Principal's Report

Eisteddfod

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Grafton Eisteddfod last week. We had some outstanding performances and achieved some excellent results. Our Infants performances included Verse Speaking, Infants Choir, Instrumental Group and Creative Dancing which all received Highly Commended and our Primary performances included Junior Primary Verse Speaking, Senior Primary Verse Speaking, Senior Primary Choir, Small Choir, Percussion group and Instrumental group. We received five 1st places, one 2nd and one Highly Commended.

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.

Sport

Congratulations to our girls and boys soccer teams who played Gillwinga in the PSSA knockout on Tuesday. The girls team were victorious 4-0 and the boys were unlucky and were defeated 3-2 on the bell. Both teams showed excellent sportsmanship representing our school. Our thanks to Mr Jones and Mr Newman for coaching these teams. Yesterday our boys rugby league team played Westlawn and a report will be published in next week’s newsletter. Thanks to Mr Skinner for coaching this team.

Today our girls rugby league team played Mullumbimby Public School in the PSSA knockout. Our thanks to Mr Taylor for coaching this team and Mrs Cleaver assisting.

Our new gym equipment has arrived and is being set up in our primary hall for our students and staff to utilise. This equipment will allow our students to participate in a 20 station tabloid rotation. This will further support our active play policy at our school. Big thanks to Mr Cain for installing the new equipment.

PPP

Once again we had fantastic numbers at Tuesday’s PPP session. We had over 50 students and their parents/carers which reflects on this fabulous program. We are pleased with how quickly these students have settled and look forward to a fantastic enrolment in 2015. We do encourage our parents to complete their enrolment forms as soon as possible as this helps us with planning classes.

Reports

Our staff are currently working very hard on students reports. These reports will be forwarded to students on Friday 20th June. Please contact your child’s teacher if you wish to discuss any part of these reports.
Grafton Rotary Donation
We would like to thank Grafton Rotary for their generous donation of a cubby house which has been installed in the Early Intervention playground. Rotary painted the cubby house in our school colours and our students are really enjoying using it during their breaks. Our thanks to Mr Cain for assisting with the installation and our thanks to Ms Sue Makings for organising this donation for our school.

Pictured is President Mr Dave Owens and Ms Carmel Small our Early Intervention teacher.

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

The Sydney Academy of Chess Interschool Challenge
Our team was Levin Shillam (captain), Izaak McPherson, Toby Henderson, Ben Hylton-Cummins, Leah Henderson, Dane Collis, Tim Simpson, Alex Whaites, Damien Sewell, Hugh Shipman, Emilee Cavanagh, Isaac Barker, Tynan Kelly, Zlata Vorontsova and Torin Leek. All team players excelled! I was particularly pleased with our younger players, Emilee, Zlata, Tim and Leah. They gained valuable experience from this tournament. The future of chess at SGPS is definitely looking strong with our younger players coming through.

Results of the Challenge
7th - Tim Simpson
6th - Tynan Kelly
5th - Ben Hylton-Cummins
4th - Hugh Shipman
3rd - Torin Leek
2nd - Levin Shillam
1st - Toby Henderson (Champion of Tournament)

School Winner South Grafton Public School.
The school Chess team wishes to thank our sports master Mr Skinner for his continued support and encouragement. Every year our chess program continues to improve, today’s results show that!
Our school wishes to thank Mrs Lancaster and South Grafton High School for running this tournament. It was truly an amazing day for our chess players. The coaching and tips our students received will definitely make them better players. Mr Watson

Debating
On Friday the 30th May two South Grafton PS debating teams went to Grafton Public School to compete in the first round of the Premiers debating challenge. Students had an hour to prepare their arguments. The first topic was ‘primary schools should have longer holidays’, in which we were the affirmative. The second debate was ‘girls and boys should not be at school together’. The students put forward their cases and made solid attempts at rebutting. Both teams narrowly missed out on a win. It was a great experience for both teams who represented our school very proudly and did their best. They learnt a lot and will put their knowledge and arguing skills to the test again next Tuesday for the second round. Mrs Pope

Farewell to Kathy Zuber, we wish her well.
Awards

Principal Award
Zlato Vorontsova James Fisher
Kayo Skinner Kendall Flanders
Ryan Coward Lleyton Hayes
Corey Falla Toby McCann
Jack Adams Denzel Skinner

AEO Award
Izac Gaddes Heather Davis
Richael Gilmore Brodie Henderson-Wales

Student of the Week
KNC Eva Newman KTA Shilah O’Davis
KDR Chloe Brown KMS Maximus Spencer
1KL Tiffany Croft 1AS Owen Marsh
1GJ Joshua Crapp 1/2DM Casey Palmer
1/2JD Emily Henderson 2LG Mikaela Lloyd
2KT Jorja Keating 3TC Harry Chard
3RE Haley Williamson 3IW Tyrone Cook
3/4 JT Ella Nicholson 4DM Logan Tough
4LS Lewis Reilly 5TS Ryan Foster
5DZ Rhani McPherson 5/6BT Kyran Jerrett
5/6OC Tayla Poy 6WC Julie Connelly
6MN Connor Brown

Blue Ribbon Award
KTA Shilah O’Davis KDR Chloe Brown
1KL Tiffany Croft 1AS Jasmin Vassallo
1/2DM Gracie Creighton 1AS Keighan Henderson-Wales
1/2DM Maggie Davies 2LG Micaiah Timmons
2LG Annabelle Morgan 3/4JT Jackson Smith
3RE Grace McEachlan 3IW Charlie Birkett
3IW Shelly Witchard 3IW Ethan Hall
3IW Ryan Gorton 3IW Nadia Smith
4DM Alana DeLianza 4DM Rosie Whyman
4DM Logan Tough 4DM Declan Lawrie
4DM Ryan Vickers 5DZ Madison Nicholl
5/6BT Denver Cartwell 5DZ Brodie Henderson-Wales
5/6BT Jack Pitkin 5/6BT Emily Martin
5TS Alicia Cahill-Molloy

Silver Badge
6MN April Sinclair

Canteen Roster

Cambridge Street
Monday 9/6/14 Janice Davis, Alicia Lawrie
Tuesday Rhonda King, HELP NEEDED
Wednesday Rhonda King, Kerry Martin
Thursday Liz Shorrock, Amy Berry, Kerrie Whilton
Friday Maree Conroy, Karen Allison

Vere Street
Monday Belinda Wormald, Anzhela Stapleton
Tuesday HELP NEEDED x 2
Wednesday Julie-Ann Brett, Carmel McLachlan
Thursday Danni McPherson, HELP NEEDED
Friday Bronwen Brown, Rhonda Adamson

Upcoming Events

Monday 9th June Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 10th June Premiers Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 13th June Pie Drive orders due
Wednesday 18th June Multicultural Public Speaking
Thursday 19th June P&C pies delivered Infants Hall Band/Skipping Tour

Monday 23rd June Naidoc Week
Tuesday 24th June Year 5 excursion Alumy Creek
Wednesday 25th June Paul Kelly Cup

Thursday 26th June Stage 2 and 3 Rewards Day
Friday 27th June Last Day of Term 2

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 holding a parade down 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.

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

Remember for every pair of shoes purchased from The Athletes Foot $5 will be donated back to our school.

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Otitis Media Awareness Day

Thursday 12th June
Grafton Shopping World
10am - 5pm

Is this your child?
• Frequent colds and ear infections
• Poor speech development
• Trouble concentrating in class

FREE Ear Health Checks for Children
No Appointment Necessary