Principal’s Report

What a fantastic experience for our students to hear the Northern Sydney Regional Primary Band when they visited us on Tuesday afternoon.

Congratulations to our choir who performed as part of the Grafton Community of Schools Choir at the Saraton Theatre yesterday. Our students represented the school at an excellent level and our thanks to Mr Tapp.

Our school chess team will be participating in the Mid North Coast Finals against Mullumbimby early next term. Congratulations to Mr Watson and our students on their excellent achievements so far this year.

Congratulations to our students who performed at the Premier’s Spelling Bee at Maclean yesterday. On Tuesday 5/6BT and 5/6OC presented their ‘Genius Hour’ projects. The projects included woodwork, fishing, cooking and Minecraft. The quality of these projects was outstanding and congratulations to our students and staff on this excellent initiative. Thank you to our community who attended.

Congratulations to Mrs Jolene Rouse who has been appointed permanently 3 days per week at our school. Jolene is an excellent teacher and we are very happy to have her permanent appointment formalised.

Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 would have received their child’s NAPLAN results. Our school will review our overall results in the upcoming weeks. These results will help us set targets for 2015. Please remember these results are a small snapshot of a student’s learning throughout the year. Our teachers utilise many other forms of assessment when reporting on a student’s overall performance. Our school performed extremely well in some areas, with spelling in particularly outstanding with 95% of our students at/or above the state average growth. Congratulations to all our staff on our pleasing results. Please contact your child’s teacher if you wish to discuss their NAPLAN results.

Congratulations to our Infants students who received their silver badge at today’s morning tea presentation. This is a fantastic achievement by these students and we are all very proud of them.

Good luck to our Year 4 students who are currently participating in this week’s Lake Ainsworth Sport Camp. Our thanks to Ms Mason and Ms Tranter for their organisation and supervision of this excellent excursion.

Good Luck to our Year 6 students who will be attending the Sydney excursion for four days next week. This again is an excellent opportunity for our students to visit a number of educational highlights, including Sydney Harbour Bridge walk, Ian Thorpe Pool and Taronga Zoo. Our big thanks to Mr Newman for organising this excursion and Ms Cottin and Mr Watson who will be accompanying our students.

Congratulations to all our Stage 3 students who have received their end of term reward which will be held tomorrow. This is an excellent achievement by these students, and a number of these students will also be receiving their AAA certificate next week.

Next Tuesday Stage 1 will be holding their end of year reward. They will be visiting the Pet Porpoise Pool. Kindergarten will be visiting the Aquarium in Coffs Harbour as their end of term reward.

A reminder that supervision at our school does not start until 8.30am. If your child does not catch a bus to school they should arrive after 8.30am.

Have a great week

Peter Hickey
Principal
Last Saturday Caitlyn Amos (pictured right) and her family travelled to Sydney for the opening of the 2014 Operation Art Exhibition at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park. Congratulations to all our artists for having their artwork chosen to be displayed. Kash Vine’s artwork of a car (picture right) was chosen in the Top 50 and his artwork will be hung in the Art Gallery of NSW and eventually end up as part of the permanent display at Westmead Children’s Hospital. Isabella Campbell’s artwork of a Teddy Bear was selected for the Royal Commission to be exhibited in their offices and then will be donated to a regional hospital. Shannon Harvey’s monster artwork below was inspired by the book ‘The Island’.

There will be no skipping training or Library Café next Wednesday 17th September.

### Awards

**Principals Award**
Gracie Creighton
Mia Nicholson
Casey Palmer

**Student of the Week**
KTA Saphira Sinclair
KMS Cadence Wilkinson-Byrnes
KBK Stevie Witchard
KDR Annabel Dungey
1AS Claire Patterson
1GJ Daniel Ballis
1/2DM Brodie O’Hara
1/2JD Emily Henderson
2KT Hobie Gaddes
2LG Raymond Casbolt
3TC Thomas Pholi
3RE Brianna Carney
3IW Liam Johnson
3/4JT Lillian Cropper
4DM Marcus Gilmore
4LS Josie Mason
5DZ Kayo Skinner
5TS Amelia McLachlan
5/6OC Kailee Rose
5/6BT Wil McConnell
6WC Aaron Ballard
6MN Jasmin Suey

**Blue Ribbon Award**
KDR Macca Gaddes
4LS Shakira Morgan
4LS Sophie Woofe
4LS Bailey Fuller
4LS Dane Pelly
5DZ Hugh Shipman
5/6OC Ronan Fysh
5/6OC Amy Poldano
5/6BT Wil McConnell
5/6BT Jack Plesman-Clark
6MN Tarshlya Moore
5/6BT Kyra Backwell-Gerrin

**Silver Badge**
Kindergarten
Zara Bowling
Mia Jerrett
Zahlee Kilduff
Jessica Leslie
Mylie Wall
Tayla Berry
Aila Giggins
Rhys Torrens
Zac Noble-Rodgers
Kaiden Grainger
Zoe Rayward
Savanna Purnell
Jami Reid
Ella McNeef
Grace Shorrock
Lily Vidler
Sam Finlay
Elise Berry

**Year 1**
Olivia Bax-Hall
Alanna Burchell
Ella Sinclair
Chelsea Berry
Teyan Rae Sweating
Mikaere Lloyd
Max Rayward
Nicholas Shorrock
Caitlin Amos
Andrew Hughes
Sophie Johnson
Isaac Chapman
Jaison Donohoe
Claire Patterson
Owen Marsh
Jordan Barry
Rosa Cook
Maeve Giggins
Evie Jenkins
Evelyn McConnell
Ava Tattis
Isaac Hall
Matthew Wilson
Farrah Sils

**Year 2**
Mia Torrens
Tallara Taylor
Athrun Thompson
Taliha Vermeulen
Rhys Berry
Nicholas Shorrock
Mikaere Lloyd
Max Rayward
William Tibbett
Hobie Gaddes
Luke Nacinovic
Benjamin Simpson
Jacob Vickers
Rahni McGrath
Callum Dalton
Benjamin Egan
Brody Rainbow

The P&C, along with Mr Cain, are going to rejuvenate the rainforest for its 20th anniversary in 2017. The first get together for this group is this Tuesday at 5:30pm for an initial walk/look at the forest with Mr Cain to get ideas of what is needed. This is 30 minutes before the P&C meeting and will be very informal. If you would like to be involved please come along on Tuesday or contact Sharon Lehman at sharon.lehman@tafensw.edu.au.
**Upcoming Events**

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**Canteen Roster**

**Cambridge Street**
- Monday 15/9/14: Karen Allison, HELP NEEDED
- Tuesday: Rhonda King, HELP NEEDED
- Wednesday: Kerry Martin, HELP NEEDED
- Thursday: Rhonda King, HELP NEEDED
- Friday: Bronwen Brown

**Vere Street**
- Monday: Sharon Rodgers, HELP NEEDED
- Tuesday: Jo Morgan, Chris Fuller
- Wednesday: Sylvia Laurie, Irene Gough
- Thursday: Min Keyte, Danni McPherson
- Friday: Norma Purnell, HELP NEEDED

SGPS Demonstration Skipping Team in their new uniforms.

**Community Notices**

**Yamba Nippers Sign on Days**
Nipper information and sign on sessions:
- Sunday 14th September 11am-1pm at Yamba Surf Club
- Wednesday 17th September 3-4pm in the Yamba Public School Hall
- Sunday 21st September 10am-12pm at Yamba Surf Club

We will need to sight a birth certificate for all new nipper registrations.

Nippers is a fun, family activity that teaches children about beach and surf safety. Children can join Nippers once they have turned 5.

Please contact Kerry Lee with any nipper enquiries on 0413536944 or email yambanippers@gmail.com

**Kids in the Kitchen**
Kitchen Fusion is inviting all children aged 8 years and over to come and enjoy hands on cooking under supervision.

Dates: Tuesday 23 Sept, Thursday 25th Sept and Wednesday 1st October. 10:30am to 1:30 pm. Cost: $25 per class. Bookings Essential 6642 8883.
See attached flyer (email only).

**South Services Cricket Club**
When: Friday 12th September 3.30pm-4.30pm
Where: McDonalds Restaurant
Contact Karen Cleaver on 0417 248 134 or cokaren@yahoo.com.au

**Coutts Crossing Cricket Club**
SIGN ON DAYS Friday September 12th at Ellem Oval nets 4pm-6pm. Then on Saturday September 13th from 2pm a sign on at the McIntosh Park nets in Coutts Crossing.
Contact barwillis4@gmail.com

**Brothers Cricket Club**
Information for new and returning players. Sign on days Saturday 13 September 2014 at The Link, Prince St Grafton from 8:30am – 1:00 pm. We will also be at the McDonalds Sign up Event on Friday 12 September 3:30-4:30. For more information please contact Lynn Rudder on 0427676614 or lynnrudder@bigpond.com

**Grafton Little Athletics**
**FRIDAY AFTERNOONS - TERRY WEST ATHLETICS FIELD, PINE STREET, JUNCTION HILL**
Season commences Friday 17th October 2014- 5.15pm www.facebook.com/graftonathleticsclub See attached flyer

**2014/15 SSGSC Summer 6s Soccer Competition.**
Stay fit and active this summer.
Register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au
Go to www.southservicesgunners.com for a how to guide to self register. Or our sign on days are Tuesday afternoons from 4-5pm at Rushforth Park Soccer Field.
Players from 4 (turning 5 in 2014) years to open seniors, male and females welcome to join.
Under 6-7 $40 and $45, Under 8-11 $45 and $50
Under 12-15 $55 and $60, Under 16-17 $60 and $65
Under 18+ $70 and $85. Oct 7th - Dec 17th Possible senior continuation Jan 27th - Mar 14th at $30/team/week.
For more info call Toughie on 0420907629.
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**Dates of classes**

**Class 1:**
Tuesday 23 September 2014
Chicken Fajitas and Cookie Monte cup cakes

**Class 2:**
Thursday 25 September 2014
Pasta Carbonara and Chocolate Crackles

**Class 3:**
Wednesday 1st October 2014
Fried rice and Honey Jumble Biscuits

**Cost**
$25 per child, per class.

Payment of the classes must be made at least 4 days before commencement of each classes.

**NOTE**
Parents / Guardians of participants are required to sign a indemnity waiver in order to participate.

**Bookings are Essential**
Ring 6642 8883