of NSW. It must be completed at a NSW Motor Registry, Government Access Centre, or Service NSW office.
- Additional identity verification options are available for authorised carers and their adult household members who live interstate, and for those who are medically unable to attend a motor registry or Government Access Centre. See FACT SHEET Interstate or incapacitated authorised carers or householders: Identity verification options.

Receiving your results

You will receive your outcome and Working With Children Check number by email (or post if you do not have an email address). See also FACT SHEET: When will I receive my results? If you have not received your results within four weeks, please email your details and application number to check@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au.

Find a NSW motor registry


More information

For more information, please go to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) available from at www.check.kids.nsw.gov.au.

If you have a question, please email check@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au.

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- Poor speech development
- Trouble concentrating in class

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