Congratulations to our Senior Academy Choir and Mr Tapp for placing 1st at the Lower Clarence Eisteddfod. This is another great achievement by our choir after their excellent 1st place at the recent Grafton Eisteddfod. Our big thanks to Mr Tapp who spends endless hours preparing our students for these activities. Thanks to Mrs Wicks who supported our students on the day.

Congratulations to our students who participated in yesterday’s NAIDOC public speaking competition. We entered two teams of four and two individuals in the junior and senior events. All our students spoke eloquently and represented our school with pride. Our thanks to Ms Tranter for her coaching and organisation of our students. The students were:

Early next term on Friday 25th July, South Grafton High School Principal and Year Adviser will be talking to our year 6 students and their parents who are attending South Grafton High School in 2015. Information will go home early next term.

Good luck to all our primary students who are participating in tomorrow’s Athletics carnival at Barnier Park, Junction Hill. Please remember to bring your $2.50 for the bus. Buses will be leaving at 9am sharp will return to school by 2.30pm. Students can wear sports uniform or house colours. A canteen will be operating. Students are encouraged to bring an old towel, rug or picnic mat to sit on, as the ground is likely to be wet with dew in the morning. Our thanks to Mr Skinner for organising this carnival and good luck to all our students who are competing.

Both our boys and girls AFL teams travelled to Coffs Harbour International Stadium this week to compete in the North Coast Finals of the Paul Kelly Cup. They looked fantastic in their new guernseys. Both teams had great wins and hard fought games against the best schools in the region. The boys narrowly lost the Semi Final to Kempsey West PS. Well done SGPS!

Earlier this year Ms McLennan nominated entries from our school for the University of New England School Acquisitive Art Prize. There were over 540 entries and these works demonstrated a very high standard of technical skill as well as creative expression. What a fantastic result for our school to have two finalists in the Infants Category. Congratulations to Jessica Leslie (Kinder) – ‘Splat the Cat’ and Blake McPhee (Year 1) – ‘A Flock Having Fun’. Their artwork will be displayed from 18th July to 3rd August in the ‘Lets Hang It!’ Exhibition in Armidale. Our thanks to Ms McLennan for organising this activity.
Our vegetable gardens have flourished this term and we are now harvesting the produce. Our thanks to Mr Cain and our staff for maintaining our gardens. We are hoping to share produce with our community next term.

Congratulations to all our staff and students on their excellent achievements throughout Term 2. Our school has excelled across a very wide range of activities and our students have again shown their capacity to perform and represent at a very high level. Congratulations to our staff who have worked very hard with our students ensuring that educational outcomes are met and that students have the opportunity to participate in such a wide range of initiatives. Have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to an excellent Term 3.

Peter Hickey
Principal

Reminder: Taronga Zoomobile visit is Thursday 17th July for Kindergarten to Year 4. Permission notes and money need to be returned by Tuesday 15th July, next term.

Band and Skipping Team Tour

Last Thursday 38 students from South Grafton Public School toured the Woolgoolga area to showcase their skills in music and skipping. The schools Eisteddfod winning band and super skippers entertained audiences at the Woolgoolga Retirement Village, Mullaway and Corindi Schools. The response from the older audience to the younger audience was very similar; both clapped and swayed to the music. Our skippers left them in awe. Three 40 minute concerts in one day were very demanding and hectic but the students excelled, moving a large band is not easy; to do it three times is amazing. The school was very proud of the student’s efforts. An extremely special thank you must go to our brilliant band master Ms. Kris Edwards and Mrs Wicks who ensured the day ran smoothly and on time. It was an experience all will remember for a very long time.

The Coffs Harbour Town Crier was even there to welcome the students at Woolgoolga. Mr Watson

Chess News

Our Inter-school chess challenge will start next term. Each class in the primary and maybe year 2 will play games to decide their class champions. Class champions will then play off to determine stage champions. Then we will have the Champion of Champions tournament. The winner of this will play our current Champion - Levin Shillam, for the title of Grand Master.

Also in Term 3, we will be sending away two chess teams (four players per team) to compete in the NSW Chess League State-wide Knockout. So I am encouraging our students to practise/play over the holidays. There are five vacant positions in the teams, yet to be decided. Parents, a great chess quote, I like to use is by the legend Bobby Fisher: “A strong memory, concentration, imagination and a strong will is required to become a great chess player.” These qualities are also needed to achieve at school and at any sport. Please encourage your child to participate.

Mr Watson - Chess Program Manager

Book Character Parade

This exciting whole school event will be held on the 14th August. We will be having a monster book fair from 11th to 15th August in the Library to coincide with this. We are giving you plenty of time to start creating your costumes.

The P&C are going to hold a Monster Hamper to be drawn on this day and are asking for donations from our community. Donations can consist of non-perishable food items (please watch use by dates), small gift items or any business donations or vouchers. Donations can be left at either office by Friday 25th July.

Kindergarten visit the Farm

Kindergarten are studying 'The Farm' this term and yesterday they visited The Weatherstone’s dairy farm at Seelands and Mrs Creighton’s farm at Waterview Heights. They watched the dairy cows being milked and enjoyed watching Mrs Creighton muster her cattle on her horse. This was Kindergarten’s end of term reward activity and congratulations to all our students who attended. Our thanks to our Kindergarten staff for organising and supervising this excursion.

Today are Stage 2 and Stage 3 students participated in their end of term reward activity and tomorrow Stage 1 will be holding their activity. Congratulations to all students who have achieved their end of term reward and AAA certificate.
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Silver Badge
Kaiden Grainger  Amelia McLachlan  Britney Ferguson

Student of the Week
KNC Savanna Purnell  KDR Archie McDonald
KTA Mia Jerrett  1KL Macey Mullin
1AS Jailon Donohoe  1GJ Evie Jenkins
1/2JD Amie Perkins  1/2DM Rhys Berry
2LG Annabelle Morgan
2KT Zahley Goodwin-Thistleton
3TC Latifah Quinlan  3IW Wyatt Lavis
3RE Noah Pesi  3/4JT Jackson Smith
4DM Ella Lawrence  4LS Bailey Fuller
5DZ Danniella Gilmore  5TS Britney Ferguson
5/6BT Holly Lundell  5/6OC Kailee Rose
6MN Tarshya Moore  6WC Luke Cleaver

Blue Ribbon Award
KTA Archie Ricketts  KTA Leo Worthing
KDR Koen Croft  KDR Archie McDonald
KDR Kyhe McDonald  1KL Hailey Fensom
1KL Macey Mullin  1KL Lea Roberts
1AS Nikki Truman  1GJ Joshua Crapp
1GJ Daniel Ballis  1/2DM Charlotte Blood
1/2DM Lilly Tough  1/2DM William Collis
2KT Eli Jerrett  2KT Mishca Parker
3RE Odessa Newman  3RE James Fisher
3TC Madison Gordon  3IW Bree Duckworth
3IW Shelly Witchard  3IW Ronan Baker-Ferguson
4LS Blake Gaddes  4LS Hannah McNaught
5DZ Kayo Skinner
5DZ Isabella Creighton-Cassidy
5TS Nathan Evans  5TS Jack Murray
5/6BT Mathew Sinclair  5/6BT Jesse Creighton
5/6BT Mikayla Lolic  5/6BT Jack Marsh
5/6BT Teah Purnell  5/6OC Andrew White
5/6OC Freya McGrath  5/6OC Kailee Rose
5/6OC Matthew Barker  5/6OC Jacob Hearfield
6WC Eli Dawson  6WC Chloe Thompson
6WC Tim Hall  6WC Isaac Reid

Canteen Roster
Cambridge Street
Monday 14/7/14 Rhonda King, Maree Conroy
Tuesday 15th July Canteen Meeting 9am Primary
Wednesday 16th July P&C Meeting 6.30pm Library
Thursday 17th July Taronga Zoomobile - Years K-4
Friday 18th August Staff Development Day - no students

Upcoming Events
Friday 27th June Last Day of Term 2
Primary Athletics Carnival
Stage 1 Reward Day
Monday 14th July First Day of Term 3- 
Students return
Tuesday 15th July Canteen Meeting 9am Primary
Canteen
P&C Meeting 6.30pm Library
Wednesday 16th July CSI begins for Term 3
Thursday 17th July Taronga Zoomobile - Years K-4
Friday 18th August Staff Development Day - no students
Friday 25th July South high Orientation for year 6
12 noon in our hall – Parents welcome
Monday 28th July Education Week
Tuesday 29th July National Tree Day
Monday 11th August Book Fair begins
Thursday 14th August Book Fair and Book Character
Parade
Friday 15th August Visiting show “Brainstorm”

Community Notices

Just a reminder that we are registered with Amart Allsports Kickback Program. If you/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. Thanks to those who have registered.

The Athlete’s Foot

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

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